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MINISTER CHARLES TOURS THE MOCHO AND ROCK RIVER WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN CLARENDON

On July 31, 2019 the National Water Commission (NWC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEGJC) conducted a progress tour of the Mocho and Rock River Water Improvement projects in Clarendon.

The team from MEGJC was led by Senator the Honourable Pearnel Charles Jnr., Minister without portfolio in the ministry with responsibility for water, while the Member of Parliament for North Central Clarendon, the Honourable Pearnel Charles Snr., His worship the Mayor Councillor Winston Maragh and Councillor Uriah Mitchell of the Rock River division were also present. The NWC's team was headed by Dr. Phillipa Campbell-Francis, Vice President Divisional Operations - East (Acting) who was ably supported by other senior NWC officers including Mr. Garwaine Johnson, Regional Manager for the parishes of St. Catherine and Clarendon.

Participants in the tour were shown how the Mocho water improvement project, when completed, will provide residents and businesses in the communities of Redbank, Cedars and Pusey, as well as the Lennon High School and a neighboring basic school with better water supply. The work involves the installation some 3.5km of 4" PVC pipeline from Mocho square to the Lennon High school.

The Rock River project on the other hand, will augment the current short fall in the demand for reliable potable water to Rock River and surrounding communities and involves the installation of additional pipelines from the Low Ground Well site to the existing Rock River tank site located in the nearby Tanarchy District.

In acknowledging that there are some critical areas across the country where people are feeling frustrated at this time because of lack of adequate water supply, Senator Pearnel

Charles Jnr. indicated that he remains committed to advancing the process of improvement “with urgency”.

Similarly, in welcoming the project and thanking the NWC team, Member of Parliament Parnel Charles Snr. commented that indeed “Water is life and Mocho deserves to have water, so the job needs to be done, especially since schools in the area will stand to benefit”.

He also indicated that residents of communities in Rock River and its environs will greatly benefit from the expansion in water supply based on the improvements currently underway.

The tour provided all stakeholders, including the media and other stakeholder representatives, with ample information on the progress of the works as they advance toward completion.

Both projects are more than fifty percent (50%) complete.



Senator the Honourable Parnel Charles Jnr. and NWC team members are focused on activities as the tour commences at the Goshen Pumping Station in Clarendon.



Mr. Garwaine Johnson, NWC Regional General Manager for the parishes of St. Catherine and Clarendon explains operational activities at the pumping station to the Honourable Minister and the Member of Parliament for North Central Clarendon, Honourable Parnel Charles Sr.



Minister Charles Jnr. is flanked by MP Pearnel Charles Snr. as well as senior NWC officials (left to right) Mr. Garwayne Johnson, Regional General Manager; Dr. Phillipa Campbell-Francis, Vice President Divisional Operations - East (Acting) and Mr. Noel Kennedy, Water Production Manager for Clarendon.

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