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2ND NATIONAL ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING CONFERENCE

The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) announced today that the 2nd National Anti-money Laundering (AML) conference will be held on 7 October 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Suva.

The theme for the conference is “*Investigating Money Laundering*” and will be attended by officials from various key partner agencies the FIU that are engaged in combating money laundering and financial crimes in Fiji including the law enforcement agencies judiciary, public prosecutors, relevant government departments, and representatives of financial and non-financial entities that are covered by the Financial Transactions Reporting Act.

Director of the FIU, Mr. Razim Buksh said the conference will provide an excellent opportunity for relevant agencies to discuss and exchange views and ideas relating to the investigation of money laundering activities in Fiji. Mr. Buksh said that the conference will also strengthen inter-agency networking and cooperation that is aimed at improving the prevention, detection, investigation, and prosecution of serious financial crimes in Fiji.

This conference will have distinguished speakers from local law enforcement agencies and the private sector speaking on a wide range of issues related to the conference theme.

Conference speakers include Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Anti-Corruption, Public Enterprises, Industry, Tourism, Trade and Communication, Mr. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum; Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr. Aca Rayawa; Director Police National Intelligence Bureau, Mr. Henry Brown; Officer-in-Charge Police AML Unit, Mr. Puran Lal; Chief Executive Officer of the Fiji Islands Revenue & Customs Authority, Mr. Jitoko Tikolevu; Director Immigration Department, Mr. Nemani Vuniwaqa; former High Court Judge, Ms Nazhat Shameem. Mr. Buksh will also speak on the role of the FIU in assisting agencies in investigating money laundering and other complex crimes. There will also be a speaker from Westpac Bank Fiji providing a private sector insight on the conference theme.

More than 100 delegates are expected to attend the one day conference.

The conference is organised by the FIU and supported by the Reserve Bank of Fiji.