



## NEW CERTIFICATES OF TITLE WITH ENHANCED SECURITY FEATURES

Effective May 2010, the National Land Agency (NLA) will issue Certificates of Title on new paper with enhanced security features.

### *Why are security features needed?*

The Land Titles Division has in the past dealt with several incidents of fraud in relation to Certificates of Title. The increasing availability of inexpensive scanning and printing technology has contributed to these activities. It is on this basis that the NLA has procured Security Paper to eliminate these fraudulent and corrupt practices. The current paper used to print the Titles lacks sufficient security features that would facilitate easy authentication.

### *New Security Features- What to Look For*

Special security features such as dyes, watermarks, an alpha-numeric number and security threads are embedded in the new paper. These features are:-

**Coat of Arms** - The Jamaican Coat of Arms is imprinted and cannot be removed without recognisably damaging the paper. When viewed under UV light a fluorescent seal of the Coat of Arms appears as a watermark.

**Alpha-Numeric Control Number** - An alpha-numeric number appears in the top right-hand corner of the paper. This allows us to account for every sheet of the security paper. A mirror image of the alpha-numeric number appears in red under UV light in the bottom left-hand corner of the paper.

**Embedded Thread** - Embedded threads appear along the left and middle of the paper. "Office of Titles" is printed in the left thread while "National Land Agency" is printed in the middle thread.

**Watermark** - When an authentic Certificate of Title is held up to the light, a watermark showing the words "SECURIBOND" is visible. The complete watermark appears multiple times throughout the Certificate of Title.

### *What about Certificates of Title issued prior to implementation of the Security Paper?*

The implementation of the security paper will not affect registered owners. The previous paper, without the new security features, will be eventually phased out, but the existing Titles will still be valid and there will be no need to change them.



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## Further Enquiries

For enquiries on the new Certificates of Title please contact the Customer Service Unit at the Land Titles Division at 946-5263 or visit our website at [www.nla.gov.jm](http://www.nla.gov.jm).

