Colombo Tea Auction - Sale Of 07th/08th April 2015

SALE NO: 14

TEA MARKET

LESS DEMAND

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western's declined by Rs. 30/- per kg and more for last week's high priced teas. Teas in the below best and plainer categories declined by Rs. 20-30/- per kg. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well although at Rs. 20-30/- per kg below last week's levels. Uva/Udapussellawa's declined by Rs. 20/- per kg on average.

BOPF

Best Western's declined by Rs. 20/- per kg and more following quality. Brighter sorts in the below best category were irregular, others together with the plainer sorts were Rs. 10-20/- per kg lower. Udapussellawas declined by Rs. 20/- per kg and more following quality, whilst Uva's declined upto Rs. 30/-per kg.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

<u>HIGH</u> GROWN BP1s- Rs. 10/- per kg lower. PF1s- Select clean leaf types were irregular and tended dearer. Others sold around last week's levels, whilst poor leaf types were difficult of sale.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s- Rs. 20/- per kg lower. PF1s- Irregular.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best liquorings in the High and Medium category were dearer Rs. 15-20/- per kg, Below best varieties were irregularly dearer following quality. Poorer sorts gained Rs. 10-15/- per kg. Low Growns - Best and Below best varieties were easier Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more at times whilst poorer sorts were easier Rs. 5-10/- per kg.. Best CTC's were firm on last, whilst below best varieties were irregular. Poorer sorts gained Rs. 5-10/- per kg.

DUSTS

DUST1

Select best primaries declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. High Grown Dust 1's in the best and below best categories were firm following quality. Balance along with the poorer sorts declined Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more. Best Mediums sold at last levels. Others declined Rs 15-20/- per kg. Best CTC's declined Rs. 10-15/- per kg. A few below best varieties gained substantially following quality. Balance along with the poorer sorts were lower by Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more. Best Low Growns declined Rs. 5-10/- per kg. Below best declined further. Poorest on offer sold at last levels.

DUST

Clean secondaries were firm. Below best gained Rs. 5-10/- per kg. Poorest on offer declined Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more. CTC's were irregularly lower. Better Low Grown's sold at last levels. Poorer sorts declined Rs. 10-15/- per kg.

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/	Select best and best FBOP declined. Few cleaner below best appreciated. Others
FBOP1	were firm. Teas at the bottom sold around last levels. FBOP1's were irregular.

BOP Best BOP's declined whilst few cleaner below best firm on last . Others were irregular.

<u>BOP1</u> A range of select best/best BOP1's were firm to irregularly dearer. Others, particularly the cleaner types were firm. Balance were irregular.

<u>OP1</u> Select best together with a range of clean/improved below best were firm to irregularly dearer. Others were generally firm on last.

OP Were fully firm to dearer.

OPA Better teas were firm. Others and the teas at the lower end in particularly were fully firm to dearer.

PEKOE A few better PEK/ bold PEK's were firm to dearer. Others and PEK1's were irregular and lower.

BOPF Select best and best were easier. Balance were firm to dearer. Teas at the bottom were firm.

FBOPF/ FBOPF1

Very tippy teas continue to attract good demand. Best sold around last levels. Cleaner well made below best sorts together with cleaner teas at the bottom were appreciated. Balance were firm. Select best and best FBOPF1's declined. Few cleaner below best maintained. Others tended irregular.

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.