

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### SUMMARY

The Thesis embodies the efforts of a research study into a certain aspect of construction project management. It revolves around indentifying major constraints affecting construction planning, on large-scale projects executed by the Jamaican state-sector. This is accomplished by focusing primarily (but not exclusively) on the experiences of the Blue Mountain Project Proposals.

The body of the thesis - its analysis - is contained within three sections. Part A highlights some of the contending interests which affect construction planning: social vs private corporate interests, conflict of interests between client and consultant and project funding mechanisms and their restraining influence on decision making. In Part B, there is a look at certain limitations of construction planning systems within the state sector: constraints imposed by the socio-political environment, inadequacies of the client's planners and organisational deficiencies in these planning systems.

Finally, to complement the analytical enquiry of the previous sections, Part C attempts to formulate a needed strategy to overcome such constraints. This is done briefly by outlining some key elements of such an approach.