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## GRAND BEACH PALACE RESORTS OFFERS AMENDED SEVERANCE PACKAGE

Commissioner of Labor Cecil R. Benjamin, Assistant Attorney Generals **Mark Hodge** and **Gina Harrison** and *Grand Palace* and its Counsels Attorneys **Adriane Dudley** and **Everard Potter** of Dudley Clark & Chan are pleased to announce that a fair and equitable agreement has been reached regarding a severance package for the employees of the *Grand Beach Palace* which is slated to close on **Sunday, August 22, 2004**.

The Grand Beach Palace, out of its concern for its employees, their families and the Virgin Islands community reached out to the Commissioner of Labor and the Attorney General's office for a means to ease the burden created by the closing of the resort. Dudley stated, "I was very pleased that Commissioner Benjamin and Attorney Mark Hodge were available to create an open dialogue to resolve this highly charged and emotional matter amicably and to help the Resort to work in the best interest of the employees." Commissioner Benjamin further stated, "It has always been the number one priority of the Department to proceed with the welfare of the employees of the Grand Beach as its primary guiding principle."

The Commissioner, on behalf of the entire staff, wishes to thank the Department of Justice, especially Attorneys Mark Hodge and Gina Harrison, in their stalwart efforts in bring this matter to a close.

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