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EPC CLARIFIES FIAGA GENERATORS ISSUE

The Electric Power Corporation wishes to clarify the incorrect allegations made by Opposition Leader, Palusalua Faapo II and Member of Parliament, Levaopolo Talatonu as reported by the media, about failures of rotors, the component of generators at Fiaga Power Station that cost the Corporation \$2m and tools at \$150,000.

The 4 new generators at Fiaga were commissioned and available for commercial production in June 2013. Unfortunately, EPC encountered unforeseen defects with one of the generators in April and May this year. In April this year, a defect was located on its rotor. Manufacturer fixed this immediately and agreed to replace rotors of all 4 generators with new ones although the remaining 3 rotors did not show any sign of defect. In May this year one of the fuel pumps of this generator caught fire. This was brought under control and manufacturer fixed this immediately. Both repair works are covered under warranty at no cost, as EPC made a wise decision of 4 years warranty instead of normal 12 months.

In May this year, EPC carried out normal routine maintenance of 4,000 hour service on all 4 generators as per manufacturer's recommendation as per requirement under warranty. Otherwise catastrophic failure is expected at high cost and warranty is voided. About SAT\$1.06m was for spare parts, SAT\$399,842.47 for labour, and SAT\$83,460 for Special Tools for the maintenance which are different from standard tools. These are not available in shops and have to be sourced from manufacturer.

In light of these incidents, EPC continues to proactively work in preventing these unnecessary incidents from happening in the future. Furthermore, EPC appreciates public support in contacting the General Manager for information and clarification regarding any issue.

We would also like to thank our consumers and general public for your invaluable patience and support, as EPC moves forward to minimize disruptions and provide continuous supply of electricity at affordable cost.

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