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Joint Statement from the National Water Commission and the National Works Agency

RIO COBRE/TULLOCH SPRING 33" WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN BROKEN ALONG THE MANDELA HIGHWAY

The public is being advised that the major 33" Rio Cobre/Tulloch Spring Water Transmission Main along the Mandela Highway has been damaged from major road improvement activities taking place under the Major Infrastructure Development Programme (MIDP) earlier today (Friday, January 11, 2019).

The damage has occurred in the vicinity of the Mandela Highway intersection with Tom Cringle Drive where pile driving activities were underway.

A joint team including representatives of the supervisory consultants, road works contractor China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) and sub-contractors as well as the National Works Agency (NWA) and the National Water Commission (NWC) have already visited the location and have initiated preparatory works to enable access to the pipeline to effect emergency repairs in the shortest possible time.

In the interim, despite being damaged, the pipeline continues to be used to transmit water to serve areas including sections of Portmore and other parts of St. Catherine as well as parts of the

Corporate Area of Kingston and St. Andrew such as Spanish Town Road, Marcus Garvey Drive, Molynes Road, Washington Boulevard, and sections of Downtown Kingston.

It is expected that the pipeline will be shut-down to effect emergency repairs as soon as the excavations and other preparatory works are completed. As at this time, the work is expected to take place over the weekend. Especially in view of the other challenges to the water supply network in the Corporate Area, every effort is being made to keep the period of shut-down on the Rio Cobre/Tulloch Spring Transmission Main to an absolute minimum.

The National Works Agency and the National Water Commission apologise for any inconvenience caused by this unfortunate break on the critical pipeline.