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St. Croix Foundation Partners with Nonprofit for Limetree Bay Information Session; Community Invited to Participate

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Limetree Bay Terminals By. Ernice Gilbert for VI Consortium

ST. CROIX -- The St. Croix Foundation in conjunction with its nonprofit partners will be hosting a community information session on Limetree Bay Terminals on Tuesday at the University of the Virgin Islands on St. Croix.

The foundation and its partners have extended an invitation to the community to participate in the session to share pertinent updates on Limetree Bay Terminals and Refinery. The session takes place from 5:30pm - 7:00pm at the UVI Great Hall.

As a trusted neutral community convener, St. Croix Foundation has agreed to host what it hopes will be the first of many community conversations, led by community, for community, according to the release.

The gathering will serve as an information session through which residents will have the opportunity to learn more about Limetree Bay Terminals and Refinery, including updates on where it is in its restart process as well as receive briefings on existing protocols for monitoring, reporting and emergency response to ensure the safe operation of the refinery and the safety of the community and the environment, the release said.

This session is ultimately intended to establish an open dialogue between policy makers, regulators, the refinery and the community to cultivate a relationship of trust and transparency, the foundation said. Most importantly, it is intended to empower residents to lead important conversations that impact their neighborhoods, their well-being and their economic interests in the future -- all essential components of healthy communities, according to the release.

Invitations have been extended to regulatory agencies including the Dept. of Planning and Natural Resources and the Dept. of Health, as well as emergency responders like VITEMA, the foundation said. The Senate Committees on Government Operations, Consumer Affairs, Energy, Environment & Planning and Economic Development, Regulations, & Agriculture as well as Limetree Bay Terminals and Refinery representatives were invited, too.

Focused questions have been submitted to invited guests in advance with the hope that they will come prepared to answer during the meeting.

For more information about this upcoming community information session, contact St. Croix Foundation directly at 340.773.9898.