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## The Cannabis Licensing Authority issues its first two licences

After much anticipation, the Cannabis Licensing Authority (CLA) has issued two of the five licenses granted for legal operation in the cannabis industry.

These licences were issued at a ceremony held on Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ministry of Industry Commerce Agriculture and Fisheries.

Epican a Tier 1 Cultivator and Everyting Oily a Tier 1 Processor, signed their tripartite agreement, signifying their arrangement to conduct business together, in keeping with the requirement to have the industry operate as a closed loop system.

“Although it has taken some time to get to this historic occasion, we have remained committed to getting it right, to ensure that Jamaica’s stake in the global medicinal cannabis industry is never compromised and remains sustainable. During the process, we have endeavoured to remain in dialogue with our applicants every step of the way, and are confident they have satisfied the rigors of the regulations; and now we are pleased to announce that Epican and Everyting Oily will be issued licences today” stated Hyacinth Lightbourne, Chairman of the CLA.

She further stated, “The CLA now has another three applicants who have been granted licences and are completing their requirements to be issued, 57 at the conditional approval stage, and another 209 applications being processed”.

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

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