

Virgin Islands Economic Development Commission
Decision Meeting of Tuesday, August 9, 2022
Summary Report Out

During the Virgin Islands Economic Development Commission (“VIEDC”) Decision Meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, the Governing Board heard recommendations from EDC Team regarding one (1) application matter and one (1) compliance matter, and voted as follows:

Regular Session:

Action Items:

Applications:

❖ Perfected Claims, LLC – Amended Grant of Incentives

- NOTE: Added to agenda.

On December 17, 2021, Perfected Claims, LLC (“Perfected”) was granted Virgin Islands Economic Development Commission (“VIEDC”) tax incentive benefits to conduct the operation of a Category IV - Designated Services Business providing business management and consulting, data management, claims processing and management, and public policy consulting and advocacy services to its clients. In addition, Perfected will engage in family office services. Perfected serves clients located outside the USVI with a focus on providing an evaluation center for law firms to assess potential victims of mass torts and to obtain the necessary records and other supporting material to support their claims. Perfected’s services may be provided through one (1) or more wholly owned, disregarded subsidiaries. Perfected is located on the island of St. Thomas.

The Governing Board¹ voted (5 – 0) to:

1. Approve an Amend Grant of Incentives to Perfected Claims, LLC, which amends the minimum annual payment to the Virgin Islands Board of Education and minimum percentage to be directed toward public school programs to now read as follows:

Applicant/Beneficiary shall pay a minimum of *Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)* annually to the Virgin Islands Board of Education to be placed in the Territorial Scholarship Fund pursuant to 29 V.I.C. § 708(m) to be used in accordance with the purpose of said fund as set forth in 17 V.I.C. § 171; and

Applicant/Beneficiary shall contribute a minimum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) annually to charitable causes in the U.S. Virgin Islands commencing in the first full calendar year following the commencement of incentives. Of the overall amount, at least Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be directed toward educational assistance, with at least *fifty-five percent (55%)* of that amount to be contributed to *the Virgin Islands Department of Education for public school programs and initiatives*. The remaining amount will be directed toward

¹ Governing Board Secretary, Haldine Davies, Ph.D., joined the meeting prior to the vote on each agenda item.

broad-based charitable causes including but not limited to education, children, women, family, sports, arts, and community revitalization.

2. That all other provisions of the grant of incentives approved on April 12, 2022 shall remain in full force and effect.

Compliance:

1. CBI Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Caneel Bay Resort, LLC – Voluntary Termination of Certificate of Tax Incentives

CBI Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Caneel Bay Resort, LLC (“CBI”) was granted Virgin Islands Economic Development Commission (“VIEDC”) tax incentives to conduct the business of operating Category III - World Class Hotel/Resort. CBI sustained significant damages to its structures during Hurricane Irma in September 2017 and has been closed since then. CBI is located on the island on St. John.

On July 26, 2022, CBI filed a petition requesting the surrender of its VIEDC Certificate and to discontinue receiving any of the tax exemptions provided under the Certificate.

The Governing Board voted (5 – 0) to:

1. Acknowledge that CBI Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a Caneel Bay Resort did not commence operations on or before July 1, 2022.
 2. Rescind its November 21, 2021 decision to summarily revoke the tax incentives pursuant to V.I.R.R. 722-11 due to CBI Acquisitions, LLC’s request to surrender its Certificate of tax incentives.
 3. Grant CBI Acquisitions, LLC a voluntary termination of its Certificate of tax incentives effective July 1, 2022.
 4. Require proof from CBI Acquisitions, LLC of satisfying all prior tax obligations pursuant to 29 V.I.C. § 713a(c), should CBI Acquisitions, LLC submit an application for tax incentives in the future.
- 2. Grapetree Shores, Inc. d/b/a Divi Carina Bay Resort – Request for an Extension of Partial Waiver of Charitable Contribution Requirement**
- NOTE: Removed from agenda pending receipt of documents from beneficiary.
- 3. Neighborhood Establishment, LLC – Waiver and Deferral of Charitable Contribution Requirement**
- NOTE: Removed from agenda pending receipt of documents from beneficiary.