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Third Cane Payment for the 2017 Season to be paid out by Wednesday 28th March 2018

Ongoing support to sugar cane farmers from the initiatives supported by the Government of Fiji, continue to show positive improvement to both farm productivity and grower cost of production. Uptake by farmers of the assistance provided by government has increased and positive results in cane planting, fertilizer and weedicide application continue to be reported. Road maintenance and the cleaning of drains have begun and will gain momentum as the wet season passes. Expectations for the 2018 cane crop are thus much improved compared to 2017.

Following certification by the Sugar Industry Tribunal of the third cane payment for the 2017 season of FJ\$13.45 per tonne of cane, cane farmers are advised as follows:

- (1) The third cane payment for the 2017 season has been processed and banking arrangements are in hand to facilitate payment to growers by Wednesday 28th March 2018.
- (2) The third cane payment for the 2017 season of FJ\$13.45 per tonne of cane, shows a significant increase compared to FJ\$9.28 and FJ\$9.88 per tonne of cane paid for the 2016 and 2015 seasons, respectively. The increase can be attributed to better management of sales cash flow and success in accelerating sales revenue receipts by 28th February 2018, being the record date for calculation of the third cane payment.
- (3) The fourth cane payment for the 2017 season will be payable in May 2018.

Cane growers are advised to contact their Sector Offices for any further advise or clarification in regard to the above.

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