Colombo Tea Auction - Sale Of 21st - 22nd April 2015

SALE NO: 15

TEA MARKET

FAIR DEMAND

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Westerns together with the brighter below best sorts declined Rs. 20-30/-per kg whilst the others together with the plainer sorts were Rs. 10/- per kg easier. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well although were upto Rs. 30/- per kg easier. Uva/Udapussellawa's-a few select invoices were substantially dearer following special inquiry whilst the others were irregular.

BOPF

Best Western's declined by Rs. 20-30/- per kg and more following quality for last week's high priced teas. Brighter below best sorts declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg following quality whilst the others were irregular. Plainer clean leaf types firm whilst the others declined Rs. 10/- per kg and more. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Uva/Udapussellawa-clean leaf teas were irregular whilst the poor leaf types were difficult of sale.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

<u>HIGH</u> GROWN BP1s - Rs. 10/- per kg lower. PF1s - Irregular and on average Rs. 10/- per kg lower.

MEDIUM GROWN BP1s - Irregular. PF1s - Generally firm and selectively dearer for the clean leaf coloury teas.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best liquorings in the High and Medium category were selectively dearer, whilst balance were firm on last. Below best varieties were easier Rs. 10-15/per kg. Poorer sorts too lost Rs. 5-10/- per kg. Low Growns in general were easier Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more at times. CTC's - Best together with below best varieties were easier Rs. 10-15/- per kg, whilst poorer sorts were irregular.

DUSTS

DUST1

Select best primaries declined Rs. 5-10/- per kg. High Grown D1's in the best and below best categories were firm to dearer by Rs. 5-10/- per kg following quality. Balance along with poorer sorts declined by Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more. Best Mediums gained Rs. 10-15/- per kg. Others sold at last levels. Best CTC's declined Rs. 5-10/- per kg. Others declined Rs. 10-15/- per kg. Best Low Growns sold at last levels. Below best declined by Rs. 5-10/-per kg. Poorest on offer declined further.

DUST

Clean secondaries were firm on last week's levels. Below best gained Rs. 10-15/- per kg. Poorest on offer followed a similar trend. CTC's declined by Rs. 5-10/- per kg and more. Better Low Growns declined Rs. 10/- per kg. Poorest on offer declined Rs. 15-20/- per kg.

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/ FROP1 Few select best FBOP maintained. Others were irregularly lower. Cleaner below best were firm to dearer. Others were firm. Teas at the bottom appreciated. FBOP1's – were in generally easier.

BOP

Best BOP's maintained. Others declined.

BOP1

Were firm to irregularly dearer.

<u>OP1</u>

Select best together with improved below best were fully firm to dearer. Others were barely steady, particularly following quality. At the lower and too, prices were fully firm to dearer.

<u>OP</u>

Were fully firm to irregularly dearer.

OPA

Select best were barely steady. Others and the teas at the lower end were fully firm to dearer.

PEKOE

PEK / PEK 1's were generally firm to dearer, particularly for the bolder PEKOE's.

BOPF

Were generally easier.

FBOPF/ FBOPF1

Very tippy teas continue to attract good demand. Others were irregular. The Leafier types were firm to dearer. Teas at the bottom declined. FF1's – Few select best maintained. Others were lower. Best sold around last levels, whilst below best declined. Teas at the bottom firm.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.