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## **NWC INSTALLING NEW SOLID STATE WATER METERS IN KINGSTON**

The National Water Commission (NWC) will this week begin to install about 50,000 solid state water meters procured as part of its Non-Revenue Water (NRW) programme for the Kingston Metropolitan Area Water Supply Improvement Project funded by the Inter-American Development Bank.

NWC President Mark Barnett asserts that the solid state meters are among a new generation of metering instruments and technology that utilities around the world are using to improve efficiency and to reduce costs. They offer many benefits to both the NWC and its customers, Mr. Barnett maintains.

The new meters are seen as an essential part of the process of making the NWC more efficient, reducing the cause of disputes and disagreements with customers as well as ensuring that the NWC is able to more accurately measure and collect for all the water it supplies.

Among the advantages of the new electronic water meters are:

- ✓ Longer useful life of up to 15 years
- ✓ No moving parts and hence no maintenance required
- ✓ Particles contained in the water do not stop the meters from working
- ✓ More accurate measurement of water used over the meter's life

- ✓ Easy to read digital display of meter readings that can be used as leak detector
- ✓ Tamper-resistant mechanism that leaves evidence of any attempts to interfere with the instruments
- ✓ Greater potential for remote readings.

The new German manufactured meters, are rated among the best in the world and are approved by the Jamaica Bureau of Standards and other regulatory authorities.

The National Water Commission is looking to replace meters in St. Andrew and has already begun to notify some customers of the impending meter changes.

NWC urges customers to cooperate with the professional installation crews who will be properly identified as working on behalf of the NWC and NRW programme co-management partner Miya.