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FINAL DETERMINATION FOR PRICES AT COPRA SHED MARINA

Date of Report: 8 September 2010

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On 24 March 2010, Section 3 of the Commerce Act 1998 was amended by the Commerce Act (Amendment) Decree 2010 which authorised the Commission to regulate the Marina Operators in Fiji.
- 1.2 On 7 April 2010, the Commission wrote to Corpa Shed Marina requesting the following information:
 - Financial Statements for Copra Shed Marina for the last 10 years;
 - List of current charges levied;
 - Forecasted financials for the next 5 years.

2.0 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 **Section 32** of the Commerce Act empowers the Minister, on the recommendation of the Commission to declare that prices for particular goods or services are controlled.
- 2.2 The Commerce Act 1998 provides two criteria for imposition of price control:
 - a) that the goods or services to which the recommendation relates are or will be supplied or acquired in a market in which competition is limited or likely to be lessened; and
 - b) it is necessary or desirable for the prices of those goods or services to be controlled in accordance with this Act in the interest of users, consumers or suppliers.
- 2.3 With the Commerce Act (Amendment) Decree 2010, the Commission submitted its Recommendation to the Minister to control the price of ports and marina management services.

2.4 The Commerce (Control of Prices for Ports and Marina Management Services) Order 2010 was endorsed and signed by the Minister which authorised the control of prices for ports and marina management services.

3.0 ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY CORPA SHED MARINA

3.1 Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

The Commission calculated a fair return on capital using the weighted average cost of capital (WACC2) methodology.

3.2 Regulatory asset base

The regulatory asset base only includes assets that are being used in the operations of Copra Shed Marina.

3.3 Return on Captial

The revenue generated from the Copra Shed Marina comprises of:

- Rental Incomes;
- Mooring;
- Berthing and
- Accommodation and others

3.4 Benchmarking

Only four anchoring charges could be benchmarked with those of Port Denarau Marina and are shown below:

	Copra Shed	Port Denarau
At Anchor (VIP)		
Per Day – In Season	7.00	Higher
Per Day – off Season	5.00	Higher
Per Month – In Season	168.00	Higher
Per Month – off Season	120.00	Higher

It is clearly seen that the comparative charges by Copra Shed Marina are lower than those of Port Denarau Marina.

² Formula for WACC: WACC = Re * (E/V) + Rd * (1-T) * (D/V)

¹ Return on capital is the profits to be earned for assets invested.

4.0 Conclusion

The following will be the authorized prices for the Marina:

	Existing Prices (VIP) in (\$)	Increase/(Decreas e) from current prices (\$)	Commission's Authorized Price
At Anchor			
Per Day – In Season	7.00	NIL	7.00
Per Day – off Season	5.00	NIL	5.00
Per Week – In Season	42.00	NIL	42.00
Per Week – off Season	30.00	NIL	30.00
Per Month – In Season	168.00	NIL	168.00
Per Month – off Season	120.00	NIL	120.00
Mooring			
Per Day – In Season	10.00	NIL	10.00
Per Day – off Season	8.00	NIL	8.00
Per Week – In Season	63.00	NIL	63.00
Per Week – off Season	51.00	NIL	51.00
Per Month – In Season	258.00	NIL	258.00
Per Month – off Season	210.00	NIL	210.00
Stern to Berth (Plus Power & Water)			
Per Day – In Season	14.00	NIL	14.00
Per Day – off Season	10.00	NIL	10.00
Per Week – In Season	84.00	NIL	84.00
Per Week – off Season	60.00	NIL	60.00
Per Month – In Season	336.00	NIL	336.00
Per Month – off Season	220.00	NIL	220.00

Use of Toilets & Shower only			
Per Day – In Season	4.00	NIL	4.00
Per Week – In Season	24.00	NIL	24.00
Per Month – In Season	96.00	NIL	96.00
Use of Dinghy dock only			
Per Week – In Season	7.00	NIL	7.00
Per Month – In Season	30.00	NIL	30.00

The above or any other charges by Copra Shed will not be changed and no new charges will be introduced unless authorised by the Commission.

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