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**Cannabis
Licensing
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Transformation Was His Mission - CLA Bids Adieu to CEO Lincoln Allen

The Cannabis Licensing Authority (CLA) is advising that its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Lincoln Allen, will demit office on February 28, 2021 having served the Authority for three (3) years after assuming the role of CEO on March 1, 2018.

Under his leadership, the Authority has realized improved organizational efficiencies, increased stakeholders' confidence and seen the development of several policies, procedures and protocols which have helped to increase accountability and transparency to support the organization's thrust towards achieving ISO 9001:2015 certification. These, among other achievements, have placed the organization on a path to realizing one of its ambitions to become a model agency, and eventually, a leader in the global medicinal cannabis space.

In response to the urgent need and passion being espoused for the inclusion of more small or subsistence farmers into the legal medicinal cannabis industry, Allen conceptualised the well anticipated Cultivators' (transitional) Special Permit, with a mantra adopted by the Authority - "Transition is the Mission". Drafting instructions for the promulgation of regulations for this Special Permit are currently being prepared for the administration of the Permit during the upcoming financial year.

The CLA thanks Mr. Allen for his service to the Authority and wishes him all the best in his future endeavours.

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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

Images: Attached to email: photo of Lincoln Allen

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