



# MEDIA UPDATE

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## LAUTOKA MILL TO REOPEN TOMORROW MORNING

FSC's Lautoka Mill experienced a gear-box failure earlier today, after crushing continuously since early Thursday morning.

Repairs are in progress but are complicated by the location of this unit on the top level of the factory. A replacement gear-box will be lifted into position by a high lift crane and installation will be completed overnight. Taking safety issues and precautions into account, factory operations have been suspended and FSC has taken the decision to temporarily cease crushing to enable engineers to replace the gear box completely. The mill will resume crushing tomorrow morning.

FSC has advised growers through their sector teams to delay cane deliveries to the Lautoka Mill until tomorrow morning. Lorry drivers who are already at the mill have been given an option to leave their trucks at the mill and be transported to their homes and back to the mill tomorrow. If they prefer to remain at the mill, their welfare will be taken care of.

Furthermore commencing from 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, FSC Field staff will be contacting affected cane farmers to assess the impact of this once-off decision on their harvesting operations.

FSC apologises for the inconvenience caused and is committed to getting its Lautoka Mill up and running steadily in the shortest practical time.

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