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MEDIA RELEASE

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The Roro Ship Sullivan, sunk at the western side entrance of Suva Harbour late this afternoon whilst on a voyage from Levuka to Suva.

The Sullivan at the time of the incident was carrying 30 crew and 4 passengers (truck drivers) plus twenty five 20ft reefer containers. Initial reports from the owners, Venu Shipping indicated that container cargo lashing failure contributed to the listing of this Roro ship. All crew and passengers were safely evacuated on board the Tug Tanunda.

Tug Tanunda under charter to Fiji Ports Corporation Limited (FPCL) was first to respond to scene with their pilot boat, Murimai. The Fiji Navy also deployed their patrol boat Kiro to render assistance after being informed of the incident.

The Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF) has issued a notice to mariners advising all shipping agents and companies that the entrance to Suva Harbour is safe and clear for transiting ships. Please see attachment. In the interim the following actions have been undertaken:

- FPCL staff will continue to monitor the sunken ship overnight;
- An Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) has been activated at the Fiji Navy to support the efforts of FPCL who is playing the lead role in this incident;
- Fiji Navy assets are on standby for deployment and will be assisting FPCL staff in monitoring the sunken ship and movement in the area overnight;
- MSAF oil spill equipment is on standby at Government Shipping Services (GSS) ready for deployment;
- GSS Ship, Rogovoka is on standby to deploy to assist in the removal of any floating cargo from the sunken ship;
- GSS will install a light buoy at the site tonight to warn all shipping that are transiting the area;
- MSAF is liaising with oil companies for the standby of their oil spill equipment's for deployment should the need arise; and
- MSAF will conduct an investigation into the incident.

POC, Permanent Secretary for Infrastructure and Transport, Commander Francis Kean.


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MARINE NOTICE

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DANGER TO NAVIGATION

This notice serves to inform all mariners in Fiji that a Roll-on Roll-Off ship [81.87 metres in register length] has sunk at the entrance of the Suva Harbor at the following coordinates: **18° 08.433'S**
178° 23.69'E

Mariners are advised to proceed with caution when navigating within the vicinity of the above coordinates and be on the lookout for any floating containers or debris from the sunken ship.

For any clarification, please contact MSAF Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. John Tunidau, on mobile: 9906337 or email: jtunidau@msaf.com.fj or Manager Safety, Compliance & Response, Mr. Philip Hill, on mobile: 9906331 or email: phill@msaf.com.fj.

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