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VIPA BOARD THANKS ACTING DIRECTOR CARTWRIGHT FOR HIS SERVICE

Virgin Islands Port Authority Chairperson Leona Smith issued a statement today thanking Acting VIPA Executive Director Damian Cartwright for his service as the Authority's acting director while the Board conducted a search for a permanent director. Cartwright is VIPA's Assistant Executive Director/Director of Engineering and was employed by the Authority in August 2014. He has served as the acting executive director since the retirement of David W. Mapp Sr. on Jan. 31, 2019. Cartwright has overseen the Authority's capital improvement program, coordinated the hurricane renovations and repairs and represented the Authority at negotiations and public hearings with its federal, airline, cruise, and other stakeholders while managing the day to day operations of the agency. Smith said, "Managing the complex operations of the Port Authority is an enormous responsibility, which was compounded by the tremendous amount of renovations that are still underway at our facilities. We thank Mr. Cartwright for his superior service during the transition period."

VIPA's Board selected Carlton Dowe as the agency's executive director at today's board meeting. Dowe previously served as the director from 2013-2016 and will return to VIPA on July 8, 2019.

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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.