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Limetree Bay in Senate Hot Seat Today; Terminal and Refinery Officials Expected to be Pressed on Employment of Locals, Compliance with Environmental Laws

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ST. CROIX -- Limetree Bay Terminals and Refinery executives are expected to face tough questions during a Senate hearing in the Committee on Government Operations, Consumer Affairs, Energy, Environment, and Planning today, on the firm's local and foreign employment ratio, among other pressing issues.

The committee, chaired by Senator Alicia Barnes, will meet at UVI on St. Croix at 10:00 a.m. According to Ms. Barnes, the public needs to know that the massive operation on

St. Croix's south shore is keeping in compliance with not only environmental and safety laws, but employment statutes as well.

"We have invited the President/CEO of Limetree Bay, LLC – Mr. Brian Lever, as well as the heads of the various government departments that have regulatory/oversight authority pursuant to the 2018 Amended and Restated Terminal Operating Agreement and the Refinery Operating Agreement," said Ms. Barnes, who once served as commissioner of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, which is tasked with ensuring environmental compliance.

"It is important that Limetree Bay, LLC provides the 33rd Legislature and the Virgin Islands' public with an update on compliance with the provisions set forth in both agreements to ensure that the people of the Virgin Islands benefit to the fullest extent possible from the said agreements," she added.

Additionally, the committee will hear testimony and take action on Bill No. 33-0105, which seeks to amend our Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management laws."