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Jamaica's closed loop medical ganja industry

As Jamaica develops its cannabis industry, of utmost importance has been to adhere to regulations which have been set with close guidance to the international treaties.

In so doing, it seeks to maintain the transparency and integrity needed to assure international confidence which aids in promoting exports from Jamaica and develop confidence from the banking sector.

To guarantee a reputable medical cannabis industry, there needs to be an assurance for the consumer that cannabis products are safe, properly labelled and packaged and provided by reputable sources. This requirement is no different than that of any other medical products.

Jamaica's closed loop system, ensures the maintenance of a legal framework in which persons may access medicinal cannabis that is tested and safe for consumption.

Within the supply chain, each licensee is required to conduct transactions only with those who are also in possession of a licence.

As such, if a processor wishes to make a product for sale, they must acquire cannabis from a licensed cultivator, and then have this transported by a licensed transporter. To sell their product in a retail setting, they must have a buyer, who is able to sell in a licensed retail facility. For an individual to purchase the product for medicinal use, they must be in possession of a medical prescription allowing them to consume.

The development and adherence to the closed loop system, also protects the general populace by minimizing the opportunities for the illicit ganja trade to grow, despite the development of legal channels for the growing, transportation, research, processing and selling of the plant.

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.

Interviews: Interviews with Hyacinth Lightbourne, Chairman of the CLA, and other designated Board spokespersons will be available on request

Images: Related photography available on request **Social Media:** Facebook: facebook.com/TheCannabisLicensingAuthority

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