The Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF) is a quasi-governmental entity that implements socio-economic development infrastructure projects in poor and underserved communities. The JSIF’s office is located at 11 Oxford Road, ground floor Dorchester Building (Norwood Avenue entrance), Kingston 5, Jamaica, W.I. The office space is where the administrative activities of the organization is concentrated including recruitment of staff, planning of project activities, finance and procurement, project management, communications and Information Technology. Administrative activities that will impact the EMS include energy consumption, waste disposal, water consumption, and procurement of goods, equipment and appliances. The organization do not produce any commercial products for marketing.

The JSIF’s administrative activities facilitate the operational aspect through which communities are provided socio-economic infrastructure including the construction of schools, roads, community centres, sporting and agro-processing facilities, agricultural and tourism enterprises, health care facilities, drainage network, sanitation, electricity regularization and water supply systems to name a few. These facilities are constructed right across Jamaica, which in essence is our scope spatially. The implementation of these activities are outsourced to contractors and consultants, the latter of which are responsible for project design, supervision and monitoring of the contractors’ work activities. Construction activities include delivery of materials, excavation, trenching, use
of natural resources, employment of labour, extraction of water, and waste disposal inter alia, all of which has environmental and safety implications.

The scope of this EMS encompasses all aspects related to JSIF’s administrative activities and services conducted within the confines of the office space and all operational activities being implemented in communities throughout Jamaica. JSIF will also endeavour to pursue environmental management strategies that not only applies to all our activities but also that of our suppliers, project beneficiaries, consultants, contractors, government entities and other interested parties. The aim of this approach is not only to manage the impact of JSIF activities on the environment but also to influence that of the entities, interested parties and stakeholders with which we work or transact business, with a view to reduce environmental degradation and promote long-term sustainability.

Within the scope of our project implementation, the JSIF will implement the necessary operational procedures to prevent or minimize discharge to water bodies, soil and the atmosphere; improper solid waste management; soil erosion and slope instability; noise nuisance; disturbance of natural drainage pattern; waste of potable water; disturbance of natural coastal processes; and introduction of foreign material or exotic species into our environment. The JSIF will also implement measures geared at climate change adaptation and mitigation and disaster risk reduction.

The scope of the EMS is coded as EMS-I-DOC-SCOPE-ddmmyyyy and documented in the EMS Document Management System. The document will be made available to all interested parties upon request.