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## **CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT**

### **CABINET DECISIONS** **26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020**

His Excellency, the Acting Governor David D. Archer, Jr. chaired the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, in the absence of Governor Augustus Jaspert, who was overseas on personal leave. The Meeting was held at the Ralph T. O'Neal Administration Complex.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet:

1. Decided that exceptional approval be granted to allow the Deputy Governor's Office and the Ministry of Transportation, Works and Utilities, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, to make adjustments to leases and to obtain changes in spaces, if necessary, regarding the relocation of Departments from the Ralph T. O'Neal Administration Complex only, without having to return to Cabinet for approval and decided that the Cabinet would be informed on a monthly basis of any variation to the original decision.
2. Decided to grant pioneer status to Aquatic Rentals Ltd., in accordance with Section 3 of the Pioneer Services and Enterprises Ordinance (Cap. 297), First Schedule, Paragraph (a)(xvi) to render the pioneer service of 'Ferry Services' for a period of five (5) years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.
3. Reviewed and accepted the Evaluation Report submitted by the Central Tenders Board Technical Sub-committee, which was approved by the Central Tenders Board (CTB) on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019 and accepted the recommendation of the CTB to award Infinite Solutions (BVI) the contract for Supply of ICT Equipment to Schools in the BVI in the amount of seven hundred and ninety-seven thousand, three hundred and sixty dollars and twelve cents (\$797,360.12).
4. Decided that the proposal for four (4) coins, *Pirates of the Caribbean* be accepted, in principle, pending the approval from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO); and that upon approval from the FCO, coins are to be minted by Pobjoy Mint Ltd., in accordance with the five (5) year agreement between Pobjoy Mint Ltd. and the Government of the Virgin Islands.

5. Considered and decided that it is in the best interest of the BVI to transition from the membership of the Caribbean Customs Law Enforcement Council to membership of the replacement organisation, Caribbean Customs Organization (CCO) by signing of the Customs Treaty, in principle, until subsequent legislation is ratified by the House of Assembly and assented to by the Governor; decided that permission be sought from or on behalf of the Secretary of State to conclude the CCO Treaty, in accordance with Article 60(5)(a) of the 2007 Constitution of the Virgin Islands, and decided that the requisite entrustment instrument be issued by the Governor to Honourable Andrew A. Fahie, as Premier and Minister of Finance, to enter into the CCO Treaty.
6. Reviewed and considered the Suspensory Act, 2020 (“the Bill”), which seeks to provide for the suspension of the Micro Business Companies Act, 2017 (No. 26 of 2017) and decided that the Bill be introduced in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
7. Decided that O.N.C. Company Ltd. be compensated for the portion of their land encroached on to facilitate road widening works in the Sea Cows Bay Registration.
8. Approved one Non-Belongers land holding licence application.

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