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GOV'T ADOPTS MULTI-AGENCY APPROACH TO ADDRESS VG AIRPORT CLOSURE

Friday, January 29 –The Government of the Virgin Islands is adopting a multi-agency approach to address matters arising from the closure of the Taddy Bay Aerodrome on Virgin Gorda.

The BVI Airports Authority confirmed the closure of the airport today. Managing Director of the BVIAA Denniston Fraser told the Department of Information and Public Relations “The closure of the Aerodrome was as a result of a letter received from our Regulators, Air Safety Support International.”

According to the Managing Director the BVIAA is unable to say when the Aerodrome will be reopened. However, a multiagency approach to resolving the matter is being undertaken to bring a speedy resolution to the matter he said.

According to the letter issued by ASSI the Restricted Aerodrome Certificate has been invalidated. The letter further stated that the BVIAA should take urgent action to ensure that commercial air operators are informed that the Restricted Aerodrome Certificate is not currently valid and that the Aerodrome is closed for their operations.

The BVI Tourist Board once informed about the airport closure began putting measures in place to address its impact on the Tourism sector. “We have used Territory wide resources to begin coordinating the transporting of guests that will now have to arrive and depart from the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport to Virgin Gorda,” reported Acting Director of the BVI Tourist Board Ms. Hadassah Ward.

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The Tourist Board is asking all property owners and managers on Virgin Gorda who have guests who were due to arrive or leave from the Virgin Gorda International Airport, to contact the Sister Island Tourism Development Manager, Shereen Flax-Charles at 284-541-1926 or sflaxcharles@bvitourism.com with passenger names and itineraries.

The BVI Airports Authority sincerely apologises for any inconvenience caused.

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NOTE TO EDITORS

Photo is attached

- **Photo caption:** Pictured is an aerial photo of the Taddy Bay Aerodrome on Virgin Gorda. **Photo Credit/BVIAA**