COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 14TH & 15TH MARCH 2017

SALE NO: 11

FAIR DEMAND.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western's – Irregularly easier. In the below best category select invoices gained sharply following special inquiry whilst the others were dearer by Rs. 30-40/- per kg. Plainer sorts were irregularly lower. Nuwara Eliya's – brighter sorts were firm whilst the balance was substantially dearer. Udapussellawa's were dearer by Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Uva's declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg.

BOPF

Best Western's – Declined Rs. 20-30/- per kg and more for the thin liquoring teas. Teas in the below best and plainer categories which commenced firm to dearer declined as the sale progressed by Rs. 10/- per kg and more. Nuwara Eliya's gained Rs. 40-50/- per kg. Udapussellawa's were irregular following quality whilst Uva's sold at last levels.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

<u>HIGH</u> GROWN BP1s/PF1s - Firm.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s - Firm. PF1s - Gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best varieties were dearer Rs.30/- per kg and more at times. Below best varieties were dearer Rs. 20/- per kg whilst poorer sorts were firm to Rs. 10/- per kg dearer. Low Grown's in general were dearer Rs. 20/- per kg. CTC's in general were firm on last.

DUST-1

Select best primaries sold at last levels. High Grown Dust 1's in the best category declined irregularly. A selection of below best varieties gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg following quality. Balance declined by a similar margin. Others and poorer sorts were firm to irregularly lower. Best Mediums declined Rs. 10/- per kg. Others sold at last levels. Select best CTC's gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Best and below best varieties gained further. Poorest on offer sold at last levels. Better Low Growns gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Below best varieties irregular and mostly dearer. Others and poorer sorts sold at last levels.

DUST

Clean secondaries declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Below best too followed a similar trend. Poorer sorts were firm. Better CTC's gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg and more. Others sold at last levels. Well made Low Grown's gained Rs. 10-20/- per kg. Others were irregular and mostly lower.

Select best FBOP's appreciated. Best and few cleaner below best too were

LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/ FBOP1 BOP	dearer. Others were firm on last. Teas at the bottom in general appreciated. FBOP1's in general were dearer. Except for few select best BOP's which were firm to dearer others sold around last levels. Best too were firm on last. Below best and teas at the bottom appreciated.
BOP1	BOP1's were fully firm to dearer.
<u>OP1</u>	Better OP1's were fully firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Others and improved below best gained further.
<u>OP</u>	OP's were generally dearer upto Rs.10/- per kg and more for a select range of improved below best sorts. OPA's gained Rs.5-10/- per kg and more particularly for a few select best
OPA DEVOE	sorts. PEK/PEK1's were generally dearer Rs.10-15/- per kg and substantially more
<u>PEKOE</u>	for a range of bold PEK's.
BOPF	Select best and best were firm to dearer. Balance appreciated substantially.
FBOPF/ FBOPF1	Few select best FF1's appreciated. Best sold around last levels. Few cleaner below best and few teas at the bottom too appreciated. Others were firm on last. Very tippy teas maintained. Best sold around last levels. Below best and

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teas at the bottom were irregular.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

	F 14 TH & 15 TH EBRUARY 2017	SALE NO. 11	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Kenilworth	Western Medium	BOPS	800/-
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	680/-
Waltrim	Western High	BOP BOPF	840/- 740/-
Florence	CTC High	PF1 BP1	*670/- *630/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	PF1	*660/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP1 BPS PFGS	590/- 550/- 630/-

• <u>All-time record price.</u>