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SEDI-CASE is pleased to announce the appointment of Marjorie Smith, a new Blue Economy and maritime sector leadership team Advisory Board Member expert. Marjorie Smith is a thought leader bringing a wealth of knowledge, expertise and proficiency in maritime industry transportation logistics in both the US & British Virgin Islands, and the Caribbean markets. Ms Smith will serve as an invaluable advisory board member to the recently launched regional maritime ferry network consortium of Pleion Group/Connect Caribe, Connect Caribe USVI, Port St. Croix, and Travel Share It Marketplace of Air Sea Transportation Alliance (ASTA). Port St. Croix (USVI) serves as one of the 3rd main transportation hubs, to include Barbados and Trinidad & Tobago.

There are a total of ten (10) ferry boat service operators between the US & British Virgin Islands. 1) Varlack Ventures - 2) US Transportation Svc - 3) US QE IV Ferry - 4) US Inter-Island - 5) US/BVI Native Son - 6) US/BVI Smiths Ferry - 7) US/BVI Road Town Fast Ferry - 8) BVI/US Aquatic Rental - 9) US/BVI Speedy's - 10) BVI/US New Horizon - BVI. Ms. Smith will serve as the liaison to spearhead the planning, coordination with these Virgin Islands ferry service operators currently in operation, and their service integration with the Connect Caribe regional ferry service network of passenger and cargo throughout the Caribbean.

Marjorie Smith, President. As the President of Smith's Ferry and the daughter of the late Captain Ira L. Smith, Marjorie Smith carries on her father's legacy with pride and passion. Her deep commitment to the transportation industry in the Virgin Islands drives her dedication to providing exceptional ferry services. Marjorie's vision for the future of Smiths Ferry includes sustainable practices and community engagement, making her a pivotal leader in the industry.

About Smith's Ferry Services, Ltd., founded in 1986 by the late Capt. Ira L. Smith, is a family-owned and operated company dedicated to serving the Virgin Islands. Capt. Smith, a notable boat builder, captain, and architect, is remembered for his significant contributions to maritime excellence in the region. His children and grandchildren are proud to continue his legacy. Smith Ferry provides reliable services between the U.S. and British Virgin Islands while supporting the tourism market. Offer daily routes between Tortola and St. Thomas, as well as twice per week service to Anegada with a stop in Virgin Gorda. Additionally, we provide charter services to outer islands such as St. Croix, Puerto Rico and others in the Leeward Islands. Our subsidiaries, Island Magic and One Caribbean Charters, specialize in destination management and charter services, ensuring unforgettable experiences for individuals and groups.

About Connect Caribe Connect Caribe is committed to creating a seamless maritime corridor that enhances the movement of goods and people across the Caribbean. Through innovative solutions and strategic partnerships, Connect Caribe aims to bridge travel, trade, and e-commerce, fostering economic growth and regional integration extending harmoniously to Africa.

About Peion Group Inc. Pleion Group Barbados is a maritime and economic development company with the purpose to provide a ferry service, e-commerce trade solutions, and agricultural development, encompassing the movement of people and cargo within the Caribbean and to see the integration of the Caribbean through a maritime corridor that facilitates the movement of people, e-commerce, agricultural development and trade within the region and with Africa and Latin America.

About SEDI, Inc. SEDI, Inc, St. Croix Economic Development Initiative (SEDI) & Caribbean Americas Single Economy (CASE), a macroeconomic and public policy economic development, research and development non-profit think tank organization is based in Saint Croix, US Virgin Islands.

About Travel Share It (TSI). A dynamic and innovative global travel Social Marketplace, based in St. Croix, USVI.

To learn more about SEDI-CASE, St. Croix Economic Development Initiative (SEDI), Caribbean Americas Single Economy (CASE) <https://caribbeanamericassingleeconomy.com/news> . Please contact Mr. Anthony Weeks, Managing Director, at telephone number (914) 574-1213 for more details regarding this press release.