

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ACP-EU  
DEVELOPMENT MINERALS PROGRAMME COUNTRY WORKING GROUP  
HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 17, 2017  
IN THE MINES AND GEOLOGY DIVISION'S CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Present were:**

Mr. Clinton Thompson	-	Mines and Geology Division (MGD) - <b>Chairman</b>
Dr. Carolyn Hayle	-	University of the West Indies (UWI) - <b>Vice Chairman</b>
Mr. Leighton Williams	-	Mines and Geology Division (MGD)
Mrs. Stacey Plummer	-	Mines and Geology Division (MGD) - <b>Secretary</b>
Mrs. Josette Ricketts-Blake	-	Mines and Geology Division (MGD)
Mrs. Ruth Clarke	-	Country Coordinator of the Programme
Mr. Richard Kelly	-	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Mrs. Stacy-Ann Tomlinson-Knox	-	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Ms. Faradaine Edwards	-	Environmental Health Foundation
Mrs. Aisha Bedasse-Jureidini	-	National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA)
Mr. Anthony Morgan	-	Mining and Quarrying Association of Jamaica (MQAJ)
Ms. Deirdre Lewis	-	Baseline Consultant
Ms. Yolanda Drakapoulos	-	Member of the Baseline Consultant's Team
Dr. Arthur Geddes	-	Member of the Baseline Consultant's Team

**Call To Order and Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 11:42a.m. by the Chairman, Mr. Thompson, who welcomed everyone present. A special welcome was extended to Ms. Deirdre Lewis (Baseline Consultant) and her team, as well as Ms. Faradaine Edwards, Mrs. Josette Ricketts-Blake and Mrs. Aisha Bedasse-Jureidini who were attending for the first time.

**Prayer**

Mr. Thompson offered prayer on behalf of the Group.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Mr. Stefano Cilli, Ms. Gail Nelson, Dr. Oral Rainford and Mr. Roger Smith.

**Correction/Confirmation of the Minutes of Meeting held January 19, 2017**

- The surname 'Hale' should be 'Hayle'

The Minutes were confirmed on a motioned moved by Mrs. Clarke and seconded by Dr. Hayle.

## MATTERS DISCUSSED

### Baseline Assessment

Ms. Lewis presented the preliminary findings of the baseline assessment. A workshop is to be held on June 15, 2017 to present more detailed findings.

### Extension of the Programme

The meeting was advised that Mrs. Tomlinson-Knox is to receive a copy of the official letter stating the new date for the project to end.

### Study Tour

A group of 15 persons from Jamaica went on a study tour of Tanzania. A presentation/display will be held on Monday May 29, 2017 at UNDP's office between 2pm - 4pm.

### Small Grant Funding

The template was circulated to various quarry operators/artisans but no applications have yet been received.

### Training

- A 'Train the Trainers Workshop' on the Environment, Community, Health and Safety in Development Minerals was held in April in Kingston.
- A geo-data training workshop will be held in Africa in July so the expectation is that one will be held regionally by September at UWI (either Mona or St. Augustine campus)
- Training for haul truck drivers is expected to be held in the next 2 months

### Geoscience School Tour

Mrs. Ricketts-Blake informed the meeting that for the month of May in recognition of Child's month the MGD has embarked on a geoscience school tour which will involve 21 schools around the country. Dr. Hayle suggested that Papine High be added to the list.

### Business Enhancement Forum

Dr. Hayle suggested that a business enhancement forum be organized to help persons involved in development minerals to better run their businesses.

### Adjournment

There being no further matters for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm on a motion move by Dr. Hayle and seconded by Mrs. Clarke.

