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## **Port Authority Returns Cruz Bay Taxi Operation to Central Government**

The taxi concession that operates near the Loredon L. Boynes Sr. Dock in Cruz Bay, St. John was returned to the central government in care of the Department of Property and Procurement, announced Virgin Islands Port Authority Executive Director Carlton Dowe. Dowe said the Port Authority received the concession at the request of the previous administration in Dec. 2013 after the St. John Taxi Association was evicted from the property. The taxis cabs are staged in reserved parking spaces near the dock on land owned by the central government.

Dowe said that the Port Authority never signed any official lease or deed for the property, nor does VIPA have any interest in managing the concession without such any longer. After a review of the concession, Property and Procurement Commissioner Designee Randolph Bennet agreed to take full control of the operation effective immediately.

Dowe wishes to thank the St. John Taxi operators and all the private ground transportation services on St. John for their cooperation with the Port Authority's staff during its operation of the concession. Questions or comments regarding the future operation of the St. John taxi concession in Cruz Bay should be directed to the Department of Property and Procurement at (340) 774-0828.

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