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RESERVE BANK INTRODUCES FLOOD REHABILITATION FACILITY

The Reserve Bank of Fiji today announced the introduction of the Flood Rehabilitation Facility (FRF).

The Governor, Mr. Savenaca Narube said “The Flood Rehabilitation Facility is a new facility offered by the Reserve Bank to provide assistance to businesses affected by the recent floods to obtain credit at a concessionary interest rate”. He added that the facility will complement the initiatives already offered by commercial banks.

The total amount available under this facility is \$20 million. The FRF will be offered through the commercial banks and Fiji Development Bank (FDB). The Facility is available only to businesses affected by the recent floods. Businesses may apply for funds for the following:

- Replacement of flood-damaged inventory;
- Loss of sales (including working capital) due to the flood;
- Repair or replacement of flood-damaged plant, equipment and machinery;
- Restoration of flood-damaged buildings including resorts and hotels; and
- Replacement of business vehicles damaged by the flood.

The maximum interest rate charged to eligible customers under this facility is 6.00 percent per annum. The term of the loan under this facility is a minimum of 6 months with the possibility of extension. Shorter term loans will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Application for funding under the Facility is subject to normal credit screening process by the respective commercial bank or FDB.

This Facility is effective immediately and more information, including the eligibility criteria, can be obtained from the FDB, commercial banks or RBF.

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