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The Post and Telecommunications Department increases Postage Rates

KINGSTON, March 01:

The Post and Telecommunications Department will be increasing their postage rates. This increase, which becomes applicable **March 8, 2010**, will affect all services offered by the department, with the exception of Private Letter Boxes.

This increase comes in light of the absence of an increase for approximately six years; the continuous decline of the Jamaican dollar, in addition to rising electricity, transportation and security costs. Notwithstanding the economic challenges faced over the last decade, the Post and Telecommunications Department has continuously offered a service at one of the lowest costs worldwide. Rates currently offered are such that global private mail operators can send bulk mail to Jamaica and resend that mail to other international destinations at rates that allow them to enjoy a profit. The Post and Telecommunications Department and by extension Jamaica has been subsidizing these activities.

The Post and Telecommunications Department can no longer afford to operate at our current rates. A postal modernization programme is about to be embarked on, that is customer focused, delivering world class postal service as efficiently and effectively as possible.

The Department remains committed to providing, to its faithful customers, the most efficient and economical mail solutions they are entitled to.

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