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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS NEW SERVICE NZ TO RAROTONGA

Pacific Direct Line and Pacific Forum Line are delighted to announce the signing of an historic agreement between our two companies. We believe this will allow us to offer the Cook Islands tremendous benefits in terms of a long term, viable and stable shipping service.

The PFL vessel, Forum Avarua and Pacific Direct Line vessel, Southern Phoenix will both be withdrawn from the New Zealand to Cook Islands service. These two vessels will be replaced by a larger vessel named the **MV Forum Pacific**. This vessel has been chartered by a new Joint Venture Company set up between Pacific Direct Line and Pacific Forum Line.

This is an exciting development for the Trade as it offers long term stability for shipping services to the Cook Islands. The amalgamation of the two services in to a Joint Venture ensures the ongoing viability of this service so that Cook Island businesses can continue to have the benefit of two services and healthy competition in the Trade lane.

The Forum Pacific will offer a service to Rarotonga every 25 days. The vessel will depart Auckland to Nuku'alofa, Vava'u, Niue, Rarotonga then back to Auckland. The Forum Avarua V13 will be the final voyage for this vessel and the last voyage of the Southern Phoenix will be V15. The first voyage of the **MV Forum Pacific** is scheduled to depart Auckland 15 March. The forward schedule is as follows –

Vessel	ETD AKL	ETA NUK	ETA VAV	ETA NIU	ETA RARO	ETA AIT
Forum Avarua V12	18/1	22/1	23/1	-	28/1	-
Sthn Phoenix V13	19/1	24/1	26/1	-	29/1	30/1
Forum Avarua V13	5/2	10/2	11/2	-	15/2	-
Sthn Phoenix V14	8/2	13/2	14/2	15/2	19/2	19/2
Sthn Phoenix V15	27/2	4/3	5/3	7/3	11/3	-
Forum Pacific V1	15/3	21/3	22/3	24/3	27/3	-

Pacific Forum Line and Pacific Direct Line will continue to operate as separate entities in the market and will retain their existing agency companies in Rarotonga.

For any further information please contact the local office of Pacific Direct Line/Transam or Pacific Forum Line.

Yours faithfully

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