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MIDP Water Infrastructure Work Far Advanced

As reported by the National Works Agency (NWA) significant progress has been made on all three major infrastructure works being undertaken in Kingston and St Andrew under the Government of Jamaica's Major Infrastructure Development Programme (MIDP). The programme, which is being implemented by the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation (MEG&JC) and supervised by the NWA, involves the installation of all utility services including drainage, telecommunications, sanitation and water mains.

The National Water Commission (NWC) sees this programme as key to its infrastructure modernization and is equally aware of the inconvenience our valued customers have experienced. Given the high importance placed on these activities, NWC wishes to update the public on the progress of the water supply and sanitation infrastructure component of the programme.

As at July 31, 2019 more than 2000 meters of 600mm diameter pipes and over 1800 meters of 900 mm diameter pipes have been installed along Mandela Highway representing an 87 per cent completion of pipe infrastructure works along that thoroughfare. Similarly, works along Constant Spring Road and Hagley Park Road are over 90 per cent complete.

The NWC is expecting that these works will be completed within the revised schedule set between the NWA and its main contractors, which is August 2019 for Hagley Park Road, September 2019 for Constant Spring Road and October 2019 for Ferry/Mandela Highway.

The NWC is assuring customers that every effort is being made to minimize further disruptions in this the final phase of the project. However, in the event disruptions occur the NWC will continue to truck water and revise the water regulation schedule as it seeks to improve distribution of the limited supply.

President of the NWC, Mark Barnett emphasized that "while there have been considerable challenges, including a prolonged dry period, the NWC is working as best as possible with the available resources to improve the regulation and distribution of the water supply." Mr Barnett further expressed that the new infrastructure will be critical to the development of Jamaica's water sector and particularly water distribution in Kingston and St. Andrew.

The NWC continues to crave the indulgence and patience of the public. The company will continue to provide timely updates – through all media channels, about the major infrastructure works as well as other NWC operations.

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