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Aviana Airways Corporation (dba "Inter Island Airways Fiji") was recently awarded eleven (11) licenses from the Civil Aviation Authority Air Transport Fiji Licensing Board on 13th August, 2012 to service the Fiji Domestic airline market as a "Scheduled" air carrier.

The licenses cover the following routes:

- Suva | Nadi | Suva
- Suva | Labasa | Suva
- Suva | Savusavu | Suva
- Suva | Taveuni | Suva
- Suva | Kadavu | Suva
- Suva | Rotuma | Suva
- Nadi | Suva | Nadi
- Nadi | Labasa | Nadi
- Nadi | Savusavu | Nadi
- Nadi | Taveuni | Nadi
- Nadi | Kadavu | Nadi

plus charter (non-scheduled) air service between:

- Suva and Leveku, Gau and Koro
- Labasa and Taveuni

The awarding of these licenses opens the Fiji domestic market to a second domestic air carrier after **Air Fiji** ceased operations in 2009. The last time a scheduled domestic air carrier license was award was in the mid-1990's.

The licensing approval process was very competitive primarily from two local non-scheduled Fiji-based airlines and from the only scheduled domestic airline; **Pacific Sun**. However, with the large and overwhelming support from hotels and resort operators, travel agencies, businesses and individuals from the Northern Islands (Labasa, Savusavu, and Taveuni), Inter Island Airways' long-term business plan, and proposed new types of aircraft to be introduced into the Fiji travel market, the Fiji Air Transport Licensing Board overwhelmingly approved Inter Island Airways' application.

Inter Island Airways will now begin investing in the detail and heavy lifting work of bringing the new airline up and operational in Fiji over the next 6-8 months. Major activities involve the planned construction of a new large hangar and headquarter facilities at Suva Nausori Airport to house key operations, aircraft, recruitment of key line managers, pilots, maintenance & engineering personnel and other staff members in Fiji; expected to swell to over 150 personnel.

Inter Island Airways will utilize an aircraft fleet consisting of:

- **Beech 1900D:** 19-seater pressurized aircraft to service routes between Suva/Nadi and Labasa, Savusavu, Taveuni, Rotuma and future regional routes
- **Dornier 228-212:** 19-seater to service routes between Suva/Nadi and Savusavu, Taveuni, Kadavu, Levuka, Gau and Koro
- **Dornier 328-110:** 30-seater pressurized aircraft to service routes between Suva, Nadi and Labasa and future regional routes
- **BN2 Islander:** 9-seater aircraft to support routes to smaller, less populated islands in the Lau Group.



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The aircraft will provide the comfort, personal amenities and speed that travelers expect of air transportation today as they travel to their destination.

Inter Island Airways' key focus will be to improve reliability of service and increase air transportation options for travelers to the Northern Islands, in particular Savusavu and Taveuni as tourism continues to grow in Fiji. Inter Island Airways will also increase service flights to Labasa, providing travel options and alternatives to those who travel frequently to Nadi and Suva.

The Fiji Tourism and travel market is expected to grow to over 1 million visitors by 2015 and Inter Island Airways is preparing to be a major force and contributor to that growth.

With its base of operations out of Nausori Airport, Inter Island Airways is working closely with Airport Fiji Limited (AFL) and other Fiji Government ministries to re-energize and stimulate growth at Suva Nausori Airport, located 30 minutes outside of the capital city of Suva. Suva Nausori Airport is expected to grow in traffic as the airport runway is lengthened to handle Boeing 767/A330 type aircraft. International flights are currently offered out of Suva Nausori Airport to New Zealand, Australia, Vanuatu, and Tonga using Boeing 737 and ATR 42/72 type aircraft.

Inter Island Airways (Fiji) Limited will be a Fiji-based, Fiji certificated airline in association with American Samoa-based sister airline **Inter Island Airways, Incorporated**. Both airlines will franchise and maintain the "Inter Island Airways" brand name across the South Pacific, creating a regional airline that will eventually span from Fiji, Tuvalu, Marshall Islands, the Samoas, Tonga, Niue, and the Cook Islands. Both airlines will code-share flights once the regional routes begin and will share flight crew, personnel and facilities as it builds up the regional routes with common aircraft and facilities.

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