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"VIPA IS GOING GREEN" VI Port Authority to Host Media Tour of New Photovoltaic Solar Panel System at Cyril E. King Airport

The Virgin Islands Port Authority is proud to be one of the government agencies in the territory to pioneer efforts to reduce energy usage. VIPA along with the Virgin Islands Energy Office and the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) have partnered to find ways to reduce the agency's power consumption at its facilities and lower its electricity bill. The first major energy-saving project implemented by VIPA is the installation of a photovoltaic solar panel system at the Cyril E. King Airport that will reduce VIPA's power bill at the airport by 15% annually. This project was made possible through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding from the VI Energy Office and should be completed by April 30th.

VIPA along with Energy Office and WAPA officials will host a media tour of the project at CEKA on **Friday, April 8th at 10 a.m.** For more information, call Don Buchanan of the Energy Office at 340-642-4128 or VIPA Public Information Officer Monifa Marrero at 340-714-6639. Please note that members of the media are advised to contact the VIPA public relations office by Thursday, April 7th to be informed of security procedures prior to the tour on Friday.

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