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WAPA PROPANE PROJECT SUB-CONTRACTOR AND ALLEGED
VIOLATION OF VIRGIN ISLANDS LAW REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION
OF JOB VACANCIES

The Commissioner of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs reports that the agency recently received an investigative report from the Virgin Islands Department of Labor regarding construction activities at the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Propane Project. The report centered on the conduct of a sub-contractor hired by WAPA for the construction of the propane facilities in the territory. The sub-contractor at issue allegedly failed to comply with Title 27, Section 303b of the Virgin Island Code that requires employers to register job vacancies with the Virgin Islands Department of Labor. By failing to register these job vacancies, as is alleged, the entity provided jobs to non-locals that should have been filled by Virgin Islanders as required by law. Consequently, money that should have remained in and circulated in the Virgin Islands economy, likely did not. Based on the results of the Investigative Report, the department intends to initiate administrative action against the entity and levy sanctions where warranted.

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs reminds all entities licensed to do business in the Virgin Islands that as a condition of licensure, they are expected to comply with all laws of the Virgin Islands. It is made clear to all licensees at the time of licensure that failure to do so shall result in administrative action being taken against them. Such action may result in sanctions up to and including suspension or revocation of their license as well as monetary fines.

The Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs reiterates to all licensees that it shall be monitoring them in the course of conduct of their business. Infractions of Virgin Islands law on the part of any licensee shall be dealt with seriously. If any business is unsure of whether their operation is or is potentially in violation of Virgin Islands law, feel free to contact the department's Division of Licensing at 340.713.3522 or 340.714.3522

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