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MEDIA RELEASE

FPRA DELIVERS DOUBLE FIGURE GROWTH IN ANNUAL ROYALTY INCOME FOR LOCAL SONGWRITERS

Members of the Fiji Performing Right Association (FPRA) heard today that their local copyright collecting society achieved a 16% growth in annual revenue for the 12 months ending 30 June 2007.

The result means that local songwriters will now share in a royalty distribution of \$200,000 early in the new year.

Contributing factors to the Association's success in 06/07 include:

- growth in demand for telephone music ring tones;
- a new licence agreement signed with pay television operator Pacific Broadcasting Services; and
- a favourable return from investing activities

"The result is extremely pleasing for Fiji's songwriters" said FPRA Chairman Eremasi Tamanisau Jr. "In a year of tough economic circumstances it is good to see that music is still considered a valued commodity and an essential component of local business, especially in our world class hotels and resorts".

Businesses that play CD's for their customers or provide music-on-hold over their telephones are required to seek the necessary permission from the copyright owners via way of a licence agreement with FPRA. The non-profit Association represents over 245 local composers as well as 2 million international songwriters through their relationship with APRA (the Australian Performing Right Association).

Composers of original musical works are encouraged to contact FPRA for further information on membership criteria if their songs are being performed or broadcast.

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