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Dear valued clients,

Since her introduction on our WestPac trade in December 2008, the Sofrana Tourville performed very well and vastly contributed to strengthening our schedule integrity on this trade lane.

It is time to say au-revoir to the “old” Sofrana Tourville though... At the start of her voyage 140 Northbound (eta Tauranga 23 May), she will be renamed M/V Sylvette (her original name) and her last call for Sofrana will be Lihir (eta 9 June). She will then sail towards China for a special survey and some routine maintenance.

Consequently, the Sylvette will be replaced by a brand new vessel, which will take over the rotation 140 in Brisbane on 6 June. By doing so, we have made sure that there would be no gap in this replacement process. This vessel, currently named M/V Avra, will be renamed Sofrana Tourville.

The new Sofrana Tourville was built in Korea in October 2009. Her nominal capacity of 1,037 teus (180 reefer plugs) and deadweight of 12,480T make her very similar to our 2007 built Sofrana Surville. Capable of 18kn speed, she will be operated at the current economical speed but will indeed have the resource to speed-up when required. The new Sofrana Tourville is equipped with an interesting set of 3 cranes of 40T capacity.

The current rotation pattern will remain unchanged, with the notable exception of Townsville. From voyage 141 onwards (eta Tauranga 27 June), the new Sofrana Tourville will call Townsville between Brisbane and Port Moresby. Therefore you will enjoy a regular service to and from Townsville every 17 days.

We are committed to perpetuating the schedule integrity we have all grown accustomed to and we are confident that the new Sofrana Tourville and Sofrana Surville will prove to be reliable assets on our WestPac service, thus enabling you to trade with confidence within the South Pacific markets.

Yours sincerely,

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