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Central Sorting Office Evacuated

The Post and Telecommunications Department, 6-10 South Camp Road, Central Sorting Office (CSO), Kingston, was evacuated under the directive of Mr. Michael Gentles, Postmaster General at approximately 10 am on Tuesday May 14, 2019 after a strong odour was smelt permeating the Department's headquarters.

In keeping with the Department's safety protocol, all members of staff and customers on the premises were directed to exit the building and assemble in the designated safety zones, while the Fire Department, National Environment and Planning Agency (NEPA) and the Ministry of Health investigated the source of the odour.

After examining the building, it was confirmed by Mr. Howard Darlington, Assistant Superintendent, Kingston and St. Andrew Division, Jamaica Fire Brigade, and Ms. Jody Marston, Coordinator, Air Quality Management, NEPA that **the odour did not originate from CSO**. The source and cause of the odour are still being investigated.

To facilitate proper ventilation of the facilities, and ensure that our staff and customers remain safe, Mr. Michael Gentles, Postmaster General has indicated that operations at CSO will discontinue for the remainder of the day, and that normality will resume on May 15, 2019.

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