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Ministerial Statement

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Morgan's Point Remediation Update

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Mr. Speaker, I rise to provide the House with an update on Morgan's Point Remediation works.

Mr. Speaker, the Morgan's Point site is located in the Parish of Southampton, Bermuda.

Morgan's Point was formed from three islands: Morgan's Island, Tucker's Island and part of Hamilton Island. Morgan's Point was occupied by the Navy up until 1995. In conjunction with the Navy's departure a number of studies were conducted identifying areas in need of remediation based on hazardous waste that was left behind.

Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the below agreements & acts that have occurred over the preceding years, the remediation work that has been guided by the following:

- Morgan's Point Freehold Agreement April 2011,
- Morgan's Point Leasehold Agreement April 2011 and
- Morgan's Point Resort Act 2011.

Mr. Speaker, to date the overarching remediation activities has been as follows:

- Asbestos Abatement
- Underground Tank and Fuel Pipeline Closure
- Fuel Plume Remediation
- Bassett's Cave Remediation
- Landfill Capping
- Shoreline Stabilization

Mr. Speaker, as you may know, best standard and practice dictates that all remediation work carried out must be validated to a very high standard. The validation process serves to demonstrate that the risks have been reduced to meet the remediation criteria and that the risk to human health and the environment are deemed to be insignificant based on specific quantitative assessments.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to acknowledge the following who form the Morgan's Point Project Team:

- Project Manager: Vanessa Turner (of Entech Ltd. Formerly OPMP/Public Works)
- Site Manager: Mr. Stephen Gilbert from The Ministry of Public Works
- Project Management Consultants: Bermuda Project Managers Ltd. (BDA)

- Supervising Asbestos Consultants: Bermuda Water Consultants and Carter Technologies (BDA)
- Supervising Remediation Consultants: Langan Engineering & Environmental Services Inc. (USA)
- Remediation Advisor: Carter Technologies (USA).

Mr. Speaker, I would like to inform this Honorable House that the projects tentative completion for remediation is March 31st 2016. I also wish to report that the cost of the remediation work completed to date amounts to approximately \$5.5 million.

Mr. Speaker, the remediation work completed thus far encompasses the following:

- Extensive preliminary studies and testing to characterize the remediation site
- Inspection and verification for ordinance purposes
- Location, inspection and removal of over 25 underground fuel storage tanks (ranging in size from 25k gallons - 1.5 million gallons)
- Location, inspection and removal of fuel pipelines
- Removal and bioremediation preparation of hydro-carbon contaminated soils
- Asbestos Abatement Phase 1 (3 Phases in total) involving the asbestos abatement of over 30 structures.

Mr. Speaker, the remediation work currently in progress includes:

- Ongoing validation of the remediation work completed to date
- Asbestos Abatement Phase 2 (3 Phases in total) of demolition debris
- The development of remedial plans to address the remaining hazards such as Bassett's Cave and underground fuel plumes.

Mr. Speaker, you should know that throughout the Morgan's Point Remediation Project, The Office of Project Management & Procurement aimed to maximize the Bermudian contribution and financial stake in the project by employing a large number of local firms. This has served to fast track capital funds directly in to the local economy and stimulate cash flow. **Mr. Speaker**, to date the major and more extensive remediation work has been carried out by the following companies:

Asbestos Abatement

- AC Management
- B&B Fibre Tech
- Chilla Inc.
- Island Construction Services Ltd.
- TES Ltd.

Fuel Tank & Fuel Line Excavation and/or dismantling;

- Building Blocks Construction
- D&J Excavating
- Island Construction Services Ltd.

- Smith Hauling & Excavating
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Mr. Speaker, The contractors mentioned here represent those larger contractors who successfully bid and were confirmed to do the work requested. There were a total of thirty contractors on site who, together with their crew, accounted for the funds expended. While some of the larger contractors identified herein had some foreign consultants, the majority of workers on this site are Bermudian or spouses of Bermudian.

Mr. Speaker, There are ongoing negotiations with the owners of Morgan's Point which are nearing completion, and it is anticipated that during this session, we will table the Morgan's Point Amendment Act in this Honourable House for debate.

Thank you **Mr. Speaker.**