

#### Dear Shareholder

#### Subject: Service of documents viz., Notice of Meetings, Annual Report etc.through electronic mode

The new Companies Act, 2015 permits sending notice by electronic means (e-mail) as nominated by the Member (Section 143) and providing Annual Report to Members by publishing on a website if the Member consents in writing to access such report from a website instead of receiving a hard copy of the documents (Section 400).

Sending the notices and reports through electronic mode will definitely reduce paper consumption to a great extent in addition to allowing access to documents promptly and without loss in postal transit. Your Company is committed to contribute to a greener environment and we are sure that as a responsible shareholder, you too will support this initiative. We, therefore, seek your written consent to receive future Notice of Meetings and Annual Reports in electronic format and to have access to such documents published on the Company website: <a href="www.fmf.com.fi">www.fmf.com.fi</a> or on the South Pacific Stock Exchange website: <a href="www.spse.com.fi">www.spse.com.fi</a>, instead of sending hard copy printed documents by filling in the form attached to this letter.

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- a) Scanned and emailed to <a href="mailto:sandeepk@fmf.com.fi">sandeepk@fmf.com.fi</a>; or
- b) Posted / Hand delivered to the address noted below :

The Company Secretary
The Rice Company of Fiji Limited
P.O.Box 977, Leonidas Street
Walu Bay
Suva

In case you have already sent your consent in the above regard to the Company, you need not send this consent again.

If you do not wish to switch over, to the environmentally friendly mode of receiving notice and annual reports by electronic means, no action from you is required to this letter.

Best regards

Sandeep Kumar Company Secretary

#### CONSENT FOR RECEIVING NOTICES AND ANNUAL REPORT IN ELECTRONIC MODE

To

The Company Secretary
The Rice Company of Fiji Limited
P.O.Box 977, Leonidas Street
Walu Bay
Suva

Dear Sir,

I/We shareholder (s) of The Rice Company of Fiji Limited, agree to receive all notices and documents including the Annual Report, Notice for General Meetings and other Shareholders Communication, from time to time, in electronic mode and to have access to such documents published on the South Pacific Stock Exchange website: <a href="https://www.spse.com.fj">www.spse.com.fj</a> or on the Company's website: <a href="https://www.fmf.com.fj">www.fmf.com.fj</a>

I/We request you to kindly register my/our below mentioned email id in the Company's records for sending such communication through e-mail.

Share Folio No	
Name of the Sole / First Shareholder :_	
Name of the Joint Shareholders (if any)	:
No. of shares held	:
E-mail id for receipt of documents	
in electronic mode	:
Date:	
Place:	Signature:
	(Sole/ First Shareholder)

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#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Mr.Gary Callaghan - Chairman & Independent Director

Mr.Rohit Punja- Executive Director

Mr.Ram Bajekal- Managing Director

Mr.Pramesh Sharma -Non- Executive Director

#### CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER & COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr. Sandeep Kumar

#### **AUDITORS**

M/S BDO, Chartered Accountants, Suva.

#### **SOLICITORS**

M/s. Sherani & Co.

#### **BANKERS**

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited Suva.

#### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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Email: registry@spse.com.fj

#### NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Rice Company of Fiji Limited will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 3.00 p.m., at the Board Room at Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation, 42 Gorrie Street, Suva, Fiji, to transact the following business: -

#### **General Business**

#### Item No.1 - Confirmation of Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the previous AGM of the Company held on October 30, 2017.

#### **Ordinary Business**

#### Item No.2 - Adoption of Audited Financial Statements

To receive, consider and adopt the financial statements of the Company for the year ended June 30, 2018, including the audited statement of financial position as at June 30, 2018, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended on that date and the report of the Board of Directors ('the Board') and Auditors thereon.

#### Item No.3 - Appointment of Director

To appoint a Director in place of Mr.Rohit Punja, who retires by rotation and being eligible in accordance with Article 100 of the Articles of Association of the Company, offers himself for reappointment.

#### Item No.4 - Appointment of Auditors

To appoint Auditors in accordance with Section 422 of the Companies Act, 2015, to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until conclusion of the next AGM at a remuneration as may be mutually agreed between the Board and the Auditors. The retiring Auditors M/s. BDO, Chartered Accountants, being eligible, offer themselves for appointment.

#### **Any Other Business**

Any other business brought up in conformity with the Articles of Association of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors

19th September 2018

Registered Office: Leonidas Street, Walu Bay, Suva

# Sandeep Kumar K Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary

#### **PROXIES**

- 1. A member who is unable to attend the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote on his behalf. The proxy need not be a member of the company.
- 2. A proxy form is enclosed with this Annual Report. To be effective the form must reach the registered office of the company, no less than 48 hours before the time for holding the meeting.

#### **Explanatory Notes:**

#### **ORDINARY BUSINESS:**

#### Item No.2 - Adoption of Audited Financial Statements

The audited statement of financial position as at June 30, 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended on that date, together with the Report of the Board of Directors and Independent Auditors' Report thereon, included in the 2018 Annual Report is for the Shareholders to read prior to the meeting.

As stipulated in the Articles of Association of the Company, it is a requirement that the Shareholders present at the AGM receive and adopt the above mentioned Statements and Reports.

#### Item No.3 - Appointment of Directors

In accordance with Article 99 and 100 of the Articles of Association of the Company, one third of the Directors, based on serving longest in office since their last appointment, shall retire from office and a retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election. Based on this, Mr.Rohit Punja would retire by rotation and is eligible to be re-elected.

Mr. Rohit Punja carries rich experience in the manufacturing sector and is also an Executive Director of the Company. He did his education in Tasmania and India and has also completed a work training in Tea Tasting and Tea Grading in Sri Lanka. Mr. Rohit currently holds Directorship in Hari Punja & Sons Ltd., FMF Group Companies and Chairmanship in Camira Holdings Ltd., TD Punja & Company Ltd., Fiesty Ltd., and Wailoaloa Developments Ltd.

The Board proposes that Mr.Rohit Punja be re-elected as Director of the Company.

#### Item No.4 - Appointment of Auditors

The Board proposes that M/s. BDO, Chartered Accountants be re-appointed as the Auditors of the Company until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and that the Board be authorised to fix their remuneration.

The retiring Auditors M/s. BDO have consented in writing to act as Auditors and offer themselves for re-appointment.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

#### **Dear Shareholders**

In my last year's Report, I had mentioned about the shift seen in the consumption pattern of staples from root crops to other forms of carbohydrates in the aftermath of severe tropical cyclone Winston. Slowly but surely, the economy has been recovering from this catastrophic event and supplies of root crops started to normalise around mid-2017, reversing the trend mentioned above. It may be pertinent to note that the overall sales volume of rice during the year under review marginally surpassed the volume that was recorded during the pre-TC Winston period.

The Sales during financial year 2017-18 reduced by 6% to \$27.83 million from \$29.56 million a year ago. The net profit for the financial year under review was \$2.54 million in comparison to \$3.19 million in the previous financial year.

The reduction in profit was mainly due to lower revenues and an upward revision in 'Management and Support charges' levied by FMF Foods Ltd. to defray the production, selling and administration support charges which was last revised eight years ago.

The Company declared an increased dividend of 35 cents per share compared to last year's 30 cents per share, resulting in an outflow of \$2.1 million (\$1.80 million last year).

#### **Outlook:**

The Fijian economy is expected to grow by 3.2% in 2018 and by 3.4% in 2019, with inflation expected to be stabilised at around 3% by this year end.

On the rice production front, world paddy production is forecasted to grow by 1.4% in 2018 with production increase mainly from Asia, including Vietnam and Thailand which predominantly supply rice to Fiji. Global rice utilisation is forecasted to grow marginally at 1% in year 2018/19 with the increase linked to a marginal increase in per-capita consumption. However, the international rice prices have been on an upward movement mainly due to higher import demand from Asian buyers mainly Indonesia and Philippines, United States and Europe. Further, shortfall of Thai fragrant rice (Jasmine) production has also caused a price increase in that segment.

Looking forward, we expect a revenue and profit similar to the year under review, though the overall sales volume is expected to be lower. However, we are constantly looking for opportunities to ride the growth cycle despite increased competition locally.

I would like to thank our management team, our dedicated employees, suppliers, customers, partners and shareholders for their unabated support and faith in the company. We look forward to your continued support in the coming years.

Gary Callaghan Chairman

Sincerely

19th September 2018

#### **Corporate Governance**

In June 2008, the Capital Markets Development Authority (now the Capital Markets Unit of Reserve Bank of Fiji) published the corporate Governance Code for the Capital Market (The Code). The Code articulates 10 core principles together with the best practice recommendations. This code is the basis for the Rice Company of Fiji's (RCF) corporate governance standards.

On a continuous basis RCF has reviewed its existing policies and has codified / modified policies in line with its goal to improve the standard of corporate governance.

#### Role of the Board

The role of the Board is to assume accountability for the success of the company by taking responsibility for its direction and management in order to meet its objective of enhancing shareholder value.

#### The Board

Directors are elected by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting. One third of the total strength of the Board, retire by rotation each year and are eligible for re-election. Casual vacancies during the year are filled up by the Board till the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

As at the Balance date, the Directors in Office were Messrs.Rohit Punja (Executive Director), Ram Bajekal (Managing Director), Gary Callaghan and Pramesh Sharma.

#### Meetings of the Board

The regular business of the Board during its meetings covers business investments and strategic matters, governance and compliance, the Managing Directors Report, financial report and performance of the Company.

During the Financial Year under review the Board met 4 times. The Members' attendance at the Board meetings, during the financial year is given below:

DIRECTOR	Number of Meeting Entitled to Attend	Number of Meetings Attended	Apologies Received
Mr.Gary Callaghan (Chairman and Independent Director)	4	4	N/A
Mr.Rohit Punja (Executive Director)	4	4	N/A
Mr.Ram Bajekal (Managing Director)	4	4	N/A
Mr.Pramesh Sharma (Non-Executive Director)	4	4	N/A

#### **Sub-committees of the Board**

The Board has formally constituted two sub-committees; viz

- The Audit and Finance Committee and
- The Share Transfer Committee.

As at the Balance date, the Audit and Finance Committee comprised Messrs.Rohit Punja, Gary Callaghan and Ram Bajekal.

The Audit and Finance Committee is responsible for monitoring RCF's financial strategies, reviewing the internal audit reports, monitoring the external audit of the company's affairs, reviewing the financial statements, and monitoring the company's compliance with applicable laws and stock exchange requirements.

The Executive management under the directions of this Committee, is also responsible for monitoring the Risk Management to ensure that key business and operational risks are identified and appropriate controls and procedures are put in place to manage those risks.

This sub-committee met four times during the financial year under review. The Executive Management usually takes its major decisions in consultation with the members of the sub-committee, where necessary.

As at the Balance date, the Share Transfer Committee comprised Messrs. Rohit Punja, Gary Callaghan and Ram Bajekal. The Share Transfer Committee is responsible for approval of share transfers between the shareholders of the company. The Share transfer committee met 4 times during the year under review.

#### Responses to the Guidelines on Corporate Governance issued by Reserve Bank of Fiji:

Principle	Company's response
Establish clear responsibilities for Board Oversight	Covered above
Constitute an effective Board	Covered above
Appointment of a Managing Director (MD)	The Board has appointed a suitably qualified and competent Managing Director entrusted with substantial powers of management of the affairs of the Company. He is a professionally qualified Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and has also studied Management as a Fulbright Fellow for Management Studies at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, U.S.A.
Board and Company Secretary	The company has appointed a suitably qualified and competent Company Secretary. He is a professionally qualified Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and an Associate Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India.
Timely and Balanced disclosure	Board meetings are held at least once in every quarter of the year. The Board is apprised of the Company's performance and major decisions are deliberated and passed at Board level. Progress on carrying out strategies is reviewed at these meetings.
Promote ethical and responsible decision - making	RCF promotes and believes that all Directors and Employees uphold high standards, honesty, fairness and equity in all aspects of their employment and association with the Company.
Register of Interests	The Company maintains a Register of Interest wherein the interests of Directors are noted.
Respect the rights of Shareholders	An Annual General Meeting is held every year in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.  The Annual report is also published each year and circulated to the shareholders of the Company.
Accountability and Audit	RCF is audited externally each year and receives an independent audit report which forms part of the Annual Report.  The Audit and Finance Committee is responsible for overseeing the financial reporting and disclosure process, performance and independence of the external auditors, monitoring internal control processes, reviewing adequacy of the internal audit function and discussing risk management policies and practices with management.
Recognize and Manage Risk	The Executive Management of the Company ensures that key business and operational risks are identified and appropriate controls and procedures are put in place to manage those risks.

#### THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, the directors herewith submit the statement of financial position of The Rice Company of Fiji Limited ("the Company") as at 30 June 2018 and the related statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and report as follows:

#### 1 Directors

The following were Directors of the Company at any time during the financial year and up to the date of this report:

- Gary Callaghan Chairman
- Rohit Punja Executive Director
- Ram Bajekal Managing Director
- Pramesh Sharma

#### 2 Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company during the year was that of importing bulk rice as a finished good, cleaning, repacking and selling in different pack sizes. There was no significant change in the nature of this activity during the financial year.

#### 3 Trading results

The profit after income tax for the year was \$2.54m (2017: \$3.19m).

#### 4 Dividends

During the year, the Company has declared an interim dividend of \$2.10m (2017: \$1.80m). No further dividend is recommended for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

#### 5 Going concern

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared on a going concern basis. We consider the application of the going concern principle to be appropriate in the preparation of these financial statements as we believe that the Company has adequate funds to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due over the next twelve months.

#### 6 Bad and doubtful debts

The Directors took reasonable steps before the financial statements were made out, to ascertain that all known bad debts were written off and adequate allowance was made for doubtful debts. At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances which would render the amount written off for bad debts, or the amount of the allowance for doubtful debts, inadequate to any substantial extent.

#### THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (Cont'd)**

#### 7 Current assets

The Directors took reasonable steps before the financial statements were made out to ascertain that the current assets of the Company were shown in the accounting records of the Company at a value equal to or below the value that would be expected to be realised in the ordinary course of the business. At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances which would render the values attributable to the current assets in the Company's financial statements misleading.

#### 8 Events subsequent to balance date

No charge on the assets of the Company has arisen since the end of the financial year to the date of this report to secure the liabilities of any other person.

No contingent liability has arisen since the end of the financial year to the date of this report.

No contingent or other liability has become enforceable or is likely to become enforceable within a period of twelve months after the date of this report which, in the opinion of the Directors, will or may affect the ability of the Company to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

#### 9 Related party transactions

In the opinion of the Directors all related party transactions have been adequately recorded in the books of the Company.

#### 10 Other circumstances

At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances not otherwise dealt with in this report or financial statements which would render any amounts stated in the financial statements misleading.

#### 11 Unusual transactions

The results of the Company's operations during the year have not in the opinion of the Directors been substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

#### THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (Cont'd)**

#### 12 Directors' benefits

No Director of the Company has, since the end of the previous financial year, received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than a benefit included in the total amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by Directors as shown in the Company's financial statements) by reason of any contracts made by the Company with the Director or with a firm of which he is a Member, or with a company in which he has substantial financial interest.

Interest of directors and any additions thereto during the year, in the ordinary shares of the Company are as follows:

	Beneficially Non-Benefic			neficially
Directors	Additions during the year	Holding as at 30 June 2018	Additions during Holding as at 30 the year June 2018	
Gary Callaghan	-	12,500	-	4,595,900
Rohit Punja	-	-	-	4,595,900

For and on behalf of the Board and in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated this 19th day of September 2018.

Director

Director

#### THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

#### **DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The declaration by Directors is required by the Companies Act, 2015.

The Directors of the Company have made a resolution that declares:

- a) In the opinion of the Directors, the financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2018:
  - i) comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2018 and of the performance and cash flows of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2018; and
  - ii) have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act, 2015;
- b) The directors have received independence declaration by auditors as required by Section 395 of the Companies Act, 2015; and
- c) At the date of this declaration, in the opinion of the Directors, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

For and on behalf of the Board and in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Dated this 19thday of September 2018.

Director Director



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#### AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

As auditor for the audit of The Rice Company of Fiji Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2018, I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Companies Act, 2015 in relation to the audit; and
- b) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

BDO CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Wathsala Suraweera Partner Suva, Fiji

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19 September 2018



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To the Shareholders of The Rice Company of Fiji Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Rice Company of Fiji Limited (the company) which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 2018, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting standards (IFRS).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountant's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Fiji and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Key Audit Matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, are of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current year. We have determined in our professional judgement that there are no matters to report as key audit matters.

#### Other Information

The Management and Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information that we received comprise listing requirements of South Pacific Stock Exchange included in the Annual Report of the company for the year ended 30 June 2018 but does not include the financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based upon the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### To the Shareholders of The Rice Company of Fiji Limited (Cont'd)

#### Responsibilities of the Management and Directors for the Financial Statements

The Management and Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS and the Companies Act, 2015, and for such internal control as the Management and Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Management and Directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management and Directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Management and Directors are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud and error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISA, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due
  to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit
  evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not
  detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from
  error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the
  override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an
  opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management's and Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures, are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

To the Shareholders of The Rice Company of Fiji Limited (Cont'd)

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Cont'd)

We communicate with the Management and Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the management and directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Management and Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In our opinion, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2015 in all material respects, and;

- we have been given all information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit; and
- b) the company have kept financial records sufficient to enable the financial statements to be prepared and audited.

BDO

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Wathsala Suraweera

Partner Suva, Fiji

19 September 2018

# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

#### THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

	Notes	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Revenue	6	27,825	29,555
Other operating income Changes in inventories of finished goods Raw materials and consumables used Operating expenses	7	152 (424) (23,155) (1,844)	525 (54) (25,150) (1,478)
Profit from operations	_	2,554	3,398
Finance income Finance cost	8 8	291 (18)	190 (48)
Profit before income tax	9 _	2,827	3,540
Income tax expense	11(a)	(283)	(354)
Profit for the year	_	2,544	3,186
Other comprehensive income	_	-	
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	2,544	3,186
Earnings per share – Basic and Diluted (Cents)	10	42.40	53.10

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

13,883

13,439

THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED	STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUN	OF FINANCIAL I E 2018	POSITION
	Notes	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Current assets			
Cash at bank	15	7,010	6,711
Trade receivables	12	3,188	3,123
Prepayments and other receivables	12	205	202
Inventories	13	3,180	3,682
Current income tax assets	11(b)	146	13
Amounts owing by related companies	20(g)	635	-
Total current assets	_	14,364	13,731
Non-current assets			
Deferred income tax assets	11(c)	22	20
Total non-current assets	_	22	20
Total assets	_	14,386	13,751
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	14	484	250
Amounts owing to related companies	20(g)	19	62
Total current liabilities	_	503	312
Total liabilities	_	503	312
Net assets	<u> </u>	13,883	13,439
Equity			
Share capital	16	3,000	3,000
Retained earnings	. 3	10,883	10,439
Tetaliloa carriingo	<del></del>	10,000	10,409

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

For and on behalf of the Board and in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Dated this 19 day of September 2018.

**Total equity** 

Director Director

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Share capital \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance as at 1 July 2016	3,000	9,053	12,053
Profit for the year	-	3,186	3,186
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Dividends declared (Note 17)	-	(1,800)	(1,800)
Balance as at 30 June 2017	3,000	10,439	13,439
Profit for the year	-	2,544	2,544
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Dividends declared (Note 17)	-	(2,100)	(2,100)
Balance as at 30 June 2018	3,000	10,883	13,883

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers	27,340 (24,796)	31,014 (27,180)
Cash generated from operations	2,544	3,834
Interest received Interest paid Income tax and withholding tax paid	291 (18) (418)	190 (48) (334)
Net cash provided by operating activities	2,399	3,642
Cash flows from investing activities		
Advances to related parties (Note 20(d)) Proceeds from related parties advances Advances received from related parties (Note 20(e)) Repayment of advances from related parties	(9,700) 9,700 4,600 (4,600)	(16,500) 16,500 2,400 (2,400)
Net cash from investing activities	-	
Cash flows from financing activities		
Payment of dividends	(2,100)	(1,800)
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,100)	(1,800)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	299	1,842
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	6,711	4,869
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year (Note 15)	7,010	6,711

The above statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

#### 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

#### (a) Corporate information

The Rice Company of Fiji Limited is a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in Fiji. The registered office and principal place of business is located at Lot 2, Leonidas Street, Walu Bay, Suva. The company is listed on the South Pacific Stock Exchange.

#### (b) Principal activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of importing bulk rice as a finished good, cleaning, repacking and selling in different pack sizes. There was no significant change in the nature of this activity during the financial year.

#### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost convention. Historical cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

In the application of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstance, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. Judgements made by management in the application of IFRS that have significant effects on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustments in the next year are disclosed, where applicable, in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

The areas involving higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are critical to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 5.

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

#### (b) Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2015.

#### (c) Comparatives

Where necessary, amounts relating to prior years have been reclassified to facilitate comparison and achieve consistency in disclosure with current year amounts.

#### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (Cont'd)

#### (d) Changes in accounting policies

New and amended standards adopted by the company

There are no IFRSs or IFRS IC interpretations that are effective for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1 July 2017 that have a material impact on the company.

New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not effective for the financial year beginning 1 July 2017 and not early adopted

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for financial year beginning 1 July 2017 and have not been early adopted by the company. The impact and interpretation of these new standards is set out below.

#### IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

Addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial ilabilities. It replaces the guidance in IAS 39 that relates to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. IFRS 9 retains but simplifies the mixed measurement model and establishes three primary measurement categories for financial assets: amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income and fair value through profit or loss. The basis of classification depends on the entity's business model and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset. Investments in equity instruments are required to be measured at fair value through profit or loss with the irrevocable option at inception to present changes in fair value in other comprehensive income not recycling.

There is now a new expected credit losses model that replaces the incurred loss impairment model used in IAS 39. For financial liabilities there were no changes to classification and measurement except for the recognition of changes in own credit risk in other comprehensive income, for liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. The standard is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. Early adoption is permitted.

#### IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers

This standard deals with revenue recognition and establishes principles for reporting useful information to users of financial statements about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. Revenue is recognised when a customer obtains control of a good or service and thus has the ability to direct the use and obtain the benefits from the good or service. The standard replaces IAS 18 'Revenue' and IAS 11 'Construction contracts' and related interpretations. The standard is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. Early adoption is permitted.

#### IFRS 16 Leases

Replaces the current guidance in IAS 17. Under IFRS 16, a contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Under IAS 17, a lessee was required to make a distinction between a finance lease (on balance sheet) and an operating lease (off balance sheet). IFRS 16 now requires a lessee to recognise a lease liability reflecting future lease payments and a 'right-of-use asset' for virtually all lease contracts. Included is an optional exemption for certain short-term leases and leases of low-value assets; however, this exemption can only be applied by lessees. The standard is effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Early adoption is permitted but only in conjunction with IFRS 15, 'Revenue from contracts with customers.

The company is yet to assess the impact of the above standards and intends to adopt the standards no later than the accounting period in which they become effective.

#### 3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted by the company are stated to assist in a general understanding of these financial statements. The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous year except as stated otherwise.

#### (a) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at banks, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

#### (b) Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are declared by the company's directors.

#### (c) Earnings per share

#### (a) Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) is determined by dividing profit after income tax attributable to shareholders of the company by the number of ordinary shares as at balance date.

#### (b) Diluted earnings per share

Diluted EPS is the same as the basic EPS as there are no ordinary shares which are considered dilutive.

#### (d) Financial assets

The company has trade and other receivables under its financial assets category. Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date. These are classified as non-current assets. The company's receivables are disclosed in the statement of financial position (Note 12 and 20 (g)). Bad Debts are written off during the period in which they are identified.

#### (e) Foreign currency transactions

#### Functional and presentation currency

The company operates in Fiji and hence its financial statements are presented in Fiji dollars, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

#### Transactions and balances

All foreign currency transactions during the financial year are brought to account using the exchange rate in effect at the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

#### 3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (f) Income tax

Income tax expense represents the sum of the current income tax payable and deferred income taxes.

#### Current income tax

Current income tax is calculated by reference to the amount of income taxes payable or recoverable in respect of the taxable profit or tax loss for the year. It is calculated using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. Current income tax for current and prior years is recognised as a liability or asset to the extent that it is unpaid or refundable.

#### Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising from differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax base of those items.

In principle, deferred income tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable amounts will be available against which deductible temporary differences or unused tax losses and tax offsets can be utilised. However, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences giving rise to them arise from the initial recognition of assets and liabilities (other than as a result of a business combination) which affects neither taxable profit nor accounting profit.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the periods when the asset and liability giving rise to them are realised or settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. The measurement of deferred income tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the company expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

#### Current and deferred income tax for the period

Current and deferred income tax is recognised as an expense or income in profit or loss, except when it relates to items credited or debited directly to equity, in which case the deferred income tax is also recognised directly in equity.

#### (g) Inventories

Inventories comprising of raw materials, packaging materials, finished goods, spare parts and goods in transit are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable values. Costs, including an appropriate portion of fixed and variable overhead expenses, are assigned to inventory on hand by the method most appropriate to each particular class of inventory, with the majority being valued on a weighted average basis.

Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution. Cost includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing condition and location.

Inventories considered obsolete or unsaleable are written off in the year in which they are identified.

#### (h) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

#### 3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

#### (i) Revenue recognition

#### Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the company has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods. Freight inome is included as part of sale of goods.

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of rice and allied products in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Revenue is shown net of Value

#### Interest income

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis.

#### (j) Trade and other payables

Trade payables and other accounts payable are recognised when the company becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

#### (k) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are recognised at invoice amount. An allowance for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Significant financial difficulties of the debtor and default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. An allowance is raised on a specific debtor level. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss.

When a trade receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account for trade receivables. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited to other operating revenue in profit or loss.

#### (I) Allowance for doubtful debts

The company establishes an allowance for any doubtful debts based on a review of all outstanding amounts, either individually or collectively, at year end. Bad debts are written off during the period when they are identified.

#### (m) Value Added Tax

Revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities are recognised net of the amount of Value Added Tax (VAT), except:

- i) where the amount of VAT incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; and
- ii) for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of VAT.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

#### 4 RISK MANAGEMENT

The company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and other risks. The company's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the company's financial performance.

Risk management is carried out by the executive management under policies approved by the board of directors. The board provides policies for overall risk management.

#### (a) Market risk

Market risk is the exposure to adverse changes in the value of the company's trading portfolios as a result of changes in market prices or volatility or the risk that fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

#### (i) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk to earnings and value caused by a change in foreign exchange rates. Exchange rate exposures are closely managed within approved policy parameters. Changes in the exchange rate by 10% (increase or decrease) is not expected to have a significant impact on the net profit and equity balances currently reflected in the company's financial statements.

#### (ii) Interest rate risk

During the year, the company had obtained and given short term interest-bearing advances to its related parties. All inter-company (related parties) advances were settled as at year end. For external borrowings, the company negotiates an appropriate interest rate with banks and other lenders with the board approval and borrows from banks and other financial institutions which offers the overall favourable terms, including the interest rate.

The risks are managed closely by the directors and the management within the approved policy parameters. The company is not exposed to significant interest rate risk.

#### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk is managed by management with board oversight. Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, as well as credit exposures to customers, including outstanding receivables. As part of its risk control procedures, an assessment of the credit quality of a new customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors, is carried out prior to the credit approval. Individual credit risk limits are then set based on the assessments done. The utilisation of credit limits is regularly monitored. Credit sales to retail customers are settled in either cash or cheques.

The company does not have any significant credit risk exposure to any single counterparty or any group of counterparties having similar characteristics. The company's maximum exposure to credit risk is limited to the carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements.

#### 4 RISK MANAGEMENT (Cont'd)

#### (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations for its financial liabilities. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash to meet the company's present obligations.

The company manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, banking facilities and by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows. All of the company's financial liabilities, being trade and other payables as at balance date, are expected to be settled within the next 12 months.

#### (d) Other risks

#### i) Regulatory risk

The company's profitability can be significantly impacted by regulatory agencies established which govern the business sector in Fiji. Specifically retail and wholesale prices are regulated by Fijian Competition & Consumer Commission.

#### ii) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, and fraud. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial crisis. The company cannot expect to eliminate all operational risk, but through a control framework and by monitoring and responding to potential risks, the company is able to manage risks. Controls include effective segregation of duties, access, authorisation and reconciliation procedures, staff education and assessment procedures.

#### 5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In application of the company's accounting policies, which are described in Note 3, the directors and the management are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The company does not have any significant areas of estimation, uncertainly and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

6	REVENUE		
		2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
	Rice and rice offals – net of discounts & rebates	27,825	29,555
7	OTHER OPERATING INCOME		
		2018	2017
		\$'000	\$'000
	Exchange gain	117	168
	Sundry income	35	357
		152	525

#### 8 FINANCE INCOME AND COSTS

Finance income and costs relate to interest on advances to and from related companies during the year (refer Note 20(d) and (e)) and interest charged on bank overdraft.

The bank overdraft is secured by:

- i) First registered mortgage debenture over all assets of the company including any uncalled and unpaid premiums.
- ii) Cross guarantee between the holding company, FMF Foods Limited, and its subsidiaries: The Rice Company of Fiji Limited, FMF Investment Company Limited, Pea Industries Fiji Limited, Biscuit Company of (Fiji) Limited, DHF Limited, Atlantic & Pacific Packaging Company Limited, FMF Snax Limited, FMF Confectionary Limited and Bakery Company (Fiji) Limited.

The bank overdraft is fully interchangeable between FMF Foods Limited, The Rice Company of Fiji Limited, FMF Investment Company Limited, Pea Industries Fiji Limited, Biscuit Company of (Fiji) Limited, DHF Limited, Atlantic & Pacific Packaging Company Limited, FMF Snax Limited and FMF Confectionary Limited.

#### 9

PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Profit before income tax has been determined after charging the fol	llowing expenses:	
Auditor's remuneration for:		
- Audit fees	11	10
- Taxation and other services	2	2
Management and administrative support services	879	296

### THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

10	EARNINGS PER SHARE		
		2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
	Net profit for the year	2,544	3,186
	Number of ordinary shares issued ('000)	6,000	6,000
	Basic and diluted earnings per share (Cents)	42.40	53.10
11	INCOME TAX	2018	2017
a)	Income tax expense	\$'000	\$'000
	The prima facie tax on profit is reconciled to the income tax expenses as	follows:	
	Profit before income tax	2,827	3,540
	Prima facie tax thereon at 10%	283	354
	Income tax expense attributable to profit	283	354
	Income tax expense comprises movements in: Current income tax asset Deferred income tax asset	285 (2)	361 (7)
	_	283	354_
b)	Current income tax assets		
	Movements during the year were as follows:		
	Opening balance Income tax and withholding tax paid Tax liability for the year	13 418 (285)	40 334 (361)
	Closing balance	146	13
c)	Deferred income tax assets		
	Deferred income tax assets comprises of the following:		
	Allowance for doubtful debts	22	20
	Total deferred income tax assets	22	20

386

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(18)

1,419

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3,180

810

2

(1)

1,380

1,491

3,682

#### THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

Finished goods

Goods-in-transit

Stock provision

Total inventories

Spare parts

Raw and packing materials

12	TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
12	TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
		\$ 000	\$ 000
	Trade receivables comprises of the following:		
	Trade receivables	3,414	3,322
	Less: allowance for doubtful debts	(226)	(199)
	Trade receivables, net	3,188	3,123
	Trade receivables principally comprise amounts outstanding	for sale of packed rice.	
	Ageing of trade receivables past due but not impaired:		
	Upto 2 months	788	655
	Over 2 months	17	29
	Total	805	684
	Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are generall	y settled on 0 – 30 days terms.	
	Prepayments and other receivables comprises of the following	ng:	
	Prepayments	120	61
	VAT receivables	85	141
	Prepayments and other receivables, net	205	202
	Movement in the allowance for doubtful debts of trade and o	other receivables are as follows:	
	Opening balance	199	129
	Bad debts written-off	(36)	(46)
	Impairment losses recognised on receivables	63	116
	Closing balance	226	199
13	INVENTORIES		
		2018	2017
		\$'000	\$'000

#### THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED

14	TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2018	2017
		\$'000	\$'000
	Trade payables	219	108
	Other payables and accruals Dividend payable	234 31	111 31
	Total trade and other payables	484	250
	Trade payables principally comprise amounts outstanding for Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled		joing costs.
15	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
		2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
	Cash and cash equivalents included in the statement of cash flo financial position amounts:	ws comprise the following s	tatement of
	Cash at bank	7,010	6,711
	Total cash and cash equivalents	7,010	6,711
16	SHARE CAPITAL		
		2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
	Issued and paid up capital 6,000,000 ordinary shares	3,000	3,000
17	DIVIDENDS		
		2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
	Interim dividend	2,100	1,800
	Dividends per share (cents)	35	30
18	COMMITMENTS		
	Capital expenditure commitments as at 30 June 2018 were \$Nil	(2017: \$Nil).	
19	CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		
		2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
(a)	Letters of credit	1,148	1,326
(b)	As disclosed in Note 8 to the financial statements, the compared borrowings by the holding company. EME Foods Limited and et		

borrowings by the holding company, FMF Foods Limited, and other fellow subsidiary companies.

#### 20 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

2018 2017 \$'000 \$'000

#### (a) Holding company and ultimate holding company

The holding company is FMF Foods Limited, a company incorporated in Fiji. The holding company is listed on the South Pacific Stock Exchange.

The penultimate holding company is Hari Punja and Sons Limited.

The ultimate holding company is Hari Punja Nominees Limited.

#### (b) Directors

The names of persons who were directors of the company at any time during the financial year are as follows:

- Gary Callaghan Chairman
- Rohit Punja Executive Director
- Ram Bajekal Managing Director
- Pramesh Sharma

#### (c) Transactions with related companies

Significant transactions (aggregating over \$0.01m) with related companies are summarized as follows:

Relationship	Nature of transactions		
Holding company	Management and admin support charges	879	296
	Interest income	148	129
	Interest expense	-	23
Fellow subsidiaries	Storage expenses	234	280
	Purchase of packaging materials	221	184
	Interest income	127	61
	Interest expense	7	25

#### (d) Advances to related companies

During the year, on call interest-bearing advances were given to related companies as follows:

Holding company	8,200	9,500
Fellow subsidiaries	1,500	7,000
	9,700	16,500

#### 20 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (Cont'd)

2018 2017 \$'000 \$'000

#### (e) Advances from related companies

During the year on call interest-bearing advances were obtained from the following related companies as follows:

Holding company	<del>-</del>	1,000
Fellow subsidiaries	4,600	1,400
	4,600	2,400

#### (f) Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of that entity.

Management and Administrative Support services were provided by the holding company, FMF Foods Limited (refer Note 20(c)). Management services provided by the holding company include planning, directing and controlling the overall operating activities of the company.

#### (g) Amounts receivable from/ (payable to) related companies

Amounts receivable from related companies include the following:

Holding company	625	-
Fellow subsidiaries	10	
	635	
Amounts payable to related companies include the following:		
Holding company	-	23
Fellow subsidiaries	19	39
	19	62

#### 21 EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

No charge on the assets of the company has arisen since the end of the financial year to the date of this report to secure the liabilities of any other person.

No contingent liability has arisen since the end of the financial year to the date of this report.

No contingent or other liability has become enforceable or is likely to become enforceable within a period of twelve months after the date of this report which, in the opinion of the directors, will or may affect the ability of the company to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

#### 22 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 19 September 2018.

## THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF SOUTH PACIFIC STOCK EXCHANGE (UNAUDITED AND NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE IN THE ANNUAL REPORT)

## (a) Schedule of each class of equity security, in compliance with listing requirements under section 6.31 (iv):

Shareholdings of those persons holding twenty (20) largest blocks of shares:

NAME	No. of Shares	%
FMF FOODS LIMITED	4,500,000	75.00
UNIT TRUST OF FIJI (TRUSTEE COMPANY) LTD	499,292	8.32
BSP LIFE (FIJI) LIMITED	314,500	5.24
HARI PUNJA & SONS LIMITED	95,900	1.60
CARLISLE (FIJI) LIMITED	95,900	1.60
FIJI NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND	62,302	1.04
KUNDAN SINGH & SONS HOLDINGS	40,000	0.67
FHL TRUSTEES LIMITED ATF FIJIAN HOLDINGS UNIT TRUST	23,104	0.39
FIJICARE INSURANCE LIMITED	22,000	0.37
EST OF MR.RATU SIR KAMISESE MARA	20,000	0.33
RADIKE QEREQERETABUA OF	20,000	0.33
PLATINUM INSURANCE LIMITED	19,700	0.33
LEO & JUSTIN SMITH	17,500	0.29
BHUPINDER KAUR LATEEF	13,000	0.22
GRAHAM EDEN	12,878	0.21
GARY STANLEY CALLAGHAN	12,500	0.21
GYNANDRA NAICKER, HARI RAJ NAICKER & KAMLA WATI NAICKER	12,000	0.20
PRAVIN PATEL	11,862	0.20
PUSHPA WATI KAPADIA	11,000	0.18
PARSHU RAM	10,000	0.17

## (b) Schedule of each class of equity security, in compliance with listing requirements under section 6.31 (v):

Distribution of ordinary shareholders:

NO. OF HOLDERS	HOLDINGS	%
17	1 to 500 shares	0.08
68	501 to 5,000 shares	2.34
6	5,001 to 10,000 shares	0.85
10	10,001 to 20,000 shares	2.51
2	20,001 to 30,000 shares	0.75
1	30,001 to 40,000 shares	0.67
3	50,001 to 100,000 shares	4.24
2	100,001 to 1,000,000 shares	13.56
1	Over 1,000,000 shares	75.00
110		100.00

# THE RICE COMPANY OF FIJI LIMITED LISTING REQUIREMENTS OF SOUTH PACIFIC STOCK EXCHANGE (UNAUDITED AND NOT INCLUDED ELSEWHERE IN THE ANNUAL REPORT) (Cont'd)

#### (c) Disclosure under Section 6.31 (xii):

Summary of key financial results for the previous five years for the company:

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Net profit after tax	2,544	3,186	2,681	2,981	2,132	2,057
Current assets	14,364	13,731	12,917	12,258	11,513	9,367
Non-current assets	22	20	13	6	5	9
Total assets	14,386	13,751	12,930	12,264	11,518	9,377
Current liabilities	503	312	877	1,393	2,128	918
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	503	312	877	1,393	2,128	918
Shareholders' equity	13,883	13,439	12,053	10,871	9,390	8,459

#### (d) Disclosure under Section 6.31 (xiii) (a):

Dividend declared per share:

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Cents per share	35.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	20.00

#### (e) Disclosure under Section 6.31 (xiii) (b):

#### Earnings per share:

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Cents per share	42.40	53.10	44.69	49.68	35.53	34.29

#### (f) Disclosure under Section 6.31 (xiii) (c):

Net tangible assets per share:

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Cents per share	231.38	223.98	200.87	181.18	156.51	140.98

### (g) Disclosure under Section 6.31 (xiii) (d):

	2018	2017
Share price during the year	\$	\$
Highest	4.25	3.80
Lowest	3.80	3.70
On 30th June	4.25	3.80

Minutes of the Twenty First Annual General Meeting, held on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 from 3.00 pm at the Training Room, Atlantic & Pacific Packaging Company Limited, Bounty Street, Walu Bay, Suva, Fiji.

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#### **PRESENT**

#### **Directors**

Mr. Gary Callaghan : Chairman of the Meeting

Mr. Rohit Punja : Executive Director
Mr. Ram Bajekal : Managing Director

Mr. Pramesh Sharma : Director

#### **Invitees**

Ms. Wathsala Suraweera : Partner, M/s. BDO, Statutory Auditors

Ms. Krishika Narayan : Chief Executive Officer, South Pacific Stock Exchange (Observer)

#### **Company Secretary & Chief Financial Officer**

Mr. Sandeep Kumar

#### 1. MEMBERS

Eleven members / proxy holders holding 5,597,592 shares were present during the meeting.

#### 2. APOLOGIES FROM DIRECTORS

All Directors were present in the meeting.

#### 3. CHAIRMAN

In terms of provisions of Article 63 of the Articles of Association of the Company, Mr. Gary Callaghan presided over the meeting.

#### 4. SHARE REGISTER & STATUTORY REGISTERS

The Share Register containing all the relevant details of the Shareholders of the Company and the Statutory Register were placed on the Table and remained open for inspection during the meeting.

#### 5. QUORUM

The Chairman commenced the meeting by welcoming the Members to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting. The Chairman announced that the requisite quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

### 6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2016.

The motion was proposed by Mr. Hari Raj Naicker and seconded by Mr. Maganlal Mohanlal. Thereafter, the motion was put to vote by show of hands and was passed without any objection.

#### 7. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising from earlier minutes.

### 8. ADOPTION OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30 2017

The Chairman took up the agenda item no.2 for the adoption of audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended June 30, 2017 along with report of the Board of Directors and Auditors of the Company.

Mr. Gary Callaghan proposed the motion which was seconded by Mr. Hari Raj Naicker and the same was put to vote by a show of hands and was approved nem con.

## 9. TO APPOINT MR. PRAMESH SHARMA AS A DIRECTOR, WHO RETIRES BY ROTATION AND BEING ELIGIBLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 100 OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY, OFFERS HIMSELF FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

Mr. Gary Callaghan proposed the motion for Item 3 in the Notice, which was seconded by Mr. Maganlal Mohanlal and thereafter the motion was put to vote.

By a show of hands, the meeting approved the motion and elected Mr. Pramesh Sharma as a Director of the company without any objection

#### 10. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The motion was proposed by Mr. Gary Callaghan and seconded by Mr. Hari Raj Naicker and thereafter the motion was put to vote.

By a show of hands, the meeting approved the motion and confirmed, without any objection, the appointment of retiring auditors, M/s BDO, Chartered Accountants, as the Statutory Auditors of the company to hold the office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting at a fee to be decided by the Board of Directors.

#### 11. ADOPTION OF NEW SET OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Chairman took up the Special Business under agenda item no.5 regarding the approval for adoption of new set of Articles of Association of the Company. The Chairman informed the Members that the new set of Articles of Association was necessitated in view of the introduction of Companies Act 2015 and that the revised Articles of Association was prepared based on the model Articles issued by the south Pacific Stock Exchange for listed entities.

The motion to approve the business was proposed by Mr.Hari Raj Naicker and was seconded by Mr.Maganlal Mohanlal. The below mentioned resolution was then put to vote by show of hands and was approved by the Members unanimously:

"RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of Section 46 and any other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2015, the new set of Articles of Association, submitted to this meeting, be and are hereby approved and adopted in substitution for, and to the exclusion, of the existing Articles of Association of the Company.

RESLOVED FURTHER THAT the Board of Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorized to do all acts and take all such steps as may be necessary, proper or expedient to give effect to this resolution."

#### 12. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The Chairman briefly mentioned about the operations of the Company. He informed the Members that the management and support functions of the Company were being managed by its holding Company, i.e., FMF Foods Limited and mentioned that the recovery of the charges towards the same were not reviewed and revised for a long time, though the cost for services had increased over a period of time. The Chairman mentioned that the revision of management and support charges were currently under review and that there could be an increase in the support charges effective financial year 2017-18.

Mr. Hari Raj Naicker enquired whether the shareholders can be elected as Directors of the Company. Mr. Ram took the permission from Chair and clarified that any member intending to become a Director of the Company should send his nomination to the Company at least fifteen clear days before the annual general meeting and then Company would inform the candidature to the other shareholders. It was informed that generally as a good governance practice, all such nominations would be reviewed by the Nomination Committee of the Board of Directors to be recommended for election during the AGM. It was further clarified that the nominations so received would be put to vote during the meeting and the candidate would be elected based on majority of votes received in favour of such candidate.

The meeting concluded at 3.30 pm with a vote of thanks from Mr. Hari Raj Naicker.

Sd/-Chairman

PROX	Y FORM			
	Share Folio No. No. of shares held			
I/WE		•••••	•••••	•••••
of				
being a	member(s) of THE RICE COMPANY OF (FIJI) LIMITED hereby	/		
appoint				
or failing	him/her			
held at 3	ur proxy to vote on my/our behalf at the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Genera .00 p.m. on 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 and at any adjournment therecadicated below:			
Item	Business	Vote (optional see note 1)		e 1)
No. Genera	I Business	For	Against	Abstain
1.	To confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017			
Ordinar	y Business	1	<u> </u>	
2.	Adoption of Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2018 including Balance Sheet, Statement Profit & Loss and the report of the Board of Directors and Auditors			
3.	Appointment of Director in place of Mr.Rohit Punja who retires by rotation and being eligible, seeks re-appointment			
4.	Appointment of Messrs. BDO as Auditors of the Company			
	ess to my/our hands thisday of2018, a			
In the pr	esence of (Witnessed by)			
2.	Please put a tick mark ( $$ ) in the appropriate column against the roptional to indicate your preference. If you leave the 'for', 'against' all of the resolutions, your Proxy will be entitled to vote in the mann Where more than one box against same item is ticked, the vote will This form, in order to be effective, should be duly completed, sign office of the Company, not less than 48 hours before the Annual Go In the case of a body corporate, this form should be under its Se attorney duly authorized by it.	or 'abstain' ber as he/shebe invalid or be invalid or led, and dependental Meetin	ox blank ag may deem an that item. osited at the ng.	ainst any or appropriate. e registered
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