



## **News Release**

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### **Polynesia Line introduces direct calls at Nuku'alofa, Tonga**

1 Polynesia Line is pleased to announce the addition of direct calls into Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga. Previously serviced via transshipment, *MV Polynesia* will commence direct monthly calls at Nuku'alofa from March 2016.

2 The service offers a 14 day transit from the US West Coast ports of Long Beach and Oakland, and offers both refrigerated and dry cargo options.

3 Torben Henry, President of Polynesia Line said, "Polynesia Line has more than 30 years of experience serving our customers in the South Pacific region. The introduction of a direct call to Nuku'alofa specifically caters to the needs of the business community in Tonga and makes us the first carrier to connect Tonga to the US West Coast since the 1980s."

4 Polynesia Line also links the US West Coast with Tahiti, Samoa and American Samoa.

5 Polynesia Line is owned by The China Navigation Company Pte Ltd, the deep sea shipping arm of the Swire group. From January 2016, China Navigation's liner shipping division, Swire Shipping, has also enhanced its North Asia to Pacific service with direct calls at Nuku'alofa, among other ports, becoming the only multipurpose liner operator to connect mainland China to the South Pacific.

### **About Polynesia Line**

Polynesia Line, established in 1967, was initially developed around the tuna business out of Pago Pago in American Samoa. Over the years, the business has grown and now Polynesia Line provides a fortnightly service between the US West Coast and Tahiti, Tonga, American Samoa, Western Samoa and the wider Pacific Islands, including Micronesia. Polynesia Line owns a 50% interest in Polynesia Shipping Services (Pago Pago) and Polynesia Shipping Services (Apia).

*For more information on Polynesia Line, please visit [www.polynesialine.com](http://www.polynesialine.com).*





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