

Welcome to Take Five, PDL's newsletter. We will share with you news updates, information and events from PDL and our agencies around the Pacific. Please email your comments and any feedback or suggestions to: info@pdl123.com

TRANSAM TEAM IN VANUATU ALL SAFE AND WELL AFTER CYCLONE PAM



The recent devastating cyclone Pam that struck Vanuatu has left a trail of destruction and damage in its wake that will take many years to repair. While Vanuatu has a long history of cyclones, earthquakes and Tsunamis, cyclone Pam appears to have been one of the worst to hit the Archipelago. Our relieving Manager, Kafo Misimoa, has confirmed that while the Transam office was flooded, it is not badly damaged and will be up and running shortly.



PDL services the Ports of Vila and Santo in Vanuatu with the Southern Moana every 21 days from New Zealand via Noumea and Fiji, as well as the two AUSPAC vessels from Australia every month. We are receiving many requests for assistance to carry relief and aid containers to Vanuatu. Commercial Manager, Alan Foote has been suggesting that people channel their aid via the recognised agencies such as Red Cross, World Vision etc so the relief effort can be better targeted to provide the necessary products and materials. For more information please contact Alan on email: alanf@pdl123.co.nz

PIL BUYS MARIANA EXPRESS LINE

Managing Director of PIL, Mr S.S. Teo this week announced the acquisition of a majority shareholding in Mariana Express Lines. MELL is a Singapore based container line with 48 shipping agencies in 29 countries, specialising in niche markets in the Asia-Pacific region including Micronesia, Saipan, Guam, PNG, Malaysia and Australia.

MELL was founded in 1997 and has grown extensively over the years using Hong Kong and Kaoshiung as hub ports. PDL CEO, Olivier Ravel says, "PDL are excited about the new opportunities that will open up to us with this new acquisition. We will be working with our Commercial Team and with MELL to explore synergies to offer even more services to our South Pacific customers." You can read about MELL on their website at the following address: <https://www.mariana-express.com>



MATT BREMNER GOES TO SEA

Matt Bremner from our Auckland PDL Operations team has recently travelled to Funafuti where he boarded MV Komaiwai II to oversee the carriage of almost 800 tonne of Solar Project Cargo for the remote Northern Tuvaluan Island of Nanumanga, 27 hours by sea from Funafuti. With temperatures in the low 40's Celsius it was a challenging environment for Matt as he watched the cargo discharge onto barge for transfer to the Island. In January he travelled on a similar voyage, this time to Nanumea, nine hours from Funafuti. He is waiting anxiously for news of the cargo after the recent cyclone in the region.



CRS AUCKLAND GETS NEW STACKERS

PDL's Auckland Container Depot, CRS Ltd recently took delivery of two brand new Terex Empty Container Stackers for the yard in Penrose. These high tech machines were manufactured in Italy and assembled on site, replacing the previous Omega machines. The new machines are pictured on the right at the pre-assembly factory in Europe, which was used as a tank assembly plant in WW2!

CRS now has two 7 high twin pick machines, one 7 high standby machine, one three high forklift and a Volvo container loader so they are back to a full compliment of equipment to ensure quick turnaround for their customers.



ROSE CRESSWELL DRIVES THE LCL TRADE



Rose Cresswell works in our PDL Customer Services Team looking after the LCL service. PDL carries overflow LCL for our existing forwarders and clients to all our Island destinations. While not actively marketing this service, PDL is happy to assist with last minute bookings

to ensure cargo gets away on time. Rose is pictured "helping" Tapper Transport at the Penrose depot.

AWARD FOR TRANSAM DIRECTOR

Dave Aidney, Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany (and Director of Transam Fiji) was recently awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit, one of the highest honours the FRG offers to individuals whether German or Foreigner. Presenting the award was the German Ambassador to Fiji, Dr Anne-Marie Schleich pictured with Sue and Dave Aidney and Cheng Tan. PDL congratulates Dave on this prestigious award recognising his eleven years of service as Honorary Consul of Germany.

