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TREASURE BAY V.I. CORP  
ST. CROIX, U.S.V.I.

In an effort to clarify the gross inaccuracies in recent media articles over the last twenty-four hours, Treasure Bay V.I. Corp. (TBVI) today confirmed that a payment of \$473,350 has been paid as part of an agreement with the Acting Attorney General, Claude Walker, to ensure the continued operation of its Divi Carina Bay casino in St. Croix. Susan Varnes, TBVI's president, stated: "We are happy that our representatives had the opportunity to meet with Acting Attorney General Walker on October 15 to share our position that although we do not believe that any amount is due, we are very willing to work with the office of the Department of Justice, and have in good faith made this payment". Ms. Varnes further stated, "It has also been agreed with the Casino Control Commission (CCC) and the office of the Department of Justice that once due process has been served, and if TBVI is vindicated, we will then be entitled to a return of the funds."

Whereas there have been conflicting media statements, TBVI has been assured by the Acting Attorney General and the CCC that the disputed amount previously announced in the media of \$1.4 million was instead limited solely to casino license fees of \$473,350. In fact, of the \$1.4 million demanded, approximately \$1 million was on account of funds owed by other Governmental agencies to the CCC, not by TBVI, as confirmed in the CCC budget hearings back in June of this year.

Reacting to the claims that employees of TBVI are not appropriately licensed Varnes states, "TBVI takes the licensing of employees very seriously, and we have always ensured that everyone has validly issued work permits. We have had repeated communication with the CCC regarding their internal deficiencies in license renewals, which deficiencies were openly admitted during an October 9, 2015 CCC public hearing. Additionally, Chairman Golden has repeatedly stated that it was the CCC's mistake, not TBVI's mistake."

Continuing to work with the office of the Acting Attorney General is a priority for Varnes and her management team in St. Croix. "We look forward to being provided constitutional due process, which has to date not been provided. We are confident that once the facts are laid out to the full Casino Control Commission and the Acting Attorney General, it will become clear that the facts are on our side. We have to remind everyone that the audit has not been validated due to the fact that the full Commission, TBVI and our legal counsel has yet to see it" said Varnes.

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