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PRESS RELEASE

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TRIBUNE ARTICLE (5th July, 2013) – WATER LOSSES STILL ON THE RISE

The Corporation takes exception to the article appearing in this morning daily. WSC notes that on occasion, there may be minor inaccuracies in reporting when statements or comments are shared. However, WSC finds the Tribune's article on "*Water Losses Still on the Rise*" to be misleading, and issues the following statement:

WSC's COMMENTS

1. At no point was it expressed that WSC is "*unable to explain*" the increased water losses and in fact the article itself goes on to identify sources of losses discussed during the interview. The Article also implies that despite a year and a half having past since the award of a contract to reduce water losses, losses continue to increase.
2. The contract signed in 2012 with Miya will reduce water losses from nearly 6.5 Million gallons per day to less than 2.5 Million gallons per day over five years (the reduction phase). The first ten (10) months of the project were dedicated to performing the necessary studies and analysis, as has been reported numerous times in the Press through statements by WSC, and that the necessary controls and infrastructure work were set to start January of this year.
3. Water losses have been increasing steadily over several years, and it is unrealistic to believe that the level of leakage which has taken decades to reach will immediately be controlled and reduced overnight.



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Consecutive governments have been supportive of the efforts and challenges that the Corporation faces. The improvements that are being made are required in the national interest and targeted to national development.

Conservation Measures

The conservation measures presently in place are NOT targeted to any specific area or customer group but rather are island wide to control water into supply with the view of ensuring our strategic storage levels are maintained during the hurricane season. Also note that WSC is not turning the water supply off and anyone experiencing no water should call WSC. As always we issue regular announcements regarding our activities, and urge our customers to keep informed. A copy of the announcement is below:

The Water and Sewerage Corporation wishes to advise the public, its customers and residents in New Providence that water conservation measures will be implemented to assist in building our storage levels. These cutbacks are scheduled to occur between the hours of 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM. During this period, customers in New Providence may experience lower than normal pressures. The Corporation apologies for any inconvenience that may be caused, and appreciates your support as we work to improve our level of service

WSC is committed to improving service reliability and efficiency, and while there will be periods where that service is compromised, we continue to move forward with the necessary improvements to minimize those occurrences.

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