

Press Release

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**FIJIAN HOLDINGS LIMITED MAKES 3 KEY APPOINTMENTS**

FHL Group is pleased to announce three new appointments as part of the Group’s turnaround strategy for the immediate future. While announcing the appointments, FHL Group Chairman Mr. Yogesh Karan emphasized the importance of rebuilding stakeholder confidence with the right people. “The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed areas of opportunities and improvements in the FHL Group, and our recovery will be driven largely by having the right people in strategic positions for the Group. We are appointing new leadership for Basic Industries Limited and Merchant Finance Limited to ensure that these companies’ performances are enhanced immediately and remain pillars for FHL Group performances into the future,” he said. One new appointment is also being made at the FHL level and I am therefore pleased to announce these appointments:

**1. Ms. Tanya Nacagilevu joins as Group Manager Human Resources from 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021**



Ms. Tanya Nacagilevu brings wealth of relevant practicing experiences in strategic human resources, being a former Head of Human Resources for British American Tobacco (BAT). She also had held previous roles as Regional Human Resources Director for Digicel Central, Regional Transformation Officer for Digicel Pacific and Head of HR for Digicel Fiji. Tanya has had international secondment with BAT Australia and also worked as HR Executive for Fiji, Samoa and Tonga.

Ms. Nacagilevu holds an accreditation as a Predictive Index Practitioner with Leadership Dynamics (US) and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Management from the University of the South Pacific. She is currently a member of Fiji Women Entrepreneurs Business Council, Fiji Human Resources Institute and Australian Human Resources Institute.

**2. Mr. Ritesh Dass joins as CEO for Basic Industries PTE. Limited from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021**



Mr. Ritesh Dass will join BIL as CEO replacing Mosese Volavola. His immediate task is to turn around the BIL Group which includes Standard Concrete and Humes Industries. Having served in multiple strategic roles with a leading multinational working in Fiji, Solomon Islands and New Zealand up to CEO level, Ritesh will bring a lot of relevant experiences for BIL. Ritesh had worked with British American Tobacco Fiji, spanning an extensive 22 years of experience and was CEO for British American Tobacco in Solomon Islands and Fiji for a combined 9 years.



Prior to joining, Ritesh was the Permanent Secretary with Ministry of Agriculture since October 2019, where he had been instrumental in delivering strong organisation performance and workplace culture, while equally driving growth within the critical primary sector. Ritesh is a seasoned professional and hold a Bachelor of Science from the University of the South Pacific, and a Graduate Diploma of Management with Central Queensland University, Australia.

**3. Mr. Naibuka Saune joins as CEO Merchant Finance PTE Limited from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021**



Mr. Naibuka Saune will join as CEO for Merchant Finance Limited replacing Rowena Fong. He is currently the Head of Mergers and Acquisitions at ATH being primarily involved in mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance investment management, strategy, and direct funds management. Previously he worked for Fiji National Provident Fund as an Investment Consultant and at various financial firms in Sydney, Australia specializing in mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate advisory services with a focus on the small to medium market across Australia.

Mr. Saune holds a Doctor in Philosophy (PhD) in Accounting (Financial and Capital Markets Research) from the University of Technology in Sydney, a Master of Philosophy in Accounting (Financial and Capital Markets Research) from the University of New South Wales, and a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting from the University of the South Pacific.




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