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Pioneering Oxo-biodegradable Plastic Technology

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Via Email

Editor

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Dear Editor:

We are writing to you today in response to an online article posted on FijiVillage.com on Friday, May 7th titled, "Decree against use of plastic bags expected."

There has been considerable debate and misinformation surrounding the effects of plastic bags in the environment in many global communities throughout the world. In particular supermarkets and retail establishments have been under public scrutiny for their contribution to plastic waste. As a result, many communities such as yours are considering plastic bag bans and employing policies to control and reduce the use of plastic bags.

EPI has pioneered the development of oxo-biodegradable technology, which is designed to improve one of the unfavorable characteristics of plastics such as their persistence and accumulation in the environment. We have licensed our technology and supply our Totally Degradable Plastic Additive (TDPA™) to plastics manufacturers worldwide. TDPA™ incorporated plastics degrade into plastic fragments and eventually biodegrade in the presence of oxygen, micro-organisms, heat and humidity and return to nature by decomposing into carbon dioxide, water and biomass. Oxo-biodegradable plastics are degradable, biodegradable, reusable, and compatible with conventional recycling streams.

TDPA™ is used in over 60 countries worldwide, including our distributor, Chemiplas New Zealand Limited located in Auckland, New Zealand. Chemiplas supplies our TDPA™ technology to a manufacturer in Fiji called Narsey's who uses our oxo-biodegradable plastic additive in their carrier bags. As well, some of the world's largest, most trusted and best-known retailers have used TDPA™, including TESCO, Migros and Exito, the largest supermarkets in the UK, Turkey, and Colombia, respectively.

EPI strongly encourages Fiji's local supermarket and retail stores to continue to exercise environmental responsibility by using biodegradable plastic. As well, EPI encourages your local environmental government groups to conduct the appropriate research to impose regulations in favor of oxo-biodegradable plastic bags.

For more information about EPI's oxo-biodegradable technology including biodegradability claims and the benefits of TDPA™, please visit our website at www.epi-global.com and our online blog www.epi-global.com/blog.

Yours truly,

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