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HOVENSA, HESS AND PDVSA

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&nb=p;   Governor John P. de Jon=h, Jr. met Thursday morning with officials of HOVENSA and its owners, HOVIC= a subsidiary of Hess Corporation and PDVSA, VI, a subsidiary of Petroleos d= Venezuela, SA, to discuss the closure of what is one of the world's larges= oil refineries and the Territory's largest private sector employer.=/span>

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&nb=p;   "Today'= meeting with the senior officials of the three companies was the first of w=at I believe will be several meetings to address their closure of the oil r=finery, their proposed use of the facility as an oil terminal and their obl=gations under the existing agreement. I expressed my deep concerns about th= economic impact of this decision on the Territory, their view of the oblig=tion to provide fuel to meet the needs of WAPA and the general community an= the basis of under which we preserve a relationship into the future under a=business model that makes sense to them and is beneficial to us," d= Jongh said after the meeting.

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&nb=p;   The topics reviewed at t=e meeting included the future of HOVENSA's St. Croix site, fueling for the V=rgin Islands Water and Power Authority, approaches to meeting the local nee=s of the Territory, the operations of the proposed oil terminal at the site=and the continuing legal obligations of HOVENSA under its agreements with t=e Government of the Virgin Islands.

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