



# Another dividend record for FPCL

THE FPCL dividend payment of \$3,698,979 for the 2013 financial year represents a 1.2% increase over the previous year and is the highest yet on record ever paid by FPCL to the Government of Fiji, and is testament to the robust profitable trading results recorded by the company.

In presenting the dividend cheque to Permanent Secretary of Public Enterprises, Tourism and Communications, Ms Elizabeth Powell, on behalf of the Minister of Public Enterprises, FPCL



FPCL CEO, Mr Vajira Piyasena, FPCL Board Chairman, Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua, FPCL Directors, Mr Vijay Maharaj, Commander Joeli Cawaki and Mr Vilash Chand with Permanent Secretary of Public Enterprises, Tourism and Communications, Ms Elizabeth Powell.

Board Chairman Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua said the 2013 financial results include the gain of \$6.3 million, an

extraordinary item, from the sale of Ports Terminal Limited (PTL) shares to Aitken Spence PLC of Sri Lanka.

Trading results remained strong for both FPCL and subsidiary Fiji Ships & Heavy Industries Ltd (FSHIL), with respective income growths of 9% and 15%, and the disciplined and prudent cost practices introduced by Management have resulted in a 1.6% reduction in Group expenses.

“Excluding the impact of extraordinary items, Net Profit After Tax from core operating results exhibit an increase of an impressive 29% over the prior year,” said Mr Kuruvakadua.

## FPCL presence at international symposium



PPP Achievements - Berthing delays per vessel



Vessel Productivity - Cranes moves per hour

AS traditional methods of financing prove progressively inadequate, Port Authorities, globally, are exploring how best to forge partnerships with the financial community that will result in creative and innovative responses to the need for heavy investment in infrastructure that will meet the increasing demands of future trade.

New Strategies for Port Investment was one of the main topics at the Port Development Forum held recently in Shanghai, where FPCL CEO Mr Vajira Piyasena made a keynote presentation on Port Reforms and Port Development Initiatives in

Fiji in front of an international audience of global Port Authority and associated stakeholder executives.

Mr Piyasena said that of the potential options available, FPCL had chosen the role of landlord port as a solution to financing future development, with a mixed private-public orientation, and all port operations such as cargo handling being carried out by a private company.

He highlighted the transition by Ports Terminal Ltd (PTL) from being a wholly owned subsidiary of FPCL to a Public Private Partnership with the acquisition of 51% PTL shares and the management rights

to the Ports of Lautoka and Suva by Aitken Spence PLC. Apart from the shore cranes, no assets were sold in the

transaction.

Although the transition to PPP took place as recently as July 2013, already noticeable benefits are being registered such as increasing cargo throughput at the ports and a reduction in berthing delays at the wharf.

In the longer term, benefits expected to accrue from the new partnership include the increasing efficiency and productivity of cargo operations, the ongoing reduction of minimum ship and shore crane moves, and a reduction each year of ship turnaround times, reaching a 50% reduction within five years.

## P.M. at AMEX groundbreaking ceremony



THE next phase of the AMEX Resources Ltd \$200 million iron sand mining project took place in March with the Honourable Prime Minister Rear Admiral Voreqe Bainimarama officiating at the groundbreaking ceremony in Lautoka.

Construction at the Lautoka Port facility will include a berth and ship-loading infrastructure, a barge unloading facility, a washing plant, a stockpile area, workshops and offices, and together with the purchase of a specialized marine fleet, represent a \$180 million investment.





Real time information is available on AIS.

# Revenue growth in FPCL properties



The new waiting shed and vendor stalls at the Lautoka local wharf.

THE new waiting shed and five vendor stalls at the Lautoka local wharf are the latest additions to the FPCL properties overseen by the company's Acting Property Manager Mr Dinesh Lingam.

Mr Lingam, who started with the then Ports Authority in 1988, and joined the

Property Department in 1996, said that the revenue stream from FPCL properties has grown in the past 10 to 15 years, "from around 50 or \$60,000, to \$100,000, and now revenue has reached \$2 million per annum."

He said that in Levuka, FPCL tenants include Post Fiji, a

tailor shop and MH Hardware, and in Suva, FPCL property extends from the Kings Wharf right along to Rokobili, past the Reservoir Road roundabout where 14 one-acre lots and two 2-acre lots are leased out on 75 year leases to Technix Bitumen Pacific Ltd, processing facilities for fishing companies and as container parks.

There is full occupancy of the food vendor stalls and office space at the Muaiwalu Wharf, and at the Port of Suva, Sheds 1, 3 and 6 have tenants, as do Sheds 2 and 3

at Lautoka, while the Harbour Master's building at Suva and the administration building at Lautoka are occupied by FPCL, PTL, the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji and the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority.

"Four buildings and land outside the Lautoka Port main gate, including reclaimed land, is leased to tenants such as Mobil and Punjas. And now AMEX Resources are leasing the biggest section of reclaimed land. This is all part of the exciting developments that have taken place within FPCL," said Mr Lingam.

## Focus on litter



DANGEROUS litter was a key focus of the session conducted by the Ministry of Environment when 24 Litter Prevention Officers from FPCL and PTL underwent an intensive training in order to gain a better understanding of their role and of regulations that govern the exercise of their duties.

FPCL Training Officer Mr Anare Leweniqila said that the day-long session covered the amended Litter Decree of 2010, and that dangerous litter is any litter that is dangerous or is liable to become dangerous including any litter, which, if deposited in a public place, is likely to endanger anyone, cause physical injury, disease or infection to any person coming into contact with it.

"Dangerous litter includes any sharp metal, any glass, whether or not it is broken, any substance of a toxic or chemical nature, any oil, diesel, fuel or grease spill, and any abandoned or derelict vehicle," said Mr Leweniqila.

## AIS aids identification

THE installation of the state-of-the-art Automatic Identification System (AIS) at the Port of Suva has changed the way the Harbour Master coordinates and manages incoming and departing vessels.

"We can see any ship that is approaching Suva Harbour, and can even zoom in for a closer look," said FPCL Harbour Master, Captain Joji Takape.

AIS is an automatic tracking system that identifies and locates vessels through the exchange of information between ships, AIS base stations, such as the Harbour Master's control tower, and satellites.

The information includes the vessel's unique identification code, its position,



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course and speed. Once a vessel has berthed, the captain updates the ship's system to show this.

All information is displayed in real time on a screen in the control tower. Additional data such as the size and type of vessel can be accessed by clicking on the vessel's identification code.

"With the system operating 24/7, there is no longer any possibility of vessels illegally entering the port," said Captain Takape.

## CCTV enhances security

SECURITY at the Ports of Suva and Lautoka has been enhanced with the commissioning of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance cameras that will help the two ports maintain compliance with the all-important ISPS (International Ships and Ports Security) Code.

ISPS Code compliance ensures that international vessels continue to bring cruise vessel visitors and transport cargo to and from our shores.



Samuela Tipou GM Customs (left) watches as Mr Issac Fong, CEO/Director Engineering, Professional Electronics Ltd, demonstrates the CCTV in Suva.



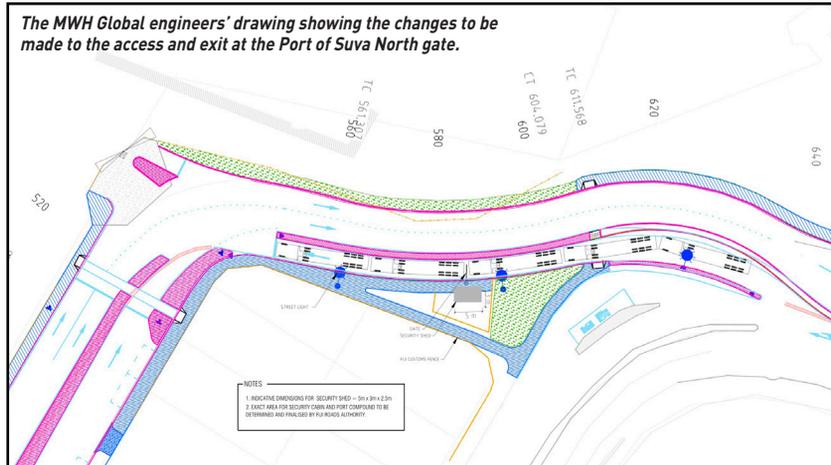
# Changes to protect roads and drivers

CHANGED access to the Port of Suva will protect the upgraded roads in the Central Business District and improve safety for vehicles moving within the wharf area.

With the Harris Road upgrade nearing completion and the upgraded Victoria Parade completed last year,

the changes are designed to lessen the flow of heavy trucks past the market and through the town, reducing wear and tear on the newly rehabilitated sections of road.

"MWH Global, consulting engineers to the Fiji Roads Authority, has



designed a lane that provides a straight run for heavy vehicles from the Walu Bay roundabout into and out of the North gate," said FPCL Port Engineer, Mr Ronald Sue.

"At present, all traffic enters through the North gate and exits via the South.

this area thereby improving safety. Small vehicles such as delivery vans, ships' agents, Ports and PTL staff vehicles and other authorised vehicles will be required to enter and leave through the South gate instead of travelling through the cargo and container storage areas," said Mr Sue.

In the future, all cargo operations using heavy vehicles will enter and exit the North gate. Security personnel will monitor all inward and outward bound traffic from a purpose-built gatehouse.

"It can be very hectic in the container storage area when the container ships come in, so the changes will reduce the traffic in

## Tall ship on the slipway

"I was quite impressed and satisfied with the quality and standard of both the steel work and the engineering work done for us on the grand Picton Castle..."

This entry in the Captain's Log was posted on-line by Captain Daniel Moreland after the work on the three-masted, 55metre-long barque was completed by the team at Fiji Ships & Heavy Industries Ltd.

FSHIL works Manager, Mr Rajnesh Kumar, said that amongst the 15 days of work carried out, the bottom of the vessel was blasted with high pressure water to remove any growth and repainted,

the propeller and shaft were removed, inspected and the seals reworked, a generator dynamo was cleaned and restored to perfect working condition, and in places, new steel plates were inserted.

"It was a challenge to match the old riveted sections with the new welded plates," said Mr Kumar.

The Picton Castle sails out of Nova Scotia and functions as a deep-ocean sail training vessel, but was originally built in 1928 as a motorised fishing trawler that served as a mine sweeper during World War Two. She was converted to a barque by Captain Moreland in the early 1990s.



## FSHIL benefits from APO input



Mr Yong Kok Seng, APO, (right) and Mr Amrish Narayan, FNU (2nd from right) meet with FSHIL senior management and the FSHIL ISO Steering Committee to review documentation.

DELEGATES from FSHIL were amongst the more than 30 representatives from business, industry, manufacturing and Government departments who attended the week-long ISO Elite Auditors' Training facilitated by Mr Yong Kok Seng, from Malaysia, of the Asia Productivity Organisation (APO).

FSHIL is "working aggressively" to complete the organisation's entire ISO schedule in order to be ISO certified by the end of this year said FSHIL HR Officer Makereta Taoui, who attended the training held at the National Training and Productivity Centre, Fiji National University, (FNU) Nabua Campus.

"We were fortunate to have Mr Yong as a facilitator. As well as his many qualifications he has 25 years experience in consulting, auditing and training, and he has assisted hundreds of organisations to attain ISO certification," said Ms Taoui.

The FSHIL ISO Steering Committee also benefitted from a two-day session with Mr Yong and Fiji National University's Acting Manager Productivity & Quality, Mr Amrish Narayan, prior to the Elite training, which was an opportunity to review all the draft documentation of the company's processes.



# Weighbridge at Mua-i-walu One

THE installation of the new weighbridge at the Muaiwalu Wharf provides FPCL with an accurate tonnage of fish being off-loaded from fishing vessels, which in turn allows for accurate assessment of the rates to charge the vessel operators.

Mr Marika Koroi, Fiji Ports Supervisor, Local Wharf, said that he expects a "good revenue collection," as a result of the new weighbridge, and that



*The new weighbridge supplies accuracy and increased revenue stream is expected.*

accurate tonnage statistics can now be collected by Fiji Revenue and Customs for Government statistics.

The weighbridge is owned and operated by Marlin Weighbridge Ltd, who collect a fee for every vehicle weighed.

# Work, study, family - a balancing act



FPCL Board Secretary Ms Karalaini Tukana is studying towards a Bachelors Degree in Law "in order to be of

greater assistance to the Directors," she said. "Often Board Directors seek advice on recommendations that are affected by the Seaport Management Act, the Fiji Company Act or Fiji Ports Regulations when making decisions," said Ms Tukana. Study is a family affair for Ms Tukana. She is in her second year at the University

of the South Pacific (USP) and has two sons who are also USP students, one studying for a B.A., the other, a foundation year student. Ms Tukana also holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Business Management, Human Resources and Industrial Relations) from Fiji National University.

# Long-lost container "caught"



*The long-lost container is hoisted ashore by Triton Marine after seven years on the seabed.*

LOCAL fishermen diving to look for their engine lost off their fibre glass boat near the Lautoka wharf came up with a completely different "catch" - a 40 foot container submerged in 14 metres of water, approximately 50 metres out from the new Queens Wharf extension.

The fishermen reported their find to Mr Emosi Navusolo, FPCL Safety and Security Supervisor, who arranged the salvage logistics with the Port Engineer Mr Ronald Sue. The container had been lost during a night cargo operation back in December 2006.

At that time, the stevedores quickly buoyed the container ready for salvage, but the next day it could not be found. A week-long search by Ports' divers was of no avail. On 29th May 2014, Triton Marine salvaged the long-lost container after their successful tender. The bottom of the container was rusted out, although the rest was still intact. "Fortunately, Lautoka Port allows vessels with a maximum draft of 11 metres only, so the container posed no threat to vessels in the harbour over the past seven years," said Lautoka Harbour Master Captain Penitiko Yauvoli. And the outboard motor? Still on the harbour floor.

# Staff News

Farewell and best wishes for the future to



Mr Eminoni Kurusiga, FPCL G.M. Port Operations, who gave 24 years' service in turn to the Ports Authority of Fiji, PTL and FPCL.

**Welcome:**  
To the **58 new Registered Relief Workers** who have begun work since March this year and to **Ajit Narayan**, FPCL Risk and Compliance, and **Ashwin Kewal**, FPCL System Administration and to **Atish Kumar** PTL - Accounts Clerk

**Obituaries:**  
It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of



**Meli Vuadreu**, Foreman, Engineering Department, 15 years' service.



**Nemani Tabutabu**, Tower Attendant, 1 1/2 years' service,

**Alifereti Nasokia**, Machine Operator, Handling Department, over 20 years service and



**Marika Nawaqaliva**, Accounts Clerk, over 20 years' service, all of Lautoka.



Our sincere condolences to all of their families.

**Resignations:**  
**Vijit Prasad**, System Administrator, IT Department and **Satish Kumar**, Mechanic, Mechanical Department.

