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April 20, 2004

Mrs. Eleanor Jones Environmental Solutions Limited 20 West Kings House Road Kingston 10.

Dear Mrs Jones:

Re: Draft Term of Reference for Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment at Rose Hall, St, James

The National Environment and Planning Agency has reviewed the above-mentioned Terms of Reference (TOR) that was received on March 25, 2004.

The following represents a synthesis of all the comments arising from a review. These issues must be addressed in the Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment (SEA) document when submitted. The Agency has deemed the TOR to be adequate with the inclusion of the following points:

- The SEA should clearly identify alternatives to the proposed development activities
 as a Specific Task in the document. These alternatives should include but not be
 limited to alternatives in site layout and design, land clearing practises, water
 resources and supply, transportation networks and waste disposal.
- The SEA should clearly define the Environmental Objectives for the area and identify how the planned development will fit into theses objectives.
- The Greater Montego Bay Redevelopment Company (GMRC) prepared a Master Plan for the City of Montego Bay GMBA 2014; the SEA should identify how the proposed development activity will dovetail with the GMBA 2014 plan.
- In Task 1 of the SEA mention must be made of the proposed Sewage Works Project that is currently the subject of an application by Rose Hall Development Limited.

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5. In Task 4 of the SEA special emphasis should be placed on the potential cumulative impacts of the proposed development as it relates to the construction, operation and maintenance of the golf course and in particular the application of chemicals/fertilizers and irrigation in these areas.

6. The SEA document should also include a non-technical summary.

The Agency notes that based on the permit document for the most recent sub-division the expected deadline for the submission of the Final SEA document is April 30, 2004. However, given the delay submission of the draft TOR to the Agency (March 25, 2004) and the Agency's turn-around in responding, the date of submission for the SEA document would be May 25, 2004. The Agency would appreciate a response on this timeline.

Be advised that eight (8) hard copies and a digital copy of the SEA (inclusive of any appendices) document should be submitted, and as relevant, any subsequent addendum and monitoring report should also be forwarded with copies in digital format. This is being done so as to facilitate as broad as possible review of the relevant information

Yours sincerely

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for Chief Executive Officer.

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