

## **NEWS RELEASE**

Carib Cement reiterated that the asbestos present on its Rockfort plant posed no health risk to its workers. The Company was responding to its hourly paid workers represented by the National Workers Union (NWU) who are currently engaged in a long-standing wage negotiation.

The NWU workers on Thursday afternoon expressed their concern to the Human Resource department.

Carib Cement stated that it had previously engaged the services of one of Jamaica's foremost experts on asbestos, its treatment and removal to assess the situation at the plant. The result was that the asbestos in its present form posed no threat to the health and well-being of workers at the plant.

Carib Cement has already begun work on its schedule for the systematic removal of the asbestos on a phased basis according to priority. Some of the asbestos has already been removed.

The NWU has also requested the examination of the areas by the Ministry of Health.

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