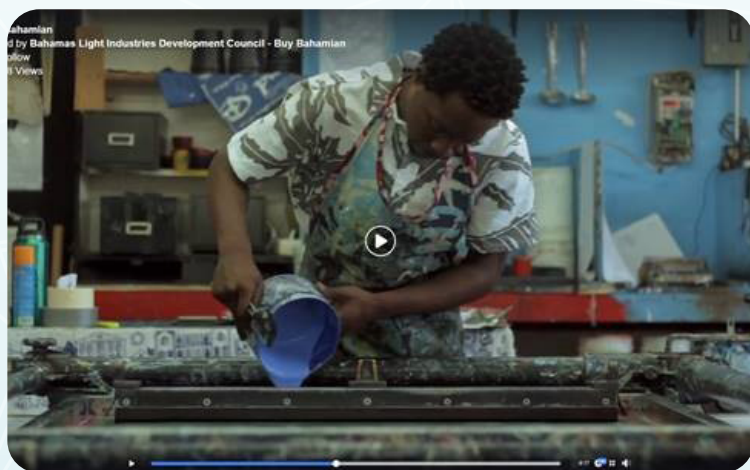


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COMMERCIAL LAUNCHED



In June 2019, the BLIDC released its first video commercial encouraging viewers to support local businesses and 'Buy Bahamian'. Taking a glimpse into the operations of four BLIDC members: Bahama Handprints, The Bahamas Rum Cake Factory, Scottdale Bedding Company and Caribbean Bottling Company, the 30 second video highlights both the range and variety of manufacturing companies in The Bahamas. Thousands of hardworking Bahamians make up the local manufacturing industry. Employee testimonies reveal their Bahamian pride and dedication to their individual crafts. Since release, the video has been viewed over 78,000 times with 498 likes and 233 shares on Facebook.

Video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23SN2UI00DA>

Government freezes WTO Negotiations

World Trade Organization (WTO)

accession, which had been a matter of concern for many

Bahamian businesses, has been halted. Government officials have advised that negotiations have ceased for the time being. The BLIDC has requested to remain abreast of any changes on this status.



WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE DORIAN, BAHAMIAN MANUFACTURERS DEMONSTRATED THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL PRODUCTION

When Hurricane Dorian struck The Bahamas on September 1st 2019, no Bahamian could imagine the destruction that would follow. The next day, members of the BLIDC sprung into action to support in any way they could. From water, to bleach, empty bottles and wooden pallets, members pulled their resources to ensure their fellow countrymen were assisted. The list of companies and actions below were notified to the Board of the BLIDC*.

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| Blanco Chemicals | – Bleach, and detergent donations to local relief centers, and for shipment to Abaco and Grand Bahama. In addition to cash donations |
| Chilly Willy | – Ice donations to local relief centers |
| Cartwright's Bedding | – 50 mattresses to Ranfurly Home for the Children |
| Purity Bakery | – Bread for relief centers and shipment to Grand Bahama |
| Signarama | – Donated signs for relief collection points |
| Caribbean Bottling Co. | – Water, cash donations and logistical support for the transportation and distribution of relief items in New Providence, Grand Bahama and Abaco |
| Chelsea's Choice | – Water and cash donations |
| Bahamas Cheque Services | – Free replacement cheques to persons and businesses affected in Abaco and Grand Bahama. In addition to cash donations |
| Aquapure | – Water donations |
| Beth's Kitchen | – Monetary donations |
| Digiprint | – Monetary and food donations |
| The Sign Man | – Hired two displaced persons, and assisted with complimentary signs and banners for relief organizations |
| Abaco Big Bird | – Donated 5,000lbs of chicken and 75,000lbs of ice in addition to help on the ground relief agencies, as well as provided storage |

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH
11:00 AM

CARIBBEAN BOTTLING CO.
MILO BUTLER HIGHWAY

**This likely does not reflect all of the actions, or all of the companies, which assisted in Hurricane Dorian relief.*

MEET... NICK AND DAPHNE

Abaco Neem Limited was started by Nick Miaoulis in 1993 whose main focus was to help contribute to the healthcare of the Bahamas. He was later joined by wife Daphne de Gregory and together they have expanded the cottage industry to have a presence on 6 Bahama Islands, Turks & Caicos and an international online business.



Abaco Neem produces 20 different products, starting with their main line of medicinal products, a full body line, a pet line and natural agricultural fertilizer and pest control products.

Abaco Neem farm is the only internationally recognized certified organic farm in The Bahamas. Prior to Hurricane Dorian, Abaco Neem was audited and was found to have a total of over 10,000 trees, of which 7,000 were Neem trees. There were 107 varieties of fruit bearing and flowering trees and 250 birds nests of various species in the trees. Since the passing of the storm, time and manpower has not allowed for a full count of trees lost to be conducted as yet. A small cottage on the farm was spared great damages and now serves as the home for Nick and Daphne. They have been able to continue with production, with most orders bound for Nassau. The future looks bright for Abaco Neem. With a new production center in the works, they hope to offer guided farm tours where visitors will be able to see products being made. Nick and Daphne's ultimate goal is for the farm to have a research center, attracting scientists wishing to conduct studies for natural healthcare.

Each edition we will feature a different businessperson. Want to share your story? Let us know.

PATRICK KNOWLES AWARDED FIRST EVER BLIDC SCHOLARSHIP



Former Freeport Primary School student, Patrick Knowles, was awarded the first ever Bahamas Light Industries Development Council (BLIDC) and industry partners scholarship in the spring of 2019. That fall, he headed to the Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Academy thanks to a 6-year, full ride scholarship, awarded to him by the BLIDC, DigiPrint, Purity Bakery, Epic Battery, Blanco Chemicals, Aquapure and Cartwright's Bedding. The Grand Bahama student inspired the creation of the one-time award due to his confidence, intelligence, eagerness to learn, as well as his interest in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) field, which greatly impressed the review panel of another scholarship program that he applied for.



KALIK LIMITED EDITION JUNKANOO CANS

KALIK, The Beer of The Bahamas, invited Bahamians from all walks of life to embark on a voyage into the artistic world of Junkanoo through the launch of its limited-edition 16oz KALIK Beer cans featuring Roots, Saxons, One Family and The Valley Boys and KALIK bottles featuring Genesis, Prodigal Sons and Music Makers. The campaign dubbed "Who Are We!" showcased all aspects of Junkanoo with a major emphasis on creating synergy amongst Bahamians, inviting all to celebrate the unique cultural expression.

The WHO ARE We! campaign honours the intricate art form of Junkanoo, from the elaborate costume-making to the distinctive form of music and dance, simultaneously exploring the deeper cultural meaning of this iconic Bahamian festival. KALIK, The Beer Of The Bahamas, is committed to keeping the spirit of Junkanoo alive.

PURITY BAKERY LTD UPGRADES BAKERY

Over the past two years Purity Bakery Limited has committed a significant amount of its financial resources towards modern upgrades of its baking equipment and plant infrastructure. This undertaking has been one of the single largest investments that the bakery has made in recent times. Although not yet completed, the bakery has already begun to reap some of the rewards from its investment through the realization of operational efficiencies and shorter production run times.

In order to remain the nation's top supplier of fresh bread and rolls, the board of directors and management team of the company felt that it was time to revitalize operations and streamline the bakery.

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