



Fiji Islands Revenue and Customs Authority

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Fiji Islands Revenue and Customs Authority (FIRCA) wishes to respond to an article that appeared on page 3 of the Fiji Sun, 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2008 edition. FIRCA categorically denies the contents of the said article. FIRCA considers the article to be highly malicious which questions the integrity of FIRCA and its Board of Directors for the following reasons:

Firstly, FIRCA has neither called for a tender nor awarded a tender for the carpeting of the Nasese Complex. Furthermore, the CEO of FIRCA denies being asked for a specific comment on the purported award of the tender. The question which was asked to FIRCA CEO, specifically referred to the likely date FIRCA will move in the new complex at Nasese.

Secondly, negotiations are still ongoing between FIRCA and the Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF), which owns the Nasese Complex, on FIRCA's potential tenancy or otherwise, of the building. The general public would appreciate that without any firm agreement between the two parties concerned, it would be highly irresponsible for FIRCA to even consider or engage in such a tender for carpeting.

FIRCA calls upon the media to be more responsible when reporting news and importantly to properly verify their news sources.

FIRCA wishes to assure the general public that FIRCA maintains a transparent process in the procurement of goods and services which are normally done through a tender process or in accordance with FIRCA's Financial Accounting Directions.

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