

## **SITE VISIT REPORT**

### **Geotechnical Investigations, Old Harbour Bay, St. Catherine**

Ref. No: 2014-14017-BL00010

Inspection date: 27 June 2014

Time of Inspection: 9:00 a.m.

Weather: Sunny

#### **Done by:**

(Name redacted)

#### **Participants:**

(Names redacted)

#### **Preamble**

China Harbour Engineering Company Limited (CHEC) has been granted approval to conduct geotechnical investigations on the foreshore and seafloor of Galleon Harbour in the Portland Bight Protected area. A site visit was conducted with five (5) National Environment and Planning Agency Enforcement Officers with the aid of a local fisherman to the area to determine if geotechnical work had commenced prior to issuance of the permit.

#### **Findings/Observations**

No geotechnical work was observed. Burning was observed along the pathway to points Z16 and Z17 (coordinates prior to amendment) (see appendix). Though this is a dry forest, there is reason to believe that some fires may be anthropogenic. Other land based coordinates that were mentioned prior to amendment were not observed as they were on private property; private property lines were indicated by the presence of a house and fenced off region. Sea based coordinates had been checked prior to this assessment.

#### **Comments**

There was no evidence of drilling activity at the time of inspection and the permit is yet to be issued. Based on evidence of anthropogenic influence prior to commencement of work by CHEC, enforcement officers need to keep keen watch on new developments once operation begins to better determine influences by CHEC versus others

**Recommendations**

Continue monitoring this site and maintain contact with locals within the area so that operation date is fully observed and proper sanctions can be made if necessary. Once the permit has been issued a letter reminding CHEC of the documents required prior to operation (as stated by permit 2014-14017-BL00010) should be sent to CHEC.

**APPENDIX - Photos**



**Figure 1:** a) Photo with circle indicating survey point



**Figure 2:** Photo showing close up of survey peg



**Figure 3:** Photo showing road/pathway created prior to CHEC's involvement in the geotechnical survey



**Figure 4:** Photo showing road/pathway created prior to CHEC's involvement in the geotechnical survey



**Figure 5:** Photo showing land was burnt



**Figure 6:** Photo showing land was burnt; burnt area highlighted with a red circle



**Figure 7:** Photo showing land was burnt; burnt area highlighted with a red circle



**Figure 8:** Photo showing evidence of deforestation. Possibility that this is where charred wood in figures 6 and 7 were taken from

ACCESS GRANTED