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## FIRST RESORT IN FIJI TO BE CERTIFIED

**Sonaisali Island Resort is the first Resort in Fiji to achieve the prestigious Green Globe Certified Status** under the worldwide Green Globe Certification Program, which recognises the Resort's commitment to operating at the world's highest environmental standard.

To attain Certification Sonaisali Island Resort firstly had to successfully benchmark against a number of key environmental performance areas, including water usage, waste management and energy efficiency. Sonaisali Island Resort achieved above the Green Globe benchmark figure, which is measured against the performance of operations of similar size, operating within the same sector and region.

Cathy Parsons, Chief Executive Officer of GGAP International, says, "I am delighted that Sonaisali Island Resort achieved Certified status. Sonaisali Island Resort is an inspiration to all those people committed to environmentally sustainable tourism. They have demonstrated through a variety of initiatives, that the business and its employees can make a difference to reducing their environmental impact. The commitment they have shown in signing up to participate in the Green Globe program and their achievements set an example for other businesses to follow."

Green Globe provides a certification system that responds directly to the major environmental problems facing the planet, including the greenhouse effect, over-use of freshwater resources, destruction of biodiversity, production of solid and biological waste and social issues. Sonaisali also embraces wholeheartedly other conservation groups and programs and is a founding member of the Mamanuca Environment Society, which works towards coral reef protection..

The Sonaisali Management Team is extremely passionate about minimising the environmental impact on the island, which in turn, provides a healthy and safe environment for both local and international visitors to enjoy. One example is the Resort's Hydroponic Farm which supplies fresh, organic produce daily for guests and staff.

All Staff are encouraged to share the Resort's environmental commitment to Guests, Suppliers, Contractors, Agents & Wholesale Partners. Guests are highly impressed with the enthusiastic efforts of the Staff participating in this essential environmental program, in particular Mr. Allan Gorton, the Resort Manager.

Sonaisali's Managing Director, Aaron McGrath says "Green Globe 21 is a response to the consumer's environmental and social concerns and it is in our best interests for Sonaisali and Fiji as a whole, to ensure the high standards required to be certified are upheld and maintained. This is for the good of our environment and our future. I congratulate the dedicated Sonaisali Team for their continuing support of sustainability in travel & tourism. Once again, Sonaisali Island Resort is leading the way".

Stunning Sonaisali is located 25 minutes from Nadi International Airport. A true Island green dot in the beautiful South Pacific Ocean – yet the world you've left behind is only a three minute boat ride across the lagoon from the main island.

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