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Press Statement

Re: Complaint-Fiji TV Personality of the Year

The Fiji Commerce Commission yesterday received a letter from Hon. Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Attorney-General, Minister for Justice, Anti-Corruption, Public Enterprise, Communications, Civil Aviation, Tourism, Industry & Trade, forwarding a report from Vodafone with regard to the "Fiji TV Personality of the Year" texting promotion. Noting the report from Vodafone, the Minister requested the Commission to undertake investigation into possible breach of the Commerce Commission Decree 2010.

The Commission has today began investigation on the subject matter, in particular, to ascertain if the manner in which the texting competition was done, was fair, transparent and ethical.

The Commission wishes to ascertain:

- a) Why was a closing date for text voting not provided to the general public;
- b) Why was text platform open till 31st December 2011 midnight when, in fact, vote tally was done for votes casted up till 8pm 30th of December, 2011; and,
- c) Why was message sent to voters on 31st December 2011 that their votes were successfully registered when in fact, their votes were not counted in as the vote tally was done a day earlier.

The Commission will obtain relevant data and will interview all stakeholders involved in this activity before making a final decision. If a breach of the Commerce Commission Decree is found, then appropriate action will be taken in line with the laws of the country.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Mahendra Reddy,
Chair, Fiji Commerce Commission.