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Auditor General reports on the Royal Naval Dockyard Cruise Ship Pier

Auditor General, Heather Jacobs Matthews, today released a Special Report on the Royal Naval Dockyard Cruise Ship Pier. Her report highlights the planning and other deficiencies which resulted in cost overruns and subsequent spending on the \$60 million project. The report also noted construction deficiencies which have called into question the adequacy and quality of the facility.

As noted in other major capital development projects during this period, this project was not delegated to the Ministry of Works and Engineering which has the mandate and expertise to carry out such projects. Instead, this project was delegated to the Cabinet Office and the Ministry of Tourism and Transport, neither of which had the capacity or the legal authority under Financial Instructions to undertake this project.

The Auditor General found that the Government did not use effective practices in planning and managing the spending of public money to build Heritage Wharf. Additionally, inadequacies in the management of the Project did not protect the Government's interests

or provide the Government with the ability to measure whether value for money was achieved in many areas.

The Auditor General concluded that the blatant disregard for the policies, rules and procedures designed to protect the public purse is unacceptable and violates principles of good governance, accountability and responsibility. Those guilty of such violations and neglect must be held to account and the appropriate sanctions should be applied including appearance before the Public Accounts Committee.

A copy of the report is available at www.oagbermuda.bm.