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VIPA Hurricane Recovery Update

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The Virgin Islands Port Authority has been working diligently to repair its air and seaport facilities that were damaged during Hurricanes Irma and Maria in September. We have made temporary repairs which have allowed us to reopen and operate our facilities. Airport operations on both St. Thomas and St. Croix have returned to normal and airlines will soon begin to offer more flights to the territory.

Our seaports are also open. There is scheduled barge and ferry service between Red Hook and Cruz Bay daily. However, there is no ferry service to St. Croix at this time. Travelers are urged to contact the ferry companies as schedules are being updated weekly.

The Port Authority is now preparing to enter construction mode and permanently repair our facilities. Our Construction Manager at Risk contractor, Lemartec, Inc., was competitively selected by our Board of Directors to oversee the restoration of all Port properties. Phase One of our restoration schedule will focus on the three properties that received the most damage during the storms:

- The Cyril E. King Airport Terminal on St. Thomas
- Crown Bay Center on St. Thomas, and
- The Henry E. Rohlsen Airport Terminal on St. Croix

Construction at these three facilities should begin in January.

On St. John, modular buildings are on order to replace the Port Authority's marine offices and the US Customs and Border Protection building. All foreign arriving vessels will be processed at the Edward Blyden Marine Terminal at the Charlotte Amalie Waterfront on St. Thomas until further notice.

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The Virgin Islands Port Authority is making progress! We thank the public for their continued patience as we restore our port facilities, which serve as the gateways to our islands and our economy.