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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

**“Equipment Surcharge”
New Zealand imports/exports to/from PNG**

Recently we have seen a surge in global trade which has led to a shipping container shortage within the industry. Such increase in demand has been unexpected as the production and sourcing of shipping containers came to a halt during the global financial crises. More recently the Chinese container factories have gone on strike, resulting in record highs of container buildings at USD 3000/20' which have driven additional charges. In addition to this there are extra costs as a result of container dwell times in both PNG and Pacific Islands, which has meant extra costs in on-hiring containers at higher rates and re-positioning equipment between main ports. Pacific Forum Line therefore is forced to introduce an **“Equipment Surcharge”** of 8 % of the ocean freight rate to contribute to the escalating related costs.

The Equipment Surcharge will be payable by the ocean freight payer for trade between New Zealand to/from PNG. This will be applicable to following Pacific Forum Line trades with effect 20th September 2010, the first applicable vessels being:

PNG Trade:

Tasman Campaigner v 1025N ETD Auckland 23 September
Pacific Navigator v 1026S ETD Lae 20 September

The surcharge will be reviewed regularly and may attract a discount or premium depending on the prevailing market conditions. We thank you for your understanding, for further information or queries please do not hesitate to contact your local Pacific forum Line representative.

Should you have any queries, please contact your local Pacific Forum Line agency office or our Auckland Customer Service team on (09) 356 2333 or 0800 803 278.

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