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## **BUSINESS OWNERS, ARE YOU IN OPERATION? PLEASE TELL NHI**

Contact NHI if you are not doing business or have had staff changes

Road Town, Tortola, October 19, 2017 – The National Health Insurance (NHI) of the Virgin Islands is asking business owners to inform NHI if they have halted operations or have had staff changes.

Deputy Director of the Social Security Board with responsibility to NHI, Mr. Roy Barry said, "As the Territory seeks to rebuild, the NHI team understands there has been significant impact to many businesses in the BVI. Therefore, the NHI team is consulting with business owners to discuss the best options available to secure coverage."

Mr. Barry said, "Some businesses may not be in operation, or some may have hired or laid off employees. That being the case, the NHI team wants to ensure both business owners and employees maintain eligibility, but we would first have to get confirmation from business owners on their current status."

Business owners should visit or call the NHI offices at 852-7870 or 852-7873, or send an email to <a href="mailto:info@vinhi.vg">info@vinhi.vg</a> to inform NHI of their current operating status.

With regards to layoffs, Mr. Barry said, "It is unfortunate that some persons have been terminated. However, the NHI team would need to know so that we can discuss how the employees can maintain their eligibility to support their medical needs."

Please visit www.vinhi.vg for more information and to download the relevant forms.

The National Health Insurance (NHI) of the Virgin Islands is designed to provide every legal resident of the Virgin Islands with affordable access to the health services they need.

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Notes to Editor(s): NHI logo is attached.