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## KINGSTON, JAMAICA



**Cannabis  
Licensing  
Authority**  
Jamaica

Building an Industry;  
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### CLA Lauds Outgoing Chairman - Hyacinth “Cindy” Lightbourne

After serving the Cannabis Licensing Authority (CLA) for over five years, Hyacinth “Cindy” Lightbourne demits office.

Ms. Lightbourne who is a noted Attorney-at-Law, is credited to have led the Authority since being appointed Chairman in 2016 to its full operationalisation in the 2020/2021 financial year. She was instrumental in leading the strategic direction of the organisation which has been encapsulated in a four-year strategic business plan for the period 2020/21 to 2023/24. This includes overview of the establishment of policies and procedures to facilitate the issuance of licenses, the issuance of the first licence to handle ganja, the issuance of the first export authorisation to export legally grown Jamaican ganja and initiation of a craft hemp industry for the production of cannabidiol (CDB) for medicinal purposes.

To date, she has overseen the growth of industry evidenced by the issuance of 74 licences to cultivate, process, transport, retail and conduct research and development activities, which has resulted in the creation of hundreds jobs for Jamaicans. She has also facilitated the issuance of 20 export authorisations to export Jamaican ganja to countries across the world for medical, therapeutic and scientific purposes.

The CLA thanks Ms. Lightbourne for her dedicated service to the Authority and by extension the medical cannabis industry over her approximately five years of service.

Ms. Lightbourne is succeeded by Mr. LeVaughn Flynn.

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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 enforce regulations for licences, permits and authorisations for the cultivation, processing, distribution, sale and transportation of ganja, for medical scientific and therapeutic purposes.

About Jamaica’s UN Drug Treaty Obligation: Parties to the 1961 Single 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.

**Interviews:** Available on request  
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