COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 4TH & 5TH APRIL 2017

SALE NO: 14

GOOD GENERAL DEMAND AT SLIGHTLY EASIER RATES.

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western's – Few select invoices were firm following special inquiry whilst the others declined Rs. 10-20/- per kg. In the below best category select brighter invoices were firm and Rs. 10- 20/- per kg dearer whilst the others were Rs. 10/- per kg lower. Plainer sorts were firm. Nuwara Eliya's were barely steady. Udapussellawa's sold around last week's levels whilst Uva's declined Rs. 10/- per kg.

BOPF

Best Western's were Rs. 10-20/- per kg lower. In the below best category brighter sorts were firm whilst the others together with the plainer sorts were Rs. 10-20/- per kg lower. Nuwara Eliya's – select invoices were fully firm following special inquiry whilst the others were up to Rs. 50/- per kg easier on last week's high prices. Uva/Udapusslellawa's were firm.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

<u>HIGH</u> GROWN

BP1s - Marginally easier. PF1s - Firm.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s/PF1s - Rs.10-20/- per kg lower.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best varieties were firm on last. Below best varieties were firm to Rs.5/- per kg dearer. Poorer sorts were firm on last. Low Grown's - In general were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. CTC's - In general were firm on last.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries firm to irregularly lower. Dust1's in the best and below best categories declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more. Others and poorer sorts declined further. Best Mediums sold at last levels. Others declined Rs.10-20/-per kg. Select best CTC's sold at last levels. Best and below best were irregular but mostly dearer. Poorest on offer sold at last levels. Best and below best Low Grown's declined Rs.20/- per kg and more. Others and poorer sorts declined to a lesser extent.

DUST

FBOPF/

FBOPF1

Clean secondaries declined Rs.5-10/- per kg. Below best too followed a similar trend. Poorest on offer dearer by Rs.10-20/- per kg. CTC's firm on last week's closing levels. Better Low Grown's declined Rs.10-20/- per kg. Others declined to a lesser extent.

Few select best appreciated whilst the balance were firm. Below best were

quality. Teas at the bottom were firm. Few select best FF1's appreciated. Balance

together with the best were firm on last. Cleaner below best appreciated. Others

LOW GROWN TEAS

<u>FBOP/</u> <u>FBOP1</u>	irregularly lower. Teas at the bottom were firm on last. FBOP1's followed a similar trend. Select best and best BOP's maintained. Cleaner below best were firm to dearer. Others sold around last levels.
BOP1	In general were irregular and lower.
<u>OP1</u>	High priced OP1's were irregular. Others and a selection of clean below best types maintained. Balance were barely steady.
<u>OP</u>	High priced OP's were barely steady. Others were firm to dearer, particularly for teas at the lower end.
<u>OPA</u>	Selection of best together with the below best types were firm to irregularly dearer. Others were barely steady. Teas at lower end gained Rs.10-15/- per kg and more.
PEKOE	A few well made shotty/bold PEK's maintained. Balance together with the better PEK1's were easier. At the lower end both PEK/PEK1's were fully firm to dearer.
BOPF	Select best and best BOPF were firm. Cleaner below best maintained. Balance were irregular. Well made Tippy teas maintained. Best and below best were irregular following

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

firm.

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

SALE OF	4 TH & 5 TH APRIL 2017	SALE NO. 14	
MARK	REGION	GRADE	PRICE
Vellaioya	Western Medium	BOPF	670/-
Waltrim	Western High	BOP BOPF	700/- 700/-
Adisham	Western High	FGS1	700/-
Florence	CTC High	PF1	670/-
Carolina	CTC Medium	PF1 BPS	670/- 620/-
Strathdon	CTC Medium	BP1	*640/-

• <u>All-time record price.</u>