

# TAKE FIVE with



**LOW SULPHUR FUEL** From January 1st 2020, all ocean carriers must comply with the amendments to Annex VI of the Marpol Convention which stipulates that ships will use fuel with no more than 0.5% sulphur content. Current Heavy or Intermediate Fuel Oils that we use to bunker our ships will no longer be compliant and so we will need to switch to Low Sulphur Fuel Oil or, if that is not available, Marine Diesel Oil. As these more refined fuel types will command a higher price per tonne they will result in higher operating costs on the trades that we service. Our ships, in accordance with flag state requirements, will not be able to carry any non-compliant fuel after January 1st.

Pacific Direct Line will maintain quarterly Bunker Adjustment Factor (BAF) reviews on all trades, however we wish to confirm that a Low Sulphur Surcharge (LSS) has been introduced on 1st December 2019. With rising demand as ships switch to compliant fuel globally, we expect that pricing will be highly volatile over the coming months. In order to provide some clarity for our customers wanting to plan cargo bookings for the balance of the year, the following LSS will apply to our key South Pacific Trade Lanes:

Effective December 1st 2019: USD75 per Dry TEU, USD112.5 per Reefer TEU, USD5.76 per Revenue Tonne for Break-bulk and LCL.

For further information regarding the LSS, please feel free to contact your local PDL office.

## RAJENDRA PRAKASH COMPLETES 30 YEARS SERVICE

Pacific Direct Line would like to extend our heart felt congratulations to our very good friend and customer, Rajendra Prakash, who has been recognised by the Management of Coca-Cola-Amatil in Fiji for his thirty years of loyal and dedicated service. Rajendra was presented with his Certificate and Trophy at the 2019 CCA Appreciation and Service Awards. PDL Chief Executive, Olivier Ravel explains that he first met Rajendra back in the early 1990's. He particularly recalls two occasions from their long association. The first was sitting together on a bench outside the old Coca Cola factory in Lami in the blazing sun, the second was the first ever export container from Coca Cola to Wallis Island. Sadly the importer uplifted the container without paying! PDL worked out a fair commercial settlement for the resulting claim and shipments have developed and grown to many South Pacific Island markets ever since. Vinaka vaka levu Rajendra from PDL and Transam.



## PACIFIC DIRECT LINE SUPPORTS THE MEASLES FIGHT

At the time of writing, Samoa is locked in a battle against the spread of the deadly measles epidemic which has claimed more than 55 lives and continues to threaten thousands more. A state of emergency has been declared and donations are being called for to fund the extensive vaccination programme that aims to move the vaccination rate from around 20% to a target of over 90%. Transam Samoa General Manager, Tom Hogarth has arranged a \$2000 donation from Transam and Apia Stevedoring. All businesses are closed due to the state of emergency. Our thoughts and prayers go to the people of Samoa at this very tragic time. Anyone wishing to donate can do so through the National Emergency Operations Centre at the Old Post Office in Apia using the BSP GOS Direct Transfer Fund Account, Account Number: 2001-123104, Bank South Pacific Limited, Beach Road, Apia, SAMOA, Swift Code: BOSPWSVS. Donors are advised to add the narrative: "Measles Emergency Operations"

## WILLIAMS AND GOSLING ADD TWO NEW SERVICES

Williams and Gosling have installed a new fully certified weighbridge at their Walu Bay Transport Depot in Leonidas Street. The twenty two metre long weighbridge has 50 tonne capacity and is only two minutes from the Suva Port. The weighbridge will service exporters who require their containers to be weighed and certified by an independent facility. Also newly launched is the W and G Waste Bin service which is now in full operation in the Suva area. Specialist vehicles are used to deliver the bins which are fabricated in W and G's own workshops. Initially the waste bins have been used for Group company waste, cruise ships, PDL vessels, CRS container yard, and W and G depots. CEO, Eddie Yuen says that the service will be extended to Lautoka by the end of the year. Pictured left a truck is collecting a bin from the Southern Pearl alongside the wharf at Suva Port.



## NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR TUVALU

Karan Prasad from PDL represented the Company in the handing over ceremony for exercise equipment donated to the people of Tuvalu. Representing the Ministry of Public Works, Infrastructures, Environment, Labour, Meteorology and Disaster, Fakafetai Lahi expressed the Government's sincere appreciation to PDL for the donated machines. He commented that the gift signifies the strong relationship between PDL and the Government and people of Tuvalu. He said, "The Government and people of Tuvalu treasured the key shipping services that PDL provide to Tuvalu and other Pacific Island countries, bringing food supplies to assist maintaining our food security and the needed building materials for the major projects in the Outer Islands." Karan thanked the people of Tuvalu for the generous support PDL has received in its journey over the years.



## CHANGES IN AUCKLAND STAFF

We welcome back Vineti Tofavaha to her role as Customer Services Manager in our Auckland office after four months break from PDL on maternity leave. Saumya Prakash has been promoted to the Transhipment team to replace Betty Li, who is taking over Juliette Solignac's duties. Stephanie Bourdieu has replaced Saumya on Reception/Admin, so congratulations Saumya and Betty, welcome Stephanie and welcome back Vineti.



**FIJI BOOK DRIVE** This charity has provided 50,000 books to Fijian schools with the help of over 400 sponsors, including Williams and Gosling who have provided storage and logistics support. If you wish to donate to this wonderful charity you can send cash donations to the following link: <https://www.fijiobookdrive.org/cash-donations>

Thought of the Day: "Your value does not decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth."  
Anonymous

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