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CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES FOR BOUNDBROOK URBAN CENTRE IN PORT ANTONIO

China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC) has officially commenced construction of the highly anticipated Boundbrook Urban Centre in Port Antonio, Portland following the signing of a 2.8-billion-dollar construction contract.

On Thursday, June 5, 2025, Factories Corporation of Jamaica (FCJ) hosted a site tour for key stakeholders. Attendees included Member of Parliament for East Portland, Ann-Marie Vaz; Mayor of Port Antonio, Councillor Paul Thompson; CEO of the Port Antonio Municipal Corporation, Jumaane Robinson; Chairman of FCJ, Lyttleton Shirley; FCJ Managing Director, Dr. Donald Farquharson; and representatives from CHEC.

The project is currently in its mobilisation phase, which includes hoarding of the property, equipment organisation, logistics coordination, and assembling a labour force inclusive of workers from Portland.

“I’m proud to say once we get this [project] rolling, we’ll be looking on Phase Two of the development, which is on the railway land,” Mr. Shirley shared. He noted that the additional parcel of land—located adjacent to the Portland Marina—will accommodate more commercial activity, including developments geared toward the tourism sector.

The Boundbrook Urban Centre, with a total development cost of \$4.2 billion is poised to be a transformative project for the parish. It is expected to generate hundreds of jobs for residents while enhancing the infrastructure and commercial capacity of the historic tourist town.

Situated on over six acres of prime land, the Centre will serve as a hub for public and private sector services. The project is being led by FCJ with financing support from Barita Investments Limited and National Commercial Bank (NCB) Capital Markets Limited. CHEC has estimated the construction period to be approximately 18 months.

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