

Aftermath of Cyclone Pam

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Dear Valued Customers & Colleagues,

Cyclone Pam, as you will no doubt have heard this weekend, has caused significant amount of damage to the nations of Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and particularly Vanuatu & producing very unsettled weather in the region.

In Funafuti, the **Komaiwai II** which has been delivering project cargo to various islands in Tuvalu is currently loading urgent relief cargo for the northern Tuvaluan Islands of – Niutao – Nanumaga & Nanumea and will be treating the delivery of this cargo as priority over her commercial cargo schedule.

The **Southern Phoenix V113** which arrived in Funafuti on Saturday will be leaving the berth to the Komaiwai II to complete her operation first, this will delay her pending arrival to Honiara.

The **Southern Pearl V98** was unable to berth in Lautoka on Friday morning due to the weather conditions and was only able to berth on Sunday morning. As such her forward schedule to Wallis, Futuna, Funafuti, Tarawa & Majuro will be delayed as a result.

The **Southern Trader V1360** will be departing Auckland later than scheduled today to avoid the worst of the tail end of the cyclone as it heads south.

At this stage **Southern Moana V267**, which has had to deviate her course to avoid high swells and poor conditions, is due to sail Noumea on the 17th and continue her rotation to Lautoka, Suva, Port Vila & Santo. Communication with Vanuatu is still very limited and whilst we have been able to contact some of our staff at Transam Vanuatu, the office in Port Vila whilst intact has been flooded and at this stage we are unsure of any degradation to the Port area.

On behalf of Pacific Direct Line and our Transam agency network, we wish to express our support for those of you & your families affected by the devastation.

We will be advising revised shipping schedules in due course and we thank you for your understanding of the situation & continued support.

Yours sincerely,
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