

## **BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

### **PRESS NOTICE**

#### **PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY REPORT**

The Commission of Inquiry (“the COI”) was issued on 19 January 2021 to look into whether corruption, abuse of office or other serious dishonesty may have taken place amongst public, elected and statutory officials in recent years; and to make appropriate recommendations as to governance and the operation of the law enforcement and justice systems in the BVI. The Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom was appointed the sole Commissioner.

The COI Terms of Reference required the Commissioner to report to His Excellency the Governor. As the Governor announced earlier today, the Commissioner has now completed his Inquiry and presented his Report and its supporting documentary evidence to the Governor. The Commissioner has therefore fulfilled his Terms of Reference, and his Commission is at an end. Any media enquiries should now be addressed to the Governor’s Office.

Whilst the Commissioner has endeavoured to make the Inquiry as open and transparent as possible, publication of the Report is a matter for the Governor. The Commissioner hopes that in due course the Governor will publish the Report and its supporting documentary evidence, and indeed encourages him to do so as soon as he is able. The Commissioner has sought to assist by presenting his Report together with the supporting documentary evidence in a form which he considers can be published at large.

Finally, the Commissioner wishes to thank the people of the BVI for the honour and privilege of serving them. He would once again like to extend his sincere gratitude to all those who live and work in these beautiful islands for their assistance and support during the course of the Inquiry, without which he could not have performed his task.

Steven Chandler  
Secretary to the Commission

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