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Market Announcement

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COVID-19 SECOND WAVE – MARKET UPDATE, DIVIDENDS & AGM

In response to the request from the SPX to all SPX-listed entities, Paradise Beverages (Fiji) Limited (**PBF**), Fiji's leading alcoholic beverages manufacturer, provides the below update in relation to the second wave of COVID-19 in Fiji.

MARKET UPDATE

At the first signs of the impact of COVID-19 in early March 2020, PBF implemented cross-functional business continuity and pandemic plans to ensure the health and safety of its people, support its customers and maintain continuity of its operations. These plans have been continuously reviewed to align and comply with the ever changing COVID-19 environment and business requirements.

As the second wave of COVID-19 hit the country, Rum Co of Fiji and the Fiji Brewery ceased operations immediately as our businesses are considered non-essential under directives received from Ministry of Health. Subsequently Rum Co of Fiji was granted approval to continue producing hand sanitiser to assist the country and the Ministry of Health in its fight against the pandemic, and has since supplied over 8000 litres of sanitiser to the Ministry of Health since 19 April 2021. The Fiji Brewery has been closed for all operations since 26 April 2021. The current lockdowns are expected to have an adverse impact on PBF's financial performance, although this is difficult to accurately forecast at this stage due to future uncertainties. PBF is exploring all avenues to assist its employees impacted by the current closure, including offering compassionate, carer's, annual and long service leave including advancing 5 days annual leave. We have also made sure that our wellbeing platform and Employee Assistance Program have remained accessible for team members and their families wherever they are.

PBF is working with the Fijian Government to obtain approval to resume full operations at the Fiji Brewery and Rum Co of Fiji. The Vailima Brewery in Samoa continues to operate, albeit within Government mandated restrictions.

DIVIDENDS

PBF's Board of Directors will be considering the 2020 financial year dividend in its next scheduled Board meeting. In line with PBF's Dividend Policy, the Board will take into account PBF's ability to produce and generate after tax profits, as well as PBF's ability to fund planned capital expenditure on the basis that any proposed dividend should not in any way hinder or restrict continuing business operations. This will include consideration of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on PBF's business operations and financial performance and Fiji more broadly.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PBF's Board of Directors is currently reviewing the timing of the company's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (**AGM**) which was scheduled for late June 2021. PBF has applied to the Registrar of Companies for a two-month extension to hold the AGM by 30 August 2021 and will keep shareholders informed of any further developments.

Like all businesses, PBF has been preparing for ever changing economic conditions due to COVID-19 and is committed to taking appropriate actions to ensure the business is equipped to respond and protect the interests of all its stakeholders.

Yours faithfully,

Chris Litchfield
Chairman

Vinish Singh
Company Secretary