

Virgin Islands Economic Development Commission
Public Hearing of Thursday, August 12, 2021
Summary Read Out

During the Virgin Islands Economic Development Commission (“VIEDC”) Public Hearing on Thursday, August 12, 2021, the VIEDC Governing Board heard two (2) application presentations as follows:

Applications

1. Black Diamond Advisors, LLLP – Modification Application

(Category IV – Designated Service Business (Financial); Investment: \$0.00; Jobs: 10; Location: St. Thomas, VI)

On October 17, 2012, Black Diamond Advisors, LLLP (“BDA”) was granted tax incentive benefits for a 10-year term commencing on October 1, 2012 and terminating on September 30, 2022. Tax incentive benefits were granted to BDA to conduct the operation of a Category IV (formerly Category IIA) Designated Service Business providing asset management services, business management and consulting services and investment management and advisory services to clients located outside the U.S. Virgin Islands. BDA committed to make a minimum capital investment of \$100,000 in the benefitted business and hire a minimum of 10 employees. BDA is located on the island of St. Thomas.

On December 29, 2020, BDA filed a modification application with the VIEDC to modify its VIEDC Certificate of tax incentive benefits (“Certificate”) for an additional 10 years at 100% of benefits to take advantage of the longer initial benefit period pursuant to V.I. CODE ANN. tit. 29 §713a(b)(2) and modification of its category designation from a Category IIA to a Category IV Designated Service Business in accordance with V.I. CODE ANN. tit. 29 §§708(a), (f)(2). All other terms and conditions of BDA’s Certificate will remain unchanged. In its modification application, BDA commits to continue to employ a minimum of ten (10) full-time employees for the duration of the tax incentive benefit period. BDA does not intend to make additional capital investment during the extended benefit period.

2. Black Diamond Holdings, LLC – Modification Application

(Category IV – Designated Services Business (Financial); Investment: \$0.00; Jobs: 10; Location: St. Thomas, VI)

On October 17, 2012, Black Diamond Holdings, LLLP (“BDH”) was granted tax incentive benefits for a 10-year term commencing on January 1, 2012 and terminating on December 31, 2021. Tax incentive benefits were granted to BDH to conduct the operation of a Category IV (formerly Category IIA) Designated Service Business providing alternative asset management services to clients located outside the U.S. Virgin Islands, and taking over a significant portion of the operations of its stateside counterpart and its subsidiaries. BDH operates in conjunction with its

USVI counterpart, Black Diamond Advisors, LLLP, Black Diamond Capital Holdings, L.L.C. and its subsidiaries Black Diamond Capital Management, L.L.C, a registered investment advisor with the Securities and Exchange Commission (collectively referred to as “Black Diamond”). BDH committed to make a minimum capital investment of \$100,000 in the benefitted business and hire a minimum of 10 employees. BDH is located on the island of St. Thomas.

On December 29, 2020, BDH filed a modification application with the VIEDC to modify its VIEDC Certificate of tax incentive benefits (“Certificate”) for an additional 10 years at 100% of benefits to take advantage of the longer initial benefit period pursuant to V.I. CODE ANN. tit. 29 §713a(b)(2) and modification of its category designation from a Category IIA to a Category IV Designated Service Business in accordance with V.I. CODE ANN. tit. 29 §§708(a), (f)(2). All other terms and conditions of BDH’s Certificate will remain unchanged. In its modification application, BDA commits to continue to employ a minimum of ten (10) full-time employees for the duration of the tax incentive benefit period. BDH does not intent to make additional capital investment during the extended benefit period.