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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT
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ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

On January 20, 2016, the Jamaica Chamber of Commerce released the fourth quarter 2015 Business and Consumer Confidence indices. The Business Confidence Index was 123.0 in the fourth quarter 2015 survey, rebounding from the previous quarter's 110.6 to just over last year's 122.9. This is as a result of firms becoming more confident that their revenues and profits will remain strong and allow them to expand investments in their productive capacity during the year ahead. The Current Business Condition Index increased to 156.2 in the fourth quarter, from the previous quarter's 115.9 and last year's 139.2. In the first and fourth quarters of 2015, firms viewed current economic conditions more favourably than at any other time in the fifteen-year history of the survey. Consumer Confidence Index was 124.4 in the fourth quarter survey, up from 103.9 in the prior quarter and 110.0 one year ago. The fourth quarter figure was a 20% increase relative to the previous quarter and it is also the second highest on record since the closing quarter of 2008. For this quarter, optimism improved in all regions of the country. All components of the overall confidence index improved with the largest gains recorded in the expected employment growth.

Exchange Rates

At the end of January 2016, the value of the Jamaican Dollar depreciated by J\$0.62 or 0.156% to J\$120.86=US\$1.00. Similar to December, both the Canadian dollar and the Great Britain pound appreciated. The Canadian dollar appreciated by J\$0.62 or 0.156% and the Great Britain pound went down by J\$4.79 or 2.70%. At the end of the month, the Jamaican dollar value relative to the CAD\$1.00 and GBP£1.00 was JA\$84.86 and JA\$172.33 respectively

Inflation Rate

Inflation, measured by the All Jamaica "All Divisions" Consumer Price Index (CPI), decreased by 0.4% for the period January 2016 over December 2015. The decrease in the rate for January 2016 over December 2015 brought inflation for Fiscal Year to January to 3.9%. The 12-month point to point rate at the end of January 2016 was 3.7%.

Net International Reserves

Data for the month ending January 2016, revealed that the stock of Net International Reserves (NIR) at the Bank of Jamaica was J\$252.27 billion (US\$2,200.12 billion). This reflected a decrease of J\$27.19 billion (US\$236.90 million) relative to December 2015.

Monetary Base

The monetary base decreased by J\$6.72 billion or 5.5% to J\$115.49 billion for January 2015, relative to December last year.

Stock Exchange

On the last trading day in January 2016, for the period January 1, 2016 to January 29, 2016, the main JSE index advanced by 9,657.16 points or 6.41% to close at 160,349.29 points. The JSE Combined Index advanced by 12,570.97 points or 7.94% to close at 170,840.11 points. The JSE Junior advanced by 383.76

points or 21.43% to close at 2,174.81 points. In contrast once again, the JSE Cross Listed Index remained firm and closed the month at 499.06 points.

Treasury Bill Rate

For the month of December 2015 relative to November 2015, yields on the Government of Jamaica's 30-day, 90-day and 182-day treasury bills all decreased by 53bps, 89bps and 6bps respectively. There were no increases in yields during this period.

Domestic Bauxite and Alumina

For December 2015, the production of Alumina was 163,837 tonnes. This represented a 7,649 or 4.90% tonnes increase, relative to November 2015. For the month, the sale of alumina amounted to 192,690 tonnes. This represented an increase of 56,272 tonnes or 41.25% relative to November 2015.

The production of crude bauxite, which is bauxite mined for exports, for December 2015 was 364,231 tonnes. This is a 95,731 tonnes or a 35.65% reduction from the 268,500 tonnes recorded in November this year. Crude bauxite production fell by 1.49% and 1.19% when compared to December 2014 and 2013 respectively. For December 2015, total bauxite production, which is the sum of bauxite mined for exports and bauxite converted to alumina, was 814,693 tonnes. This represented a decrease of 115,488 tonnes or 16.51% relative to November this year. Total bauxite production increased by 2.37% relative to December 2014.

Interest Rates

The overall weighted average lending rate on domestic currency loans increased to 17.03% from 17.01% at the end of November 2015 relative to October 2015. The weighted average domestic interest rates on deposits decreased by 31bps to 1.45% at end November 2015 relative to end October 2015. For the month of November, the foreign currency loans rate increased relative to October 2015. In this regard, the rate rose by 5bps to 7.35%. The interest rates on foreign currency deposits increased for November relative to October this year. In this regard, the rate rose by 2bps to 1.79%.

Tourist Arrivals

Stopover tourist arrival for November 2015 was 158,450. This month's total was 24,133 or 17.97% higher than the 134,317 in October 2015. Year to date, January to November 2015, 1,903,946 arrivals visited the Island, which was 2.0% or 36,894 stopovers more than the 1,867,052 in 2014. A total of 135,450 cruise passengers visited Jamaica in November, 2015. This represented a 7.9% increase over the 125,509 November 2014

International Commodity Prices

There were price reductions observed in 76% (16) of the commodities monitored for January 2016. The price of both crude oil indices decreased for January 2016 - the Brent fell by 18.35% and the WTI by 14.88%. Natural gas decreased by 18.36%.

The IMF's Fuel Energy index decreased by 16%, and the Food and Beverage Index increased by 0.48%. The all commodity price index decreased by 0.8%.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Highlights of the meeting held on Monday, February 1

Public Sector Corporate Governance Awards

Communication has been received from the Ministry of Finance and Planning endorsing PSOJ's proposal for the establishment of the Public Sector Corporate Governance Awards. The MOFP recommended for

discussion, categories such as compliance with provisions of the FAA Act, PBMA Act, and CG Framework for Public Bodies, as well as development of risk assessment strategies.

A small committee is to be set up to work on this venture.

PSOJ Corporate Governance MSME Code

The PSOJ CG MSME Code was launched on Friday, February 12, 2016 at the PSOJ Secretariat at 10am as the first Code of its kind for Jamaica, and the wider Caribbean region. In attendance were Mr. Anthony Hylton, Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce, Mr. Milverton Reynolds, Managing Director of the Development Bank of Jamaica, Ms. Sandra Shirley, Chairman of the Joint Boards of the JBDC, Self-Start Fund and MIDA, Mr. Hugh Johnson, President of the Small Business Association of Jamaica, Mr. Donovan Wignal, President of the MSME Alliance, and other stakeholders.

The Launch was supported by representatives of the media, such as, RJR, JIS, CVM and Business Access TV.

The Code has been uploaded to the PSOJ's website. The decision was also taken to upload the Code to the MSME Alliance and SBAJ websites.

Broadcasting Commission

The term of office for the Broadcasting Commission team ends in October 2016. The Corporate Governance Committee is working hard to meet the timelines for deliverables on the Corporate Governance Contract for Consultants' Services.

Caribbean Corporate Governance Institute

The Chair advised that the Caribbean Corporate Governance Institute has written to the PSOJ to indicate their interest in working together to advance the principles of corporate governance not only in Jamaica and Trinidad, but throughout the wider Caribbean.

The PSOJ's Corporate Governance Committee is to determine whether this would enhance PSOJ's Corporate Governance programme.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

Highlights of the meeting held on Tuesday, February 16:

Crime Stop Report

It was reported that there has been a reduction in the number of calls being received and the success rate is one in every four (1:4) calls. The staffing issue that was previously reported has been resolved. The Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) representative for Crime Stop meetings has retired and the vacancy for this position has not been filled as yet.

Law and Order Working Group Report

It was reported that the Law and Order Working Group is similar to that of the Economic Programme Oversight Committee (EPOC); however, the Law and Order group has no level of authority to effect change. The group's main focus has shifted towards justice reform, as this is deemed to be the main challenge with law and order.

Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) Report

It was reported that the JCF and the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) are ready for the election period. The shooting incident that took place at the Jamaica Labour Party's (JLP) rally in Sam Sharpe Square, Montego Bay is being investigated. ACP Assan Thompson also shared the problems the JCF is facing in the political campaign period. He noted however, that the motorcades are not as disorderly as previous years and that the major problem being anticipated is the usage of coloured flashing lights mounted on top of the motor vehicles.

JCF Crime Statistics

The crime statistics for the period January 1 – February 13, 2016 were summarised and compared to the same period last year as follows:

- Murders – 113 were recorded: this represents a decrease of -28 or -20%
- Shootings – 95 were recorded: this represents a decrease of -39 or -29%
- Rape – 57 were recorded: this represents a decrease of -37 or -39%
- Aggravated Assault – 58 were recorded: this represents a decrease of -29 or -33%

In terms of Acquisitory Crime

- Robberies – 208 were reported: this represents a decrease of -98 or -32%
- Break ins – 115 were reported: this represents a decrease of -160 or -58%
- Larceny – 29 were reported: this represents a decrease of -33 or -53%

Divisions of Concern:

- St. James reported 22 murders: this represents an increase of 7 or 47%
- Clarendon reported 15 murders: this represents a decrease of -5 or -25%
- St. Catherine North reported 12 murders: this represents a decrease of -18 or -60%
- St. Ann reported 8 murders: this represents an increase of 4 or 100%

CRIME STOP

The Crime Stop Coordinator's report highlighted the following for the month of February 2016:

- The number of calls received was 19, 12 less than what was received in January.
- The success ratio was 1 in 3, in comparison to 1 in 4 in January.
- Three arrests were made, while two were made in January.
- The number of calls made to 311 was 15, 14 less than what was received in January.

NOTE (1) BREAKDOWN OF TIPS RECEIVED FOR FEBRUARY, 2016					
1	ASSIST. NEEDED	1	ILL FIREARM/AMMO	3	OVERSEAS CS TIP
3	DRUGS	1	LOTTERY SCAM	1	SHOOTING
4	GUNMEN	1	MISSING PERSON	1	ST/M/VEHICLE
1	ILL. ACTIVITIES	1	MURDER	1	ADD/INFORMATION

ENERGY COMMITTEE

No meeting was held during the month of February.

LISTED COMPANIES COMMITTEE

No meeting was held during the month of January.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

No meeting was held during the month of February.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership as at	Corporate	Associations	Individuals	New Members	Resigned
January 2016	192	27	42	2 Individuals	1 corporate 2 individuals
January 2016	192	27	42	Nil	Nil

- Joined in January – Individual members Suzanne Shaw and Jeremy Whittaker
- Resigned in January – Individual members Corine la Font and Oliver Clarke and Corporate member, NMH Trading

Prospects sent information during the period:

Contact Person	Company	Contact Information
Nordia Irving	Berger Paints	nordia.irving@harrispaintsonline.com
Gerry McDaniel	Individual member	gerry.mcdaniel@gmail.com
Marshalee Williams	Classic Protection and Security Jamaica	mwilliams@cpsja.com
Nicole Brown	231 EP	nicole@231EP.com
Marion Brown	Jamaica Collection and Recovery Services	mbrown@jamaicacollections.com
Shelly-Ann Thompson	Natural Roots Hair Show	naturalrootsja@gmail.com
Danielle Terrelonge	DRT Communications	danielle@drtcommunications.com
Winston Barrett	Corporate Interiors International	winstonbarrett1654@gmail.com

Communication to Members

The following correspondences were sent to members:

1. **February 1** – email with caption, *This Thursday: - JSDA Annual Luncheon with Guest Speaker Audley Shaw*
2. **February 3** – email with caption, *Zika/Mosquito Prevention Information*
3. **February 4** – email advising of the PSOJ's first ever Mingle outside of Kingston, with caption, *Don't Miss It! PSOJ Members' Mingle in Montego Bay - Thursday, February 18*
4. **February 4** – email urging persons to participate in or donate to the annual Sigma Run, with caption, *Sagicor Sigma Corporate Run 2016*
5. **February 5** – email urging members to disclose their political contributions to the ECJ, with caption, *Statement re Political Contributions*
6. **February 5** – email with caption, *One Week to Go! PSOJ President's Forum - Next Week Tuesday, January 26*
7. **February 9** – email with caption, *January President's Forum Highlights*
8. **February 11** – email with caption, *NCB Loan Sale and Digital Innovation Challenge*
9. **February 11** – email advising persons that they disclose their political distributions to the PSOJ, who would then in turn send it to the ECJ, with caption, *RE: Statement re Political Contributions*
10. **February 12** – email with caption, *Less Than a Week to Go! PSOJ Members' Mingle in Montego Bay - Next Week Thursday, February 18*
11. **February 15** – email with caption, *Reminder: CAFFE Seeks Funding for Upcoming General Elections*
12. **February 16** – email with caption, *Upcoming External Event: MSBM Panel Discussion - Preparing for the Export Market*

13. **February 17** – email with caption, *Reminder: PSOJ Montego Bay Luncheon - Tomorrow Thursday, February 18*
14. **February 22** – email advising persons that they may request that the PSOJ make their disclosures on their behalf to the PSOJ, anonymously, with caption, *Update re Political Contributions*
15. **February 23** - email giving an overview of what took place in Montego Bay, with caption, *PSOJ Visits Montego Bay*
16. **February 23** – email with caption, *Reminder: PSOJ Discount on Membership Fees Ends on Feb. 29*
17. **February 24** – email with caption, *Upcoming External Event: UK Security Exhibition - This Friday Feb 26*
18. **February 24** – email with caption, *NCB Loan Sale Extended*
19. **February 25** – email advising that the PSOJ’s Offices will be closed early due to the general elections, with caption, *PSOJ’s Offices to be Closed Early Today*
20. **February 26** – email with caption, *Press Release: PSOJ Congratulates the JLP*
21. **February 29** – email with caption, *2016 Tourism Linkages Speed Networking - Thursday, March 17*

MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

Functions/Events

- ***February 18 – Members’ Luncheon and Mingle in Montego Bay***

February 18 – PSOJ Members’ Luncheon and Mingle in Montego Bay

On Thursday, February 18, the leadership of the PSOJ, including the President and CEO visited Montego Bay for two members’ events, that were designed as a part of efforts to strengthen the communication between the PSOJ and its members island wide.

The first event was a special luncheon for Montego Bay based corporate leaders hosted by Executive Chairman of CPJ, Mark Hart, at CPJ’s offices in Freeport. The attendees used the opportunity to discuss with the President, CEO and other members of the PSOJ’s Executive who were in attendance, issues specific to the region, including crime, housing and the road network. This event was well attended and received media coverage in the Gleaner.

The second event was a Members’ Only Mingle, which was held on the beaches of Sandals Montego Bay. Approximately 70 persons were in attendance at what turned out to be a fun and relaxing event. This event received excellent media coverage.

Public/Media Relation - Press Releases/Media Advisories/Radio & TV interviews

Print

1. **February 2, 2016** – The Gleaner, Section A2, Article entitled “PSOJ Members to disclose Political Funding”. In-text mention: “the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica (PSOJ) is taking steps to have its members disclose their funding to political parties and candidates...”
2. **February 3, 2016** – The Observer, Business Observer, Page 4, Photo of Mr. Chung and article entitled “Even with US\$ 20m loss, oil hedge option was good business sense -PSOJ”.
3. **February 3, 2016** - The Gleaner, Business Section, Section C-C7, Article entitled: “PSOJ backs oil hedge strategy”.
4. **February 4, 2016** - The Gleaner, Opinion & Commentary, Page A5, Article entitled: “Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica President William Mahfood must be commended for the exemplary leadership he is giving...” Photograph of Mr. Mahfood captioned “William

- Mahfood, president” In-text mention: “The Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica can’t compel its members to transparency in their campaign contributions to political parties...”
5. **February 7, 2016** - The Sunday Gleaner, In Focus, Page F2, Article entitled: “Follow Antigua and abolish Income Tax: Analyst”. In-text mention: “Chief Executive Officer of the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica Dennis Chung is in support of the move to abolish personal income tax in Jamaica and added that the government would see greater compliance if the tax was shifted to goods consumed”. Photograph of Dennis Chung captioned: “we definitely need to move away from direct taxation”.
 6. **February 17, 2016** – The Observer, Page 1 continued on page 4, Article entitled “JMA says it’s appalled at stance taken by Government on debates”. In-text mention: “Yesterday the PSOJ argued that the verbal joust between the PNP and JLP is taking away from the political process...” “Mahfood said most members of the PSOJ feel very upset with the cass-cass...”
 7. **February 17, 2016** – The Business Gleaner, Section C, Photograph of President Mahfood and Donovan Wignal, captioned: “President of the Private Sector Organisation of Jamaica William Mahfood presents a copy of the PSOJ Corporate Governance Code for MSMEs to MSME Alliance President Donovan Wignal at the launch of the code at the PSOJ.”
 8. **February 19, 2016** – The Gleaner, Page A3, Article entitled: “PSOJ to demand better Governance”.
 9. **February 22, 2016** – The Observer, Cover Page article headline “PSOJ did not issue ‘Private Sector Committee Tax Report”.
 10. **February 22, 2016** – The Observer, Page 3. Article entitled “PSOJ did not issue ‘Private Sector Committee Tax Report”.
 11. **February 23, 2016** – The Observer, Page 4, Article entitled: “JLP tax plan mirrors recommendations made by PSWG in 2012”. In-text mention: “...on the condition that the recommendations were accepted in its entirety where the PSOJ, JMA etc...”
 12. **February 24, 2016** – The Observer, Page 14, Article entitled: “JLP Tax Plan no fly-by-night political promise”. In-text mention ‘the board consists of a board of cross section of business associations including the PSOJ....”
 13. **February 25, 2016** – The Gleaner, Page C7, Black History Special Feature - Orane Douglas (Jamaican Icons & Achievements). In-text mention: “As President of the PSOJ for two terms (1992-1994)...”
 14. **February 25, 2016** – The Gleaner, Page C12, Heart Trust NTA Advertisement. Photograph of Mr. Chung and other officials attending the Labour Market Research Day Forum.
 15. **February 25, 2016** – The Observer West, The Hit Strip, Page 7, Photograph of Mr. William Mahfood and Mark Kerr-Jarrett at the PSOJ Members’ Mingle. Photograph of Butch Hendrickson and Adam Stewart at the PSOJ Members’ Mingle. Photograph of Peter Pearson and Courtney Wilson at the PSOJ Members’ Mingle.
 16. **February 28, 2016**- The Gleaner, The Outlook Magazine, The Social Section, Page 4 and 5, highlights of the PSOJ Members’ Mingle. Photographs of: Butch Hendrickson and Adam Stewart, Mr. Mahfood, Mr. Chung, Mrs. Moss-Solomon, Mr. Wignal, Mr. Pearson, Karen Burgess, Jodi-Ann Reid (Caption error).

Online

1. **February , 2016** - Carib Daily News-PSOJ initiates steps to reveal political contributions
<http://caribdaily.com/a/2811057/psoj-initiates-steps-to-reveal-political-contributions>

2. **February 1, 2016** - The Gleaner-PSOJ initiates steps to reveal political contributions <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20160201/psoj-initiates-steps-reveal-political-contributions>
3. **February 1, 2016** - RJR NEWS- PSOJ welcomes short election campaign <http://rjnnews.com/local/psoj-welcomes-short-election-campaign>
4. **February 2, 2016** - Proud Jamaica-PSOJ members to disclose political funding <https://proudjamaica.com/psoj-members-to-disclose-political-funding/>
5. **February 2, 2016**- Gleaner-PSOJ members to disclose political funding <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20160202/psoj-members-disclose-political-funding>
6. **February 2, 2016** - Jamaica News Net-PSOJ members - to disclose - political funding <http://www.jamaicanews.net/index.php/sid/240896133>
7. **February 2, 2016** - IRIEFM-Oil Hedge Deal good business move says PSOJ <http://iriefm.net/oil-hedge-deal-good-business-move-says-psoj/>
8. **February 2, 2016** - Gleaner-Integrity group says PSOJ's party funding disclosure should take place publicly <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20160202/integrity-group-says-psoj-party-funding-disclosure-should-take-place-publicly>
9. **February 3, 2016** - Jamaica Observer-Business-Oil hedge deal was worth it — Even with US\$20m loss, oil hedge option was good business sense — PSOJ http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/business/Even-with-US-20m-loss--oil-hedge-option-was-good-business-sense-----PSOJ_50529
10. **February 3, 2016** - Gleaner-PSOJ backs oil hedge strategy <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/business/20160203/psoj-backs-oil-hedge-strategy>
11. **February 3, 2016** - Newsunited - PSOJ backs oil hedge strategy <http://www.newsunited.com/psoj-backs-oil-hedge-strategy-news/21121304/>
12. **February 3, 2016** - 24h Gold-PSOJ backs oil hedge strategy <http://www.24hgold.com/english/ContributorExt.aspx?id=8080018470H11690>
13. **February 3, 2016** - Caribdailly news-PSOJ backs oil hedge strategy <http://caribdailly.com/a/2811619/psoj-backs-oil-hedge-strategy>
14. **February 4, 2016** - Gleaner- Editorial: Private sector should disclose contributions <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/commentary/20160204/editorial-private-sector-should-disclose-contributions>
15. **February 4, 2016** - Private Sector Groups Bemoan Fuel Prices <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20160204/private-sector-groups-bemoan-fuel-prices>
16. **February 5, 2016** - The Jamaica Observer-News-NAJ, PSOJ welcomes Holness' tax relief plan http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/NAJ--PSOJ-welcome-Holness--tax-relief-plan_50824
17. **February 9, 2016**- Gleaner - #JaVotes2016: No campaign financing regime for polls <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/lead-stories/20160209/javotes2016-no-campaign-financing-regime-polls>
18. **February 13, 2016** – Nationwide 90FM -PSOJ Launches Corporate Code for MSMEs <http://nationwideradiojm.com/psoj-launches-corporate-code-for-msmes/>
19. **February 17, 2016** - Jamaica Observer-News-Debate deadlock-Church, private sector annoyed, but PNP unmoved http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Debate-deadlock_52026
20. **February 17, 2016** - JIS-DBJ Partners with PSOJ to Provide Technical Support to SMEs <http://jis.gov.jm/dbj-partners-with-psoj-to-provide-technical-support-to-smes/>

21. **February 17, 2016** –The Jamaica Observer- #DecisionJa2016: PNP questions if Holness’ home loans were secured or unsecured <http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/PNP-questions-if-Holness-home-loans-were-secured-or-unsecured>
22. **February 17, 2016** - Chung Laments Lack Of Specifics in PNP, JLP Tax Cut Plans <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20160217/chung-laments-lack-specifics-pnp-jlp-tax-cut-plans>
23. **February 19, 2016** - The Jamaica Observer- Overconfident PNP stops listening to the people
24. <http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/editorial/Overconfident-PNP-stops-listening-to-the-people>
25. **February 21, 2016** - RJR-Former PSOJ President admits to analyzing JLP's Income Tax plan <http://rjnnews.com/local/former-psoj-president-admits-to-analysing-jlps-income-tax-plan>
26. **February 22, 2016** - Jamaica Observer-News-PSOJ did not issue ‘private sector committee’ tax report http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/PSOJ-did-not-issue-private-sector-committee-tax-report_52510
27. **February 23, 2016** - The Jamaica Observer-JLP’s \$1.5m proposal mirrors recommendation made by private sector group in 2012 http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Incometax-backtrack_52631
28. **February 24, 2016** - The Gleaner-Trade board and Anti-Dumping to be merged <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/business/20160224/trade-board-and-anti-dumping-be-merged>
29. **February 24, 2016** - The Jamaica Observer-JLP’s \$1.5m-threshold idea is workable — tax expert
30. <http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/JLP-s--1-5m-threshold-idea-is-workable---tax-expert>
31. February 26, 2016 – Nationwide 90FM – PSOJ congratulates JLP on election win <http://nationwideradiojm.com/psoj-congratulates-jlp-on-election-win/>
32. **February 26, 2016** - The Gleaner – PSOJ congratulates JLP, says democracy is alive <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/news/20160226/psoj-congratulates-jlp-says-democracy-alive>
33. **February 26, 2016** - The Jamaica Observer- PSOJ congratulates JLP, people of Jamaica <http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/PSOJ-congratulates-JLP--people-of-Jamaica>
34. **February 28, 2016** -The Gleaner-PSOJ Out West <http://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/outlook/20160228/psoj-out-west>
35. **February 28, 2016** – Jamaica Observer - Columns Prepare for labour market shifts, industry players warn http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/columns/Prepare-for-labour-market-shifts--industry-players-warn_52627
36. **February 29, 2016** -The Jamaica Observer- News PSOJ ready to work with gov’t http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/PSOJ-ready-to-work-with-gov-t_53166

Speeches/Remarks Delivered by the President

1. **February 12** – Delivered remarks at the launch of the PSOJ’s Corporate Governance Code for MSMEs, held at the PSOJ’s offices.
2. **February 18** – Led the discussions at the PSOJ’s Luncheon in Montego Bay, hosted by Mark Hart at CPJ’s offices in Freeport.
3. **February 18** – Delivered the welcome and opening remarks at the PSOJ’s Members’ Only Mingle, held on the beaches of Sandals Montego Bay.

Speeches/Remarks Delivered by the CEO

1. **February 5** - Delivered remarks detailing a review of Jamaica's economy, at the ICAJ's annual conference held at the Conference Centre, Downtown Kingston.
2. **February 16** – Delivered the guest speaker address at the HEART Trust/NTA's Public Forum held at the Knutsford Court Hotel under the theme, *Creating and Maintaining an Efficient Labour Market*.

Radio/Television Interviews with the President

1. **February 9** – 10am documentary television interview with the HEART Trust/NTA, to discuss interview and employability skills, at the PSOJ's offices.
2. **February 11** – 7:20pm telephone radio interview on Nationwide News with host Cliff Hughes, to discuss the PNP's refusal to participate in the 2016 election debates.
3. **February 12** – 9:30am telephone radio interview on Power 106's *Real Business* with host Ralston Hyman, to discuss the PSOJ's Corporate Governance Code for MSMEs. Chairperson of the PSOJ's Corporate Governance Committee, Greta Bogues, also participated in the interview.
4. **February 12** – 9:55am television interview at the PSOJ's offices with TVJ's Vashan Brown, to discuss the PNP's refusal to participate in the 2016 election debates.
5. **February 12** – 11:30am television interview at the PSOJ's offices with CVM TV, to discuss the PNP's refusal to participate in the 2016 election debates.
6. **February 12** – 11:45am telephone radio interview on RJR's *Hotline* with host Emily Shields, to discuss the PNP's refusal to participate in the 2016 election debates.
7. **February 19** – 7:20pm telephone radio interview on Nationwide News with host Cliff Hughes, where he distanced the organization from a controversial private sector critique of the JLP's proposed tax plan, that was released to the media.
8. **February 26** – 11am telephone radio interview on RJR's *Hotline* with host Emily Shields, to discuss the JLP and what the PSOJ can do to assist as they prepare the form the new administration.
9. **February 29** – 9:30am telephone radio interview on Power 106's *Real Business* with host Ralston Hyman, to discuss the private sector's expectations of the new government.

Radio/Television Interviews with the CEO

1. **February 3** – 8:15am telephone radio interview on NewsTalk 93FM to discuss capitalism and democracy in Jamaica.
2. **February 3** – 7pm television interview on CVM's *Live at 7* with host Simon Croskill, to discuss election campaign financing.
3. **February 18** – 7:30am telephone radio interview on Nationwide News to discuss recent political promises made on the campaign trail, particularly those related to taxes.
4. **February 28** – 12:30pm telephone radio interview on RJR's *That's a Wrap* with host Earl Moxam, to discuss the JLP's proposed tax plan.

Radio/Television Mentions

1. **February 1** – Voice clip with the President speaking about the announced election date, was carried on RJR News at 7am.

2. **February 1** – Excerpts of the press release issued on the oil hedge was carried on Nationwide News at 12 noon and TVJ News at 7pm.
3. **February 3** – Excerpts of the press release issued on Petrojam’s pricing mechanism was carried on TVJ News at 7pm.
4. **February 4** – Voice clip with the President speaking about the effect of lower oil prices on the price of goods, was carried on RJR News at 7am.
5. **February 21** – The PSOJ was mentioned on TVJ News at 7pm, during a report on a controversial private sector critique of the JLP’s proposed tax plan that was released to the media.
6. **February 22** – The PSOJ was mentioned on TVJ News at 7pm, during a report on a controversial private sector critique of the JLP’s proposed tax plan that was released to the media.
7. **February 29** – Excerpts of the CEO’s interview on RJR’s *That’s a Wrap* with host Earl Moxam, was carried on RJR News at 7am.

Press Releases Issued

1. **February 1** - *PSOJ Says Oil Hedge was a Good Decision*
2. **February 3** - *Private Sector Groups Review Petrojam’s Pricing Mechanism*
3. **February 16** - *PSOJ Launches Jamaica’s First Corporate Governance MSME Code*
4. **February 26** - *PSOJ Congratulates Andrew Holness and the JLP*
5. **February 26** – Crime Stop Press Release - *Have You Seen Missing American Senior Citizen Winnie Senica?*

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