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### Cannabis Business Tycoon Says CLA Is One of the Top Two Cannabis Regulators

The Cannabis Licensing Authority (CLA) has been lauded by Canadian business tycoon, Bruce Linton, to have instituted one of the two best cannabis regulatory systems in the world. Linton is the co-founder and former CEO of the world's largest publicly traded cannabis company and Canadian multi-billion dollar giant, Canopy Growth Corporation.

Linton, who was speaking at the CanEx Jamaica Business Conference and Expo in Montego Bay on September 28, listed the engagement of the Authority, its quickly working platform, social presentation and accessibility as reasons why he considers the regulatory operations in Jamaica as being one of the “top two in the world”.

Linton describes the system as a “half-twist on Canada’s system” but says the local Authority has made it much better.

The Authority is an agency of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, and was established in 2015 under the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Act, with a specific role to establish and regulate Jamaica’s legal hemp and ganja industries for medical, therapeutic and scientific purposes.

Through its Licensing and Applications Division and Enforcement and Monitoring Division, the CLA ensures that applications are appropriately reviewed, licences are issued to suitable applicants and that licensees are held accountable to the terms and conditions of their licence.

Since issuing its first licence in October 2017, the Authority has issued a total of forty-four (44) licences and an additional eleven (11) are pending issuance.

The Authority’s fees are among the lowest in the industry and it has one of the shortest processing times globally.

Within the next few months, the CLA is expected to promulgate import/export regulations for cannabis, placing Jamaica among only ten (10) countries worldwide with a legal framework for the exportation of cannabis.

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**Notes to Editors:**

About the Cannabis Licensing Authority: The CLA, which was created by the Dangerous Drug Act, has powers to make and oversee the implementation of regulations for licences, permits and other authorisations for the cultivation, processing, distribution, sale and transportation of ganja, for medicinal, scientific and therapeutic purposes.

About Jamaica's UN Drug Treaty Obligation: Parties to the 1961 Convention undertake to limit the production, manufacture, export, import, distribution and stocks of, trade in and use and possession of the controlled drugs so that they are used exclusively for medical and scientific purposes. The production and distribution of controlled substances must be licensed and supervised.

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