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August 26, 2022

Dear Mr. Chambers,

I hope this correspondence reaches you well. I write on behalf of the 34th Legislature's Committee on Economic Development & Agriculture to follow up on information requested during our July 14, 2022, hearing.

As you will recall, you promised Senators a tour of the refinery site and, to date, that has not been arranged despite several attempts to coordinate this tour with your representatives. I do understand that the present coker fire may delay us from touring the refinery property. However, it is important that as the refinery owner, Port Hamilton make a greater effort to keep the community abreast of conditions at the site.

While I am quite certain this unfortunate turn of events at the refinery has hindered many of your plans, it should not have delayed the release of requested information to the 34th Legislature of the Virgin Islands. This fire certainly has no bearing on the release of the list of Port Hamilton's shareholders, which Senators had requested prior to the end of our discussion on July 14. It is somewhat concerning that, more than six weeks later, we have yet to receive this most basic information from Port Hamilton Refining & Transportation.

In addition to a *complete* list of Port Hamilton and West Indies Petroleum shareholders, Senators requested the following:

- A detailing of the three planned phases described in your testimony.
- A list of the 170 jobs said to be available beginning in September 2022 and the salary ranges.
- Copies of any and all correspondence to and from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency related to the refinery restart.
- A list of the location of the nine surrounding air quality monitors.
- A list of PHRT's resident agents, directors, and principal officers.

Letter to Charles Chambers

RE: Follow up

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I would like to also request an update on the coker fire and the result of any associated environmental monitoring or air quality reports. Please forward all the requested information to my office within five business days (no later than Monday, September 5, 2022).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Kenneth L. Gittens
Senator

cc: All Senators
