

Media Release
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Fire at Paradise Beverages Suva Brewery

Paradise Beverages is currently assessing the damage to its Suva Brewery following a fire yesterday which spread from an adjacent property.

At around midday yesterday (8 April 2018), an adjacent property caught fire and has resulted in damage to our Suva Brewery building, which houses the ground floor brewhouse and the newly-built office complex on the top floor.

The building has been quarantined by the Fire Department while further investigation takes place.

Paradise Beverages General Manager Mike Spencer today confirmed that thankfully, no-one was injured. The extent of the damage is being assessed but is expected to be significant.

“Yesterday there was a fire at the building next door to our Suva Brewery. The fire crossed onto our site and we believe our newly constructed office building has been damaged significantly. Most importantly, no-one has been hurt,” said Mr Spencer.

“At this stage, we are hopeful that our brewhouse has not incurred significant damage and hence the impact on production is expected to be short term. It is too early to say whether there will be a disruption in our beer supply.

“We have called all our teams together and updated them and expect to start a site audit shortly.”

About Paradise Beverages (Fiji) Ltd

Among the Pacific region’s largest employers, Paradise Beverages employs around 450 staff in Fiji and Samoa across four sites, including its Fiji Brewery in Suva. A leading local manufacturer, its range includes Fiji Bitter, Fiji Gold (Fiji’s number one selling beer), Vonu Pure Lager and Fiji Premium, as well as a range of Ready to Drink (RTD) products including Bounty Rum and Cola, Tribe range and the latest product Joskes Brew.

Paradise also has the Rum Co of Fiji distillery in Lautoka that makes Fiji’s much-loved Bounty, Bati and Ratu rums, along with a full range of spirits including whiskey, gin and Katia Triple Distilled Vodka. Purchased by Coca-Cola Amatil in 2012, Paradise Beverages also owns Samoa Breweries Ltd and imports Vailima Beer.

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