



**SPEECH BY FIJI ISLANDS REVENUE AND CUSTOMS AUTHORITY  
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Ladies and gentlemen

Welcome to the presentation of the FIRCA Term Life insurance payout to Ms Nainasa Covecena who is the first beneficiary of the FIRCA Term Life Cover, since the scheme's inception on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005.

The late Ratu Sailosi, who hailed from the chiefly village of Naivucini in Naitasiri, was a long serving staff of the Authority. His career began in 1980 as an Assistant Customs Officer and he moved up the rank to be the Team Leader Revenue Collection, the post he held until his passing away on Tuesday 23rd January 2007.

He has had 26 years and 9 months of working experience in FIRCA. He was 46 years old at the time of his passing away.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our **TERM LIFE COVER** provides for the payment of monies ranging from A\$0.1m to A\$0.25m to any beneficiary(ies) nominated by an officer.

This is a 24 hours Insurance Cover valid ONLY in Fiji and is subject to normal conditions required by the Insurers.

FIRCA has a commitment to serve and look after its staff and thus, has introduced the **MEDICAL** (local hospitalization, private hospitalization, overseas evacuation) and **TERM LIFE INSURANCE COVER**.

The **MEDICAL COVER** includes injuries and/or related illnesses and/or sicknesses suffered by any officer, FIRCA wide.

This much-needed **INSURANCE SCHEME** will boost **MORALE, TEAMWORK** and a satisfying and amicable **WORKING ENVIRONMENT** within FIRCA.

On behalf of the FIRCA Board and all work colleagues and friends of the late Mr Sailosi Covecena, we today present a cheque of F\$125,890.05 to his widow, Mrs. Nainasa Covecena. No amount of money can ever compensate for the loss of a life, but we can only hope that this sum of money can, in some small way, ease some of the pain and suffering of the loss of a loved one.

**Thank you**