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Signing of Memorandum of Understanding

On Monday, 25 April 2022, the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji ("**BAF**") signed a Memorandum of Understanding ("**MOU**") with Port Denarau Marina Limited ("**PDML**") in efforts to strengthen cooperation and collaboration with Port Operators. Port Denarau Marina is an approved Port of Entry of which PDML is the sole operator.

Through this MOU, both Parties aim to share information that will assist with their respective operational objectives and mandates.

"PDML is one of the very few privately owned Ports of Entry. We operate to international standards and would need to be compliant with all border security requirements. This is a welcomed step towards better improving services and disseminating much needed information to yachts, tourists, and locals that use Port Denarau Marina" remarked by Ms. Cynthia Rasch, PDML Chief Executive Officer.

In response, Mr. Surend Pratap, BAF's Acting Chief Executive Officer stated that "BAF is pleased that PDML is willing to work collaboratively with BAF to improve compliance with BAF requirements considering the role they play and their ability to disseminate information to its stakeholders. This is a testament to BAF's stand that Biosecurity is a shared responsibility. BAF looks forward to working with PDML in the near future."



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