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St. Croix Energy Selects Global Leader in Environmental and Advisory Solutions to Evaluate Refinery Restart Plan

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The idled Limetree Bay Refinery on the south shore of St. Croix. By. ERNICE GILBERT FOR VI CONSORTIUM

ST. CROIX — St. Croix Energy on Monday announced its decision to engage SLR International Corporation to perform environmental due diligence and to assist in creating a plan to safely operate the idled Limetree Bay Refinery plant. SLR International Corporation is a global leader in creating environmental and advisory solutions for businesses across a number of industries, including oil and gas.

St. Croix Energy said its environmental team interviewed three top environmental firms and determined that SLR was best positioned to assist in the immediate and long term needs of the refinery: "With their over 1,800 employees, [SLR](#) is a global leader in environmental compliance and management. In our evaluation of SLR, we believe that their expertise is an excellent fit to align with our mission, which is to operate the refinery in a manner that is safe and beneficial for our community," said Ashley Scotland, St. Croix Energy director of communications and public relations. "We are 100 percent committed — not just to the sustainable, economic growth of St. Croix, but also to the environment and to the Virgin Islands as a whole, since most of the partners live here."

St. Croix Energy said it firmly believes that it can develop the appropriate strategic partnerships to operate the refinery in an EPA-compliant way, "and in a manner that will protect the community and provide employment for many of our neighbors here in the Virgin Islands. While others may be driven solely by profit, our partners live on St. Croix and are therefore interested in what is best for the territory and being good fiduciaries of the natural resources of the Virgin Islands, which is ultimately an environmentally safe restart."

St. Croix Energy said it is comprised of "businessmen with deep roots in the Virgin Islands, along with industry professionals that have decades of experience in the refining, marketing, and renewable fuels sectors," though the company did not reveal its principals in the release, telling the Consortium that its board was still in the process of being organized. According to the release, the company was formed after the investment team decided that the idled Limetree Bay Refinery plant must restart as opposed to being cut up for scrap metal and shipped off to recycling plants.