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VIPA Alerts Public of Port Renovations on St. Thomas

The Virgin Islands Port Authority announces that repairs to the Charles F. Blair Seaplane Terminal located in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas will begin today, August 6, 2019. VIPA's contractor, Lemartec, Inc., will replace the entire roof of the terminal. The roof replacement will take two weeks to complete. The Blair Terminal houses the Seaborne seaplane operations.

Hurricane-damage repairs at the adjacent Edward W. Blyden IV Marine Terminal will also begin today. Additional cosmetic repairs and upgrades will be installed throughout the facility, including the replacement of the metal roll up doors and an enhanced security entry system for the marine office.

VIPA has also hired Julian Welding to replace the security fencing at both terminals. This contractor will also replace damaged fencing at the Urman V. Fredericks Marine Terminal in Red Hook and fencing damaged in a car accident that occurred on Sunday at the Cyril E. King Airport.

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The Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) is an autonomous, self-sustaining government agency established in 1969 as the owner and manager of the United States Virgin Island's airports and seaports. VIPA owns and manages 14 seaports, two airports, and surrounding properties. It is a critical arm of the USVI's economy that facilitates travel and commerce and fosters tourism and economic growth via its port activities. VIPA's mandate is to develop and maintain the ports of the USVI to accommodate the current and future demands of our users, and to provide safe port facilities.