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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBJECT: COVID-19 UPDATE

Pleass Global Limited announced our COVID preparedness plans last year in March and we have had occasion to put those plans back into action over recent weeks, with Lautoka, Nadi and the greater Suva areas under containment and recently lockdown arrangements. We have continued to operate at Namosi, under the "AquaSafe® Bubble" site arrangement and this has served the company well to protect our staff from potential infection and to ensure the business can operate with key staff not isolated from the business by the movement restrictions while being isolated from infection risk. Since April 25th we have had a core team of staff working and living at site with no movement ensuring the safety of our staff, business and customers. PGL established its COVID-19 response policy in 2020 and we have maintained our safe working practices ever since so we were well prepared for this second wave of infections.

We acknowledge the work of the Fiji Police, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport in assisting with permissions to operate, logistics transfers at 'borders' and other assistance. This has been smooth and efficient during the containment and lockdowns and enabled us to continue to supply both domestic and export customers. We are grateful for this support.

We also salute the efforts of the frontline workers serving the country during the crisis and this week we supported their efforts with a truckload of AquaSafe® water donated to the Ministry of Health.

Management is focused on protecting the business, as far as possible, from the impacts of this crisis and we have taken significant cost control measures to reduce our exposure. It is a reality though, that a significant part of our revenue will be affected by the discontinuance of flights and closure of hotels and resorts. Tourism, being a significant part of our business, resulted in shrinkage of the domestic market along with the continuing decline in consumer spending.

PGL is currently operating, albeit with reduced staff and within the government mandated restrictions. We are pleased with strong export and domestic demand and we have taken measures to protect the business from the impacts of the operating environment and maintain standards in every respect. Customers can rest assured their bottle of VaiWai® or AquaSafe® Natural Artesian Water is as pure as the Namosi rainforest and as great tasting as always, with full confidence Pleass Global will not let them down.



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We continue to be buoyed by our staff's enthusiasm and desire to support the business and we shall keep the market well-informed as we progress through this challenging period. We are pleased to report that all our site staff have had their first vaccination.

Regarding the 2021 AGM, in due course, we will announce arrangements for holding it while complying with the SPX requirements as well as the COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

End of announcement.

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