



LAUGA A LE PALEMIA TUILAEPA LUPESOLIAI SAILELE MALIELEGAOI I LE TATALAINA O LE POLOKETI O LE MALOSIAGA MAI MATAGI I ALEIPATA

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Le Fa'auluuluga ma le Aumalaga mai Abu Dhabi ole Malo Soofaatasi o Atunuu Arapi

Fa'auluuluga o Malo mai fafo

Tatou Paaga mo le Atiinae o Samoa

Aemaise o lo tatou nuu ma le Itumalo i Aleipata nei.

Ua tatou potopoto i Malaefonoa, Vailoa ma Lalovi nei, ona o le faamoemoe o le Malo i le tatalaina lea o se tasi o ana atiina'e o Malosiaga Fa'afouina.

O le atinae muamua leni o le Malosiaga o le Matagi poo le Savili ua fa'atuina i Samoa nei ise fesoasoani mai le atunuu i Arapi ole United Arab Emirates. E fou le faiga pa'aga a atunuu o le Pasefika ma le atunu'u o United Arab Emirates ma o Samoa le isi atunuu muamua o le Pasefika ua mafai ona faamanuiaina i nei fesoasoani fa'apaaga. E faafetaia ai le Taitai Malaga ma le Aumalaga mai le United Arab Emirates mo le fa'atinoina o leni atina'e taua.

Ua faamanuiaina lo tatou nuu ma le Itumalo o Aleipata nei i leni atiinae taua. Mo le silafia e le maua uma e nuu ma alalafaga o Samoa leni faamanuiaga o le Malosiaga o le Matagi. Mai suesuega a Inisinia Faapitoa, ua fautuaina ai le lelei atoatoa ma talafeagai o le nofoaga leni i Aleipata mo le atinaeina o le Malosiaga o le Matagi.

E 57 eka le tele o le fanua o le Malo i Aleipata nei ma ua fa'amatu'u atu le 6 eka i le Fa'alapotopotoga o le EPC mo le amataina o lenei atina'e taua. O le fa'amoemoe a solosolo manuia ma maua nisi fesoasoani fa'apenei i le lumanai, o le a fa'aopoopo nisi pe'ape'a e fa'atumulia ai le fanua atoa.

E 2 pe'ape'a ua fa'apipiina e amata ai lenei atiina'e. E tusa le malosi o le peapea e tasi ma le 275kW le fua o le eletise po o le 550kW pe a tu'u faatasi. E tusa lea ma le 1.5 milion unite o le eletise e mafai ona gaosi mai ai i le tausaga e fuafua i le malosi o le matagi. E tusa lea ma le 1,500 aiga e mafai ona ola ai. O le a mafai ona faasaoina ai le 375,000 lita o le suauu kiso po o le \$1 miliona Tala Samoa i le tausaga. E le gata i lea ae o le a fa'aititia ai foi le kasa o'ona i le 1,000 tane (tons) i le tausaga ona ua le fa'aaogaina le kiso e gaosi mai ai lea eletise.

Ua filifilia lenei ituaiga o pe'ape'a ina ia mafai ona tuu i lalo ma loka pe a fai ae agi se afa. O lea gaioiga e i lalo ifo o le itula e faatino ai. Ma o le a mafai ona toe faatuina i se taimi vave pe a uma se afa.

E 5 milion Tala Amerika le fesoasoani mai le Malo o United Arab Emirates na faatupeina ai lenei Atiinae. O le kamupani a le MASDAR o United Arab Emirates sa gafa ma le puleaina o lenei atinae a'o le konekarate o Vergnet mai Falani sa latou fausiaina pe'ape'a ma totoga uma o lenei galuega. Ole tau aofa'i o le galuega e \$3.6 miliona tala Amerika. O isi kamupani (subcontractors) na fa'amanuiaina e feasoasoani i le fausiaina o lenei atiinae o Ah Liki Construction, Kings Construction, Betham Brothers, ma Tavita Construction mai Samoa ma MacMillian mai Niu Sila.

E tusa ai ma fuafuaga ua uma ona fa'ataoto ma o lo'o faatinoina nei e le Fa'alapotopotoga o le EPC ma le Malo, e oo atu i le tausaga e 2017 ua 100% o le eletise a le atunuu ua gaosia mai i Malosiaga Fa'afouina. O se luitau tele ma taua lea mo le Malo. Ina ia matu'ā i o ese Samoa mai le fa'alagolago i le fa'aaogaina o le suauu kiso e gaosi ai le eletise ae ia faalagolago tatou i Malosiaga Faafouina e maua i Samoa nei. E 13 atiinae o le Malosiaga Faafouina ua uma ona sainia ma ua amata nei le faatinoina. O ia atinae e aofia ai afi vai e 5, susunuina o le lapisi, susunuina o pa'uta'avale tuai, kasa mai laau faatasi ai ma atinae e 5 o le malosiaga o le la.

E toe faafetaia ai le Malo o United Arab Emirates mo leni fesoasoani tau tupe ua mafai ai ona fa'atinoina leni atiinae taua o lo tatou Malo. Fa'afetai foi i alalafaga i Aleipata nei mo lo outou lagolago sua i atinae a lo tatou Malo.

Ia fa'amanuia le Atua i leni Atinae.



**SPEECH BY THE HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER TUILAEPA LUPESOLIAI
SAILELE MALIELEGAOI AT THE LAUNCH OF THE ALEIPATA WIND FARM
FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST**

Your Excellency Mr Lootah, let me begin by extending greetings to you and your delegation from the United Arab Emirates:

AHLAN-WAS-AHLAN. TALOFA and WELCOME to Samoa. It is a great honour to have you here. I also welcome other Heads of Governments, Delegations from International Organisations, Members of the Diplomatic Corps and distinguished guests.

We have ahead of us an exciting and what promises to be an enlightening summit on Renewable energy, and this project is the perfect prelude demonstrates exactly what we hope to achieve: economic empowerment, environmental protection, and strengthened partnership.

This 550 kilo watt wind project is a first for Samoa and a trail-blazer for the Pacific as we seek to diversify our energy supply. Wind is now the lowest-cost source of power in many countries of the world, and one of the fastest-growing energy subsectors. It is only proper that Wind should begin to play an important part in our energy mix here.

For centuries the people of Samoa have used the prevailing easterly trade winds to move between the islands. Traditional sail boats called Amatasi were once up to 60 ft long and carried crews of 25 men for deep-sea fishing and cargo transport using the wind as their fuel. Today I look at the blades of these huge turbines and see in them the shape of sails. So our move into wind energy is not only a great jump forward into a more energy-independent future, it is also a reflection of our history.

The project here in Aleipata is an ideal location as it is accessible to the best – wind resources, and aptly demonstrates the potential of wind power to play an even larger part in the Pacific’s energy future. It will produce over 1.5 million units of electricity each year and will save our country over WST1 million tala, or around US\$475,000, per year in diesel fuel. Total electricity from this wind farm will supply about 1,500 families with their total electricity needs in a year.

This is the feature of renewable energy that we need to be aware of.. It is the solution for sustainable development that everyone can support.

This is why we have made renewable energy one of the dedicated forums of the pre conference events and why our government is such a strong advocate for renewable energy. We are in fact embarking on an aggressive program that aims to make electricity generation in Samoa 100% renewable by 2017. We have 13 renewable energy projects currently being implemented, including hydro, solar, waste-to-energy, and bio-energy.

We are moreover extremely fortunate – and thankful – to have found a partner with similar aspirations in the United Arab Emirates. Even when many people questioned why an oil-producer would embrace renewable energy, UAE continues to strongly support developing countries’ efforts to achieve sustainable development. UAE also been a special friend to the Pacific and Samoa, making one of the largest-ever investments in the region’s renewable energy sector.

I wish to note that Samoa is proud to be in a partnership with the United Arab Emirates , and I hereby acknowledge some of those involved:

- The team at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Abu Dhabi Fund for Development;
- MASDAR, as project manager; and
- French Contractor Vergnet (pronounced “Veer nay”), and their local supporting subcontractors; Ah Liki Construction, King Construction, Betham Brothers and Tavita Construction and MacMillian from New Zealand.

The allocated grant from UAE is US\$5 million. The total cost of contract for supply and construction is about US\$3.6 million. I am aware that all the stakeholders involved have worked tirelessly over several months and against a very tight project deadline to have this wind farm ready for opening today. Thank you from the People of Samoa. This is indeed a great achievement, and an inspiration to us all for the future. –Shukran – Faafetai tele lava.

I Officially declare this Wind Farm Open.