



## **MEDIA UPDATE**

18 October 2018

### **EXPECTED END OF CANE CRUSHING – 2018 SEASON**

FSC has crushed nearly 1.2 million tonnes of cane to date at its three mills, compared to a seasonal cane estimate of 1.7 million tonnes. The 2018 crush is thus 70% complete. Accordingly, the Fiji Sugar Corporation has advised the Sugar Industry Tribunal, Mr Devanesh Sharma of the likely dates of termination of crushing for Lautoka, Rarawai and Labasa Mills as required under Regulation 4.2 c (ii) of the Sugar Industry Master Award.

The Tribunal consulted the Sugar Cane Growers' Council in regards to the advice received from the Fiji Sugar Corporation. Given the impact of wet weather to date and assuming normal mill performance, FSC has advised that the likely dates for crushing to terminate at each of the mills is as follows:

Labasa Mill	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Lautoka Mill	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018
Rarawa Mill	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

FSC will continue to monitor harvesting and crushing progress at each of the mills before finalising the date for crushing to terminate at each mill.

**ENDS**

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