

## Market Announcement

### FHL increases its stake in Blue Lagoon Cruises Ltd

In this press release made today, FHL confirms that it has increased its stake in Blue Lagoon Cruises Ltd from 70.0% to 93.2%. This was executed through a Debt Capitalization process which was resolved at a recent Extra Ordinary General Meeting of shareholders of Blue Lagoon Cruises Ltd.

Following its original acquisition in 2001 at a cost of FJD 9.54 million, FHL has made steady loan advances, which accumulated to FJD 9.7 million by May 2012. Through a debt conversion, new fully paid up shares were issued to FHL for the value of FJD 3 million.

FHL Group Chairman, Iowane Naiveli said "This is a strategic move by FHL, in its best interest as the majority shareholder of Blue Lagoon Cruises."

Currently BLC owns and operates the Mystique Princess and Fiji Princess along the Yasawa Group and visits Lau Group three times a year.

Acting Group CEO, Nouzab Fareed said "To date BLC has been struggling due to a challenging and volatile tourism environment, thus we have decided to take the most appropriate strategy to capitalize debt and own more than 90% of BLC".

Mr Fareed further added that a restructuring plan is on the horizon for BLC in the coming months including a complete refurbishment plan for Mystique Princess.

Following debt capitalization, FHL now owns 93.2% of BLC and the rest is owned by 46 other shareholders.

The Board Directors of BLC are Iowane Naiveli (Chairman), Viliame Gavoka, Ulaiyasi Baya, Kemueli Qoro, Rajesh Patel and Nouzab Fareed

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**Chairman - FHL**

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