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At Meeting With Limetree Bay, Bryan Stresses Need for Transparency, Expresses Support for Successful Refinery Operation

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Limetree CEO Jeff Rinker and Governor Albert Bryan By. GOVERNMENT HOUSE

ST. CROIX — Governor Albert Bryan on Tuesday at Government House met with newly named Limetree Bay CEO Jeff Rinker and his executive team to discuss the company's progress in the restart of refinery operations, according to a release from the administration.

Tuesday's meeting was previously planned, nonetheless it followed a recent [gas flaring event](#) from the refinery that prompted the closure of several schools in the vicinity of the refinery and triggered complaints from residents living in the surrounding areas.

During the meeting Tuesday, Mr. Bryan is said to have expressed his concerns with the gas flaring event from the refinery and stressed the importance of transparency, according to Gov't House.

“I had an informative meeting with Mr. Rinker and the executive team of Limetree and expressed my concerns with the recent gas flaring event and Limetree’s response efforts,” Mr. Bryan said. “We have confirmed with the executive team that last Thursday’s event was of sulfur dioxide, which was triggered by excess hydrogen sulfide being sent to the flare for combustion. We have been further assured by the Limetree team that an in-depth investigation of the cause of the incident is in process for reporting to all regulatory agencies and that the refinery will keep the community informed of the findings.”

Mr. Bryan added, “As an administration, our focus is to work with Limetree to ensure the safety of the Crucian community and that the U.S. Virgin Islands receives its fair share from a successful refinery operation.”

Also in attendance at Tuesday’s meeting was Department of Planning and Natural Resources Commissioner Jean Pierre Oriol.