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FHL \$30M WHOLESALE CORPORATE BOND OVERSUBSCRIBED

FHL is pleased to announce that its offer to raise \$30 million through Wholesale Corporate Bond (FHL-WCB) was oversubscribed. FHL is thankful for the support from the 11 investors, who subscribed \$31.405 million during a very short offer period.

FHL Acting Chairman, Yogesh Karan, said “the benefits to the investors are substantial as the interest earned from the bond will be tax-free and the coupon rates are more than double as compared to the earnings from bank deposits. FHL is delighted to be the first entity raising corporate bond in Fiji under the new regulations. Corporate bond will provide stability in interest costs and flexibility with the groups’ financing facilities. Apart from the partial refinancing of the FHL Tower, this fund will enable FHL to pursue new investment opportunities with confidence.” Mr Karan also acknowledged the collaboration with the RBF, SPX and IFC in launching this product to further enhance Fiji’s capital market.

The Acting Chairman also disclosed that the FHL Group recorded a profit after tax of \$15.95m from revenue of \$125.73m for the 4-months period ending 31st October 2022. This result shows a notable improvement from the \$2.38m from revenue of \$81.07m for same period last year, and is also ahead of the full year results of \$14.9m for FY2022.

The improved results were attributed to the turnaround of South Sea Cruises Limited and the increased performances by RB Patel Group, Merchant Finance Pte Limited and Basic Industries Pte Limited. The reopening of our borders in December 21 and resumption of economic activities provided the Group with opportunity to capitalise on its strategies and turnaround the business as reflected in the consolidated results.

While almost all of the subsidiary companies are showing positive results compared to last year, the FHL Board and management are also critically analysing the potential impacts that will come through increases in freight charges, geo-political tensions, inflationary pressure and increase in interest rates.

The 4 months unaudited results have set a solid platform towards FY23 forecasts and has boosted the Board’s confidence for the future.

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