

## **JSE MARKET RESEARCH COMPETITION**

### **THIRD QUARTER QUESTION**

The Minister of Finance, Audley Shaw recently presented the budget for the Jamaican economy for fiscal year 2016-2017. As is widely agreed among local and international economists, the Jamaican budget is significantly crafted to meet fiscal and monetary benchmarks established jointly by the Government of Jamaica and the IMF under the Extended Fund Facility which comes to an end in March of 2017.

It is within this context that you are asked to identify 2 listed companies on the Jamaica Stock Exchange and from 2 different industries that you forecast will be affected most by the 2016-2017 Budget. Analyze both companies and state clear and precise reasons for your choice.

As a result of your analysis make a recommendation to the Investor for each company to:

- A. Buy
- B. Hold
- C. Sell

Your response will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- 1. Presentation - Structure, Clarity and Accessibility of Presentation (25%)**
- 2. Budgetary Analysis (25%)**
- 3. Analysis of companies (25%)**
- 4. Insights, conclusions and Recommendations (25%)**