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NWC's NRW REDUCTION PROGRAMME CONTINUES TO REAP GOOD SUCCESS

As the National Water Commission (NWC) and its Non-Revenue Water (NRW) reduction co-management partner Miya Jamaica continue the implementation of the US\$42.5 Million 5-year long NRW Reduction Programme across the Corporate Area, the NWC is reporting significant success.

Whereas in August 2016, the Non-Revenue Water (NRW) levels in Kingston and St. Andrew were recorded at a high of 117,061 m³/day or 1,040 litres per connection per day (Lt/Conn/day) representing nearly 60% of the water produced has now been reduced to 79,000 m³/day or 735 Lt/Conn/day or about 36% of production as at August 2019.

Against this background, Minister without portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Senator the Honourable Parnel Charles Jr. toured aspects of the project on Friday September 6, 2019. The Minister toured the metering work in Nannyville and Rockfort to see both some results of the programme as well as the activities still being done.

Minister Charles Jr was updated on the fact that 430 new meters were recently installed in Nannyville, and 180 of 270 installed in Rockfort. In total, over 3,000 meters have recently been installed in KSA under the programme. In August alone more than 700 new meters were installed. The Minister also encountered and interacted with metering and leak detection team members as well as with residents in the areas.

In addition to the improved NRW figures, other major milestones include:

- ✓ Network audits completed & 67 socially challenging areas (SCAs) surveyed;
- ✓ Over 3,000 recently installed meters (700 in August alone) plus 40,000 earlier installed;
- ✓ New specialized equipment and material in use;

- ✓ Over 300 persons received specialized NRW training;
- ✓ Active leak detection activities underway finding about 1,000 leaks monthly;
- ✓ About 18 km of pipelines checked, mapped & re-checked daily;
- ✓ About 35 leak repairs completed per work day;
- ✓ More than 100 pressure zones now in operation, while 32 are being established;
- ✓ Thousands of new valves, other control devices and data loggers have been installed to enable better management and monitoring of the 1,600 kilometres of pipeline that constitute the water network in KSA.

The Kingston and St Andrew (KSA) Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Reduction Co-Management Programme is being implemented by the National Water Commission (NWC) with international water efficiency co-management partner Miya Jamaica. NRW reduction is a crucial priority of the National Water Commission as it seeks to achieve its Corporate Objectives of increasing operational efficiency; growing revenue and increasing available cash; improving service delivery and public image; and building staff capacity.

The KSA NRW programme is scheduled to end by the last quarter of 2020.



Senator the Honourable Pearnel Charles Jr. (left), Minister without portfolio within the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation; Julian Robinson (2nd left), Member of Parliament for St. Andrew South Eastern and Mark Barnett (right), NWC President; all watch attentively as a NWC meter reader shows them how to read one of the 430 newly installed meters in the community of Nannyville. The Minister was on a tour of communities benefitting under the NWC's Metering and Leak Detection projects on Friday, September 6, 2019.

Attached Video: NWC's Co-Management Partner & Miya Country Manager, Alvaro Ramalho along with a member of the NRW Leak Detection team walks Minister without portfolio within the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Senator the Honourable Pearnel Charles Jr., through the process to detect non- visible underground leaks. The Minister was observing on-going leak detection works while on a tour of the community of Rockfort on Friday, September 9, 2019.

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