COLOMBO TEA AUCTION - SALE OF 12TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER 2017

SALE NO: 36

IMPROVED DEMAND

HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Teas in the best and below best categories were firm and gained up to Rs.20/-per kg and more following special inquiry. Plainer sorts Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Nuwara Eliyas gained Rs.30-40/- per kg and more. Udapussellawas gained Rs.20/- per kg and more for few select invoices. Uva's – Seasonal teas were sharply lower following quality, others up to Rs.20/- per kg dearer.

BOPF

Best Westerns which commenced firm gained Rs.10-20/- per kg as the sale progressed. Teas in the below best and plainer categories which were Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer appreciated further as the sale progressed. Nuwara Eliyas gained Rs.20-40/- per kg and more following special inquiry. Udapussellawas gained Rs.20/- per kg and more for the cleaner sorts. Uva's – Seasonal teas irregularly easier following quality, others gained Rs.20/- per kg and more as the sale progressed.

UNORTHODOX TEAS(CTC)

HIGH GROWN

BP1s - Firm. PF1s - Gained Rs.10-20/- per kg and more following quality.

MEDIUM GROWN

BP1s –Sold around last week levels. PF1s – Mostly firm whilst few select teas appreciated up to Rs.20/- per kg following special inquiry.

OFF GRADES

FGS1/FGS

Best varieties were firm to Rs.10/- per kg dearer. Below best varieties were dearer Rs.10-15/- per kg following quality. Poorer sorts were firm on last. Low Growns in general were dearer Rs.15-20/- per kg. CTC's - Few select best invoices were sold at last levels, others lower Rs.10-15/- per kg.

DUSTS

DUST-1

Select best primaries were dearer Rs.40-50/- per kg. High Grown DUST1's in the best and below best categories commenced firm to Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer and gained substantially towards the closure of the sale. Poorest on offer were irregularly dearer. Best Mediums were firm on last. Below best varieties were dearer Rs.20/- per kg and gained more following special inquiry. Poorest on offer commenced on last week's levels. Select best CTC's commenced firm and gained Rs.10/- per kg towards the closure of the sale. Best and below best varieties were firm to Rs.20/- per kg dearer. Poorer sorts were irregular. Best Low Growns were firm to dearer Rs.20/- per kg following quality. Below best and poorer sorts were firm on last.

DUST

FBOPF1

Clean secondaries commenced firm and gained Rs.20/- per kg and more at times. Below best and poorer sorts were firm on last. CTC's were dearer Rs.20/- per kg and more towards the closure of the sale. Better Low Growns were firm on last whilst others were irregular.

LOW GROWN TEAS

| FBOP/ FBOP1 | Select best and best were firm to dearer. Below best and cleaner teas at the bottom appreciated. Others maintained. FBOP1s in general were firm to dearer. |
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| <u>BOP</u> | In general were firm to dearer |
| BOP1 | Select best though irregular were firm. All others were fully firm to dearer. |
| <u>OP1</u> | High priced teas were irregular and easier. All others were fully firm to dearer, with a selection of improved below best gaining Rs. 10-15/- per kg and more. High priced teas were barely steady. Others and a range of improved below |
| <u>OP</u> | best maintained. Balance were lower. |
| <u>OPA</u> | A few select best maintained. Others and below best were irregular and marginally lower. At the lower end too prices declined. Better PEK/PEK1s were fully firm to irregularly dearer. Others gained Rs. 10- |
| <u>PEKOE</u> | 15/- per kg and more particularly for a selection of bold PEKs. At the lower |
| | end too prices were fully firm to dearer. Select best and best gained. Well-made teas in the below best together with the |
| BOPF | cleaner teas at the bottom appreciated. Others were irregular. |
| | Very tippy teas attracted fair demand and were dearer. Best and below best too |
| <u>FBOPF/</u> | appreciated. Cleaner teas at the bottom too gained. Others maintained. Select |

Information source: Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers.

the bottom appreciated whilst the others were firm on last.

best and best FBOPF1's were dearer. Below best maintained. Cleaner teas at

TOP PRICES FOR THE WEEK

| | OF 12 TH & 13 TH EMBER 2017 | SALE NO. 36 | |
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| MARK | REGION | GRADE | PRICE |
| Kenilworth | Western Medium | BOPS OP | 880/- 790/- |
| Vellaioya | Western Medium | BOPF | 690/- |
| Waltrim | Western High | BOP BOPF | 740/- 770/- |
| Adisham | Western High | FGS1 | 610/- |
| Carolina | CTC Medium | PF1 | 640/- |
| Strathdon | CTC Medium | BP1 | 570/- |
| Florence | CTC High | PF1 | 680/- |

[•] All-time record price.