



PRESS RELEASE

The Board of the Fiji Islands Revenue & Customs Authority (FIRCA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Jitoko Tikolevu to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Authority effective from November 8, 2007. Mr Tikolevu will also be the new Commissioner of Inland Revenue and Comptroller of Customs.

Mr. Tikolevu has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business from the University of the South Pacific. He also holds a Masters in Taxation from the Auckland University.

Mr. Tikolevu's experience in FIRCA started in 1991, when he joined as a Tax Officer in the VAT Unit of the former Inland Revenue Department (IRD). Mr. Tikolevu continued to serve in the organisation, even after the merge of the IRD and the Customs Department, developing his skills and expertise over the years in the areas of taxation and customs. He has been extensively involved in the formulation of the National Budget Policy Measures. He has also been representing FIRCA in various forums both locally and abroad.

Mr. Tikolevu is currently serving on the Boards of the Fiji Development Bank and the Fiji Islands Trade and Investment Bureau.

The FIRCA Board has full confidence in Mr. Tikolevu's ability to lead and drive the organization forward.

Mr. Filipe Bole
CHAIRMAN – FIRCA BOARD
November 8, 2007