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2019 SPX ANNUAL AWARDS

The South Pacific Stock Exchange (SPX), earlier this evening recognised and awarded various winners with their credentials under the two major categories of the 2019 SPX Annual Awards (Awards) - **Annual Report Awards** and the **Grand Awards**. As part of the Grand Awards, also announced were the overall winners of the 2019 SPX National Poster Competition.

The highly profiled gala dinner occasion being classified as the signature event for the entire capital market was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Suva for the third consecutive year where the SPX also reminisced and celebrated its 40th anniversary having started operations as a price matching facility in 1979. The Chief Guest for the evening was the Acting Prime Minister, Attorney General and Minister for Economy, Civil Service & Communications, Honourable Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

Given the significance of this event in SPX's corporate calendar, the Awards was organised with an insistent quest for excellence by the SPX to further substantiate and corroborate the essence of its core business operations of being a platform provider for capital raising by businesses and a medium available to mobilise savings for investment and wealth creation.

Commenting on the 2019 Awards, SPX Chairperson, Dr Nur Bano Ali said that "the Awards has an ultimate aim to inspire organisations and individuals to take pride in their respective fields of work and is certainly a boundless way by the SPX to acknowledge the people and institutions that support the SPX to be a business in transformation. As the front-line regulator for the stock market, SPX is proud to hold such an event which promotes various universal core values, such as; integrity, ethics, accountability and inclusivity which form the fundamentals of SPX's regulatory work."

Dr Ali also acknowledged the presence of the Honourable Minister for Economy at the 2019 Awards and thanked the Government of Fiji in providing on-going financial assistance as well as implementing a favourable regulatory regime for the stock market to prosper which has greatly assisted SPX in working towards its many transformational initiatives in recent times.

Dr Ali concluded by adding, recently SPX is on a progressive trajectory striving to position itself as a service driven and operationally excellent organisation as justified by the relocation of the operations to a new premises and the launch of an outdoor LED screen supplemented by a logo rebrand exercise symbolising our dynamic future.

SPX Chief Executive Officer, Ms Krishika Narayan said that "we congratulate the various winners under the two categories of the 2019 Awards for their tireless efforts, dedication and contribution they make to the overall financial markets ecosystem. Such events not only allow us to display the successes of the various annual report award entrants, brokers and listed entities but also provides us with an exclusive platform to offer an encouragement to many savers attending the event to consider shares as part of their investment portfolio and an inspiration to executives of companies to have a rethink about their business strategies and consider the stock market as an alternative platform to raise capital."

On behalf of the Board and Management and the Panel of Judges, the SPX acknowledges the efforts of all the entrants in the Annual Report Awards category and congratulates the various winners for their impressive work in terms of design, presentation and content of their respective Annual Reports. The following awards were handed out to various organisations under the **Annual Report Awards** category:

ANNUAL REPORT AWARDS		
AWARD NAME	AWARD RECIPIENTS	
	Listed Entities Category	Unlisted Organisations Category
BEST PRESENTATION & CONTENT	Fijian Holdings Limited	Fiji National University
BEST REPORTING & DISCLOSURE	Vision Investments Limited	Fiji National Provident Fund
SPECIAL AWARD	Pleass Global Limited	Fiji Ports Corporation Limited

As for the winners under the Grand Awards category, the SPX acknowledges their involvement with the industry and congratulates them all on their accomplishments. This was also the second year where students were recognised on a national platform as part of a financial literacy initiative. The National Poster Competition has certainly assisted the SPX in reaching a wider spectrum of the community to promote knowledge about savings and investment options in the stock market. The SPX promises to return with a similar concept next year in a drive to build a more financial literate society in Fiji, starting from our students. In this regard, the SPX thanks the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts for the consent and assistance provided in ensuring the success of the initiative. The various winners under the **Grand Awards** category are summarised below:

GRAND AWARDS	
AWARD NAME	AWARD RECIPIENTS
NATIONAL POSTER COMPETITION WINNER (CATEGORY 1)	Ms. Jenica Kumar (Bhawani Dayal Memorial Primary School)
NATIONAL POSTER COMPETITION WINNER (CATEGORY 2)	Ms. Natasha Roneeta Prasad (Tavua College)
NATIONAL POSTER COMPETITION WINNER (CATEGORY 3)	Ms. Natasha Jacintha Prasad (Rishikul Sanatan College)
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO STOCKBROKING	Ms. Raghni Khatri (Kontiki Stockbroking Limited)
LISTED ENTITY OF THE YEAR	Pleass Global Limited
SPOTLIGHT AWARD: INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR	FijiCare Insurance Limited

The SPX would also like to convey its gratitude to its major sponsor for the event for a third consecutive year, Amalgamated Telecom Holdings Limited (ATH) Group of Companies, which is inclusive of its subsidiaries; Vodafone Fiji Limited, Telecom Fiji Limited (TFL) and Fiji International Telecommunications Limited (FINTEL).

Generous support from other corporate institutions is also being acknowledged as key partners who have assisted in profiling SPX as a key institution in Fiji's financial sector. The SPX would like to convey its gratitude to the Reserve Bank of Fiji, FijiCare Insurance Limited, Pacific Cement Limited, Paradise Beverages (Fiji) Limited, Vision Investments Limited, Merchant Finance Limited, Toyota Tsusho (South Sea) Limited, Eco Clean (Fiji) Limited, Positive Space (Fiji) Limited, Pleass Global Limited and RB Patel Group Limited.

The SPX would also like to whole heartedly thank the various individuals who availed themselves as independent members of the judging panel for the Annual Report Awards, Grand Awards and the 2019 SPX National Poster Competition. Your expertise and knowledge has been valuable in portraying transparency and independence of SPX through-out the judging process for the various awards.

Lastly, the SPX would like to acknowledge the media organisations that have come on board to assist in the publicity of the 2019 Awards. The media organisations are; Sun (Fiji) News Limited, Fiji Television Limited and Communications Fiji Limited.

SPX now undoubtedly looks forward to the Annual Awards event next year which will be held together with the 15th edition of the World Exchange Congress on Denarau Island in Nadi in June 2020.

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