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Subject: Weather driven delays in Central Pacific Ports impacting Our MICROPAC schedule

Dear Valued Customers,

The impact of several tropical storms across the Central Pacific, has witnessed extreme weather conditions impacting port operations from Fiji right across to Kiribati and south to Apia.

The *Micronesia Ocean Voy 046N* (formerly the *Skyline* on departure Fiji) worked adequately through Funafuti and Tarawa, however given the required operations at Kiritimati and the persistent swell, the ship was only able to work safely to discharge, in several small windows, in early January.

The *Micronesia Ocean Voy 046N* has been at anchor in Kiritimati, since December 29th. Since then, she has essentially been waiting for the swells to abate.

She recommenced work on January 14th and the weather appears favourable to continued operations, for the next days.

NPD calls at Kiritimati every three months and therefore we are committed to serving the Kiribati community with both imports and exports, hence the reason for the vessel remaining to complete operations.

However, this also means that she is now delayed in returning on her next voyage back to Fiji and thence Tarawa and Funafuti on voyage 047N.

While we were able to create an extra call into Funafuti in December, despite developing several options, we have not been able to find an extra solution into Tarawa to improve our frequency.

NPD remains committed to serving all ports of call on the MICROPAC service and that we will keep pushing for the fastest departure from Kiritimati.

Customers shipping in these markets should stay in contact with your usual NPD representative and our website, to monitor the ship schedule for the next voyages.

Yours sincerely

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