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# WEEKLY TEA MARKET REPORT SALE NO: 30 - 31ST JULY/02ND AUGUST 2023

# ORDER OF SALE

EXESTATE

Leafy/LG Small Leaf/BOPIA Grade/Dust

/Premium

1. John Keells PLC Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd John Keells PLC 2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC 3. Lanka Commodity Brokers (Pvt) Ltd Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC John Keells PLC Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 5. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd Eastern Brokers Ltd Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd Lanka Commodity Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 6. Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd Lanka Commodity Brokers (Pvt) Ltd 7. Eastern Brokers Ltd Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC 8. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd Eastern Brokers Ltd

At this week's sale 11,359 lots totalling 6,095,342 kgs were on offer. The breakdown is as follows:

	<b>LOTS</b>	QUANTITY
Ex Estate	769	860,025
Main Sale - High & Medium	1,547	729,544
Low Grown - Leafy	2,147	883,674
Low Grown - Semi Leafy	1,492	666,529
Low Grown - Tippy	1,824	894,399
Premium Flowery	312	54,305
Off Grades	2,676	1,428,210
Dust	592	578,656
TOTAL	11,359	6,095,342
Re - Prints	852	478,978

Buyers Prompt: 08/08/2023 Sellers Prompt: 09/08/2023

# QUALITY

Mostly similar to last with the exception of a select range of Uvas which showed seasonal improvement.

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## **COMMENTS**

This week's Auction was held on Monday, 31 July and Wednesday, 2 August 2023 on account of an intervening Poya holiday.

Auction offerings recorded a marginal increase and totalled 6.1 M/Kgs vis-à-vis 5.8 M/Kgs the previous week. The volatility in the currency continues to adversely impact the tea market with a degree of uncertainty as was evident this week. In general, the Large Leaf teas continued to sell reasonably well, whilst the High & Mid Grown Small Leaf teas met with selective interest and irregular prices.

Ex-Estate offerings totalled 0.86 M/Kgs, down from 0.92 M/Kgs the previous week. Overall quality of Westerns' together with the Nuwara Eliyas' showed no significant change, whilst a small selection of Uvas' showed seasonal improvement.

Best Western BOP/BOPF's were irregular with a small selection of clean leaf teas appreciating in value following special inquiry, whilst the others were firm and often easier. In the Below Best category, BOP's were firm and Rs. 20-30 per kg easier, whilst the Plainer sorts were often up to Rs. 50 per kg lower. Corresponding BOPF's followed a similar trend with a small selection of clean leaf/bright liquoring teas appreciating Rs. 20-30 per kg, whilst the others often declined by a similar margin. Plainer sorts were irregular and barely steady. Nuwara Eliya BOP's appreciated up to Rs. 200 per kg and more following special inquiry, whilst the corresponding BOPF's were often difficult of sale. Uda Pussellawas' - Clean leaf teas were firm, whilst the others tended easier. Uva seasonal BOP's sold between Rs. 1,200-2,650 per kg, whilst the corresponding BOPF's sold between Rs. 1,000-1,900 per kg. Other non-seasonal types - BOP's declined by up to Rs. 100 per kg and more, whilst the corresponding BOPF's eased by Rs. 20-30 per kg.

High & Mid Grown CTC teas - BP1's were irregular and barely steady. PF1's - Better sorts were firm, whilst the others were irregular and easier. Corresponding Low Grown varieties - BP1's sold around last levels. PF1's - Best available were firm, whilst the others were up to Rs. 100 per kg lower.

Low Growns comprised of 2.4 M/Kgs. Leafy, Semi Leafy and Tippy teas met with selective demand.

In the Leafy catalogues, OP's in general were easier. A few select Best OPA's sold around last levels, whilst the others declined. OP1's in general were lower, whilst a few select Best BOP1's sold around last levels on special inquiry. Others eased. Well-made PEK's were easier, whilst the others sold around last levels. A few high priced PEK1's were firm to dearer following special inquiry, whilst the others were firm.

In the Tippy catalogues, well-made FBOP's were easier, whilst the balance sold around last levels. A few select Best FF1's were firm, whilst the balance together with the Best varieties eased. Below Best and teas at the bottom were firm on last.

In the Premium catalogues, very Tippy teas met with improved demand. Best and clean leaf teas were firm, whilst the balance were easier. However, Leafier varieties appreciated.

# NATIONAL TEA SALE AVERAGES - JULY 2023

# Key Highlights:

\* National tea sales average for the month of July 2023 recorded Rs. 1,011.44 (USD 3.18), showing a marginal **gain of Rs. 37.08 and a decrease of USD 0.06** from the June 2023 average of Rs. 974.36 (USD 3.24).

<sup>†</sup> In comparison to the July 2022 average of Rs. 1,448.13 (USD 4.05), shows a **decrease of Rs. 436.69 and USD 0.87 YOY**.

In Sri Lankan Rup	ees							
	23-Jul	23-Jun	MOM Variance	22-Jul	YOY Variance	To date 2023	To date 2022	YOY Variance
High Grown	867,36	848.57	18.79	1204.57	-337.21	1115.14	931.18	183.96
Medium Grown	891.38	856.12	35.26	1152.29	-260.91	1029.81	904.76	125.05
Low Grown	1108.03	1067.85	40.18	1608.57	-500.54	1270.29	1189.98	80.31
Total	1011.44	974.36	37.08	1448.13	-436.69	1194.42	1081.93	112.49

In U.S. Dollars		2.5						
	23-Jul	23-Jun	MOM Variance	22-Jul	YOY Variance	To date 2023	To date 2022	YOY Variance
High Grown	2.73	2.82	-0.09	3.37	-0.64	3.39	3.17	0.22
Medium Grown	2.80	2.85	-0.05	3.23	-0.43	3.13	3.08	0.05
Low Grown	3.48	3.55	-0.07	4.50	-1.02	3.86	4.06	
Total	3.18	3.24	-0.06	4.05	-0.87	3.63	3.69	-0.06

Source - Sri Lanka Tea Board (For statistical purposes only)

# Elevation-Wise Analysis - July 2023:

- \* High Grown average for the month recorded a **gain of Rs. 18.79 and a decrease of USD 0.09** month on month, whilst **a** decrease of Rs. 337.21 and USD 0.64 is recorded YOY.
- \* Medium Grown average for the month **recorded an increase of Rs. 35.26 and a decrease of USD 0.05** month on month, whilst in comparison to the corresponding month last year shows a **decrease of Rs. 260.91 and a decrease of USD 0.43 YOY**.
- \* Low Grown average for the month recorded an increase of Rs. 40.18 and a decrease of USD 0.07 month on month, whilst a decrease of Rs. 500.54 and USD 1.02 is recorded YOY.
- \* All elevations record an increase during the period January-July 2023 in comparison to the corresponding period of 2022 in LKR terms. However, in USD terms High and Medium Growns recorded a gain, whilst the Low Growns recorded a decline (Refer statistical details on Page No. 8).

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# **MARKET**

Selective demand at firm to easier rates

# HIGH GROWN TEAS

BOP

Best Western's - A selection of teas gained Rs. 50-100 per kg following special inquiry, whilst the others were firm to irregularly easier. Teas in the Below Best category were firm and Rs. 20-30 per kg easier, whilst the Plainer sorts were mostly up to Rs. 50 per kg lower. Nuwara Eliya's gained up to Rs. 200 per kg and more. Uda Pussellawa's - Clean leaf types were firm, whilst the others tended easier. Improved activity for Uva seasonal teas and prices ranged between Rs. 1,200-2,650 per kg, whilst the others declined by Rs. 100 per kg and more.

**BOPF** 

Best Western's - A selection of teas appreciated Rs. 50-100 per kg following special inquiry, whilst the others were firm and easier following quality. In the Below Best category, a selection of brighter teas gained Rs. 20-30 per kg, whilst the others declined by a similar margin. Plainer sorts were irregular and barely steady. Nuwara Eliya's were mostly unsold due to a lack of suitable bids. Uda Pussellawa's were irregular and barely steady. Improved demand for Uva seasonal teas and sold between Rs. 1,000-1,900 per kg, whilst the others were Rs. 20-30 per kg easier.

OP/OPA

OP's were firm to selectively easier, whilst the OPA's were firm to dearer, in general.

PEKOE/PEKOE1

A limited selection of flavoury PEK's that were available were mostly easier. Orthodox Leafy PEK/PEK1's, in general, were firm to dearer by Rs. 50 per kg and more at times. Best Rotovane PEK's were firm following quality, whilst the others and poorer sorts declined by Rs. 20-40 per kg and more.

FBOP/FBOPF1

A limited selection of flavoury FBOPs that were available were substantially easier and mostly remained unsold. Well-made Orthodox Leafy FBOPs together with the clean leaf Below Best sorts were firm to easier by Rs. 50 per kg, whilst the others at the lower end were irregular. Well-made FF1s were firm to easier by Rs. 50 per kg, whilst teas at the lower end were irregular following quality.

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	<u>BOP</u>		<b>BOPF</b>		PEKOE / FBOP		<u>OP</u>	
Sale Date	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG
Best Westerns	1040-1200	1100-1320	1080-1260	1100-1200	1060-1600	1050-1550	940-1240	900-1020
Below Best Westerns	860-1000	860-1080	860 - 980	840-1080	940-1040	920-1040	800-920	800-880
Plainer Westerns	740 - 800	750 - 850	730 - 840	750 - 830	780 - 920	780-900	720-780	720-790
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	1080-1360	960-1000	N/A	920-1500	800-1140	1160	750-880
Brighter Udapussellawas	820 - 980	760 - 850	760-1100	790 - 860	1140-1600	1100-1600	840-1300	870-1140
Other Udapussellawas	660 - 700	640 - 650	670 - 740	650 - 710	780-1120	780-1080	740-820	740-850
Best Uvas	940-1650	900-2650	1000-1600	820-1900	1040-1650	1050-1800	880-1280	880-1240
Other Uvas	760 - 840	690 - 840	700 - 850	670 - 810	740-1020	760-1030	720-860	720-860

## **MEDIUM GROWN TEAS**

BOP Large Leaf teas were up to Rs. 50 per kg dearer, whilst the others declined by a similar margin

and more.

**BOPF** Best available were firm, whilst the others declined Rs. 50-100 per kg.

**OP/OPA** Well-made OP's were firm on last, whilst the others were mostly easier. Well-made OPA's

were firm to dearer by Rs. 50 per kg, whilst others at the lower end were firm on last.

PEKOE/PEKOE1 PEK/PEK1's, in general, were firm to dearer by Rs. 50 per kg.

FBOP/FBOPF1 Well-made FBOPs declined sharply following quality, whilst others at the lower end were

irregular. Well-made FF1s were firm to easier by Rs. 50 per kg, whilst teas at the lower end

were irregular.

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	<u>BOP</u>		<b>BOPF</b>		PEKOE / FBOP		<u>OP</u>	
Sale Date	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG
Good Mediums	890-1340	900-1400	760 - 800	N/A	1100-2200	1100-1800	880-1420	900-1320
Other Mediums	N/A	N/A	700 - 760	700 - 740	780-1080	800-1080	720-860	720-880

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### **UNORTHODOX TEAS**

HIGH GROWN BP1s - Hardly any offerings. PF1s - Better teas were firm, whilst the others were

irregularly easier.

MEDIUM GROWN BP1s - Irregular and barely steady. PF1s - Select clean leaf bright liquoring sorts were firm,

whilst the others were irregular and Rs. 20-40 per kg lower.

LOW GROWN BP1s - Sold around last week's levels. PF1s - Best available were firm, whilst the others were

irregular and Rs. 100 per kg easier on average.

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	<u>B</u> 1	<u>P 1</u>	<u>PF 1</u>		
Sale Date	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	
High Grown	750-870	750-760	710-980	710-1000	
Medium Grown	680-740	680-760	680-850	700-870	
Low Grown	870-920	720-800	1160-1550	1060-1550	

### **OFF GRADES**

FGS1/FGS Cleaner Best varieties declined by Rs. 40-60 per kg and more following quality. Below Best

and Plainer sorts which commenced firm to Rs. 20 per kg easier appreciated by a similar margin as the sale progressed. However, was dearer to a lesser extent by the close. Teas at the bottom end of the market were firm. Low Growns - Best varieties were easier by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the Below Best and poorer sorts in general were irregular. CTC's - Best and Below Best varieties maintained, whilst the teas at the bottom end of the market were

irregular.

**BROKENS** Select clean leaf invoices of the Best category appreciated by Rs. 20-30 per kg following quality, whilst the balance and Below Best varieties in general were firm to easier by Rs.

20-40 per kg. Poorer sorts maintained.

BOP1A Select Best varieties appreciated by Rs. 40-60 per kg and more following quality. Teas in the Below Best category were firm on last week's levels, whilst select invoices appreciated by Rs.

10-20 per kg. Teas at the bottom end of the market were firm on last week's levels, whilst select invoices declined by Rs. 10-30 per kg towards the closure of the sale.

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg) <u>HIGH</u> **MEDIUM** LOW <u>31JUL/</u> <u>31JU</u>L/ 31JUL/ 25/26 JUL 25/26 JUL 25/26 JUL Sale Date 02AUG 02AUG 02AUG Better Fannings (Orthodox) 720-830 720-760 720-890 700-820 700-790 700-760 Better Fannings (CTC) 730 710-730 720-730 710-720 1220-1460 700-750 Other Fannings (Orthodox) 610-700 600-680 590-700 570-680 540-700 560-680 680 670-690 630-720 660-680 Other Fannings (CTC) N/A N/A Good Brokens 730-800 720-770 730-1000 720-820 740-1240 740-1280 Other Brokens 650-720 630-700 610-720 600-710 640-730 640-730 Better BOP1As 710-830 710-880 720-980 710-1000 710-1300 700-1360 Other BOP1As 690-700 670-680 670-680 660-690 660-690 660-690

# **DUSTS**

DUST1

Select Best Dust1's were mostly firm. Best Dust1's declined by Rs. 40-60 per kg. The Below Best category declined by Rs. 30-50 per kg, whilst the poorer sorts were firm to dearer by Rs. 20-40 per kg. Best and Below Best varieties were easier by Rs. 40-60 per kg, whilst the poorer sorts were mostly firm.

Best High and Medium Grown CTC's were firm to selectively dearer by Rs. 30-50 per kg following quality, whilst the Below Best varieties and the poorer sorts followed a similar trend. The Low Grown varieties declined by Rs. 50-70 per kg.

**DUST** 

Clean leaf secondaries were irregularly firm to easier by Rs. 20-40 per kg, whilst the poorer sorts remained firm. Best Low Grown together with the poorer sorts remained firm.

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	<u>HI</u>	<u>GH</u>	<u>MED</u>	<u>IUM</u>	<u>LOW</u>	
Sale Date	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG
Better Primary Dust (Orthodox)	1050-1600	1080-1700	750-1000	720-810	880-1280	820-920
Better Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	840-1060	850-1020	750-840	760-850	1020-1220	1000-1260
Below Best Primary Dust (Orthodox)	820-1040	810-1060	670-740	660-750	750-860	740-810
Other Primary Dust (CTC) P. Dust	760-820	800-850	650-740	590-750	720-980	750-980
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	580-810	550-800	550-660	550-650	560-740	530-730
Better Secondary Dust	720-840	740-880	620-680	700-830	900-1320	880-1120
Other Secondary Dust	530-700	520-720	500-610	540-680	520-880	460-850

\* Note. High & Medium quotations are a combination of HIGH GROWNS (Western High and Uva High) MEDIUM

GROWNS (Western Medium and Uva Medium).

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# LOW GROWN TEAS

FBOP/FBOP1 Well-made FBOPs were easier whilst the balance sold around last levels. Select best and best

FBOP1s eased. Balance were firm.

**BOP** BOPs in general were firm.

**BOP1** A few select best and best BOP1s in general maintained whilst others declined.

**OP1** OP1s in general were easier.

**OP**s in general were lower.

**OPA** A few high priced OPAs were firm whilst the balance declined.

**PEKOE** Well-made PEKs eased whilst the balance sold at last levels. Few select best PEK1s were firm to

selectively dearer whilst balance were firm on last.

**BOPF** Well-made BOPF together with below best were easier. However the teas at the bottom were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 Very tippy teas met with improved demand. Best and cleaner below best were sold around last

levels. Balance eased. However, the leafier varieties appreciated. Few select best FBOPF1s were firm, whilst the balance together with best declined. However, below best and teas at the bottom

were sold at last levels.

QUOTATIONS IN (Rs/kg)	SELEC	SELECT BEST		<u>BEST</u>		BELOW BEST		<u>OTHERS</u>	
Sale Date	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	25/26 JUL	31JUL/ 02AUG	<u>25/26</u> <u>JUL</u>	31JUL/ 02AUG	<u>25/26</u> <u>JUL</u>	31JUL/ 02AUG	
FBOP 1	1500-1750	1500-1600	1250-1400	1250-1400	900-1000	900-1000	800-850	800-850	
FBOP	1800-2250	1800-2200	1500-1600	1500-1600	1050-1350	1050-1300	800-1000	820-1000	
BOP 1	1850-2800	1800-2800	1650-1750	1650-1750	1100-1500	1050-1500	1000-1100	900-1000	
BOP	1500-1600	1500-1650	1250-1350	1250-1350	880-1000	900-1000	750-850	750-850	
BOPF	1200-1360	1100-1300	850-880	800-860	750-770	740-760	700-720	700-720	
FBOPF (TIPPY)/FBOPF SP	2500-3400	2400-3650	1250-1600	1250-1600	1000-1150	1000-1150	1000	1000	
FBOPF 1	1450-1550	1460-1500	1250-1350	1250-1350	900-1020	900-1040	780-820	780-850	
FBOPF	1300-1550	1300-1550	860-900	850-900	800-830	800-830	700-750	700-750	
OP 1	2850-3550	2650-3100	1550-2450	1500-2400	1150-1300	1050-1250	950-1000	850-950	
OP	1300-1420	1280-1320	1220-1300	1200-1280	1000-1100	1000-1100	800-950	800-950	
OPA	1100-2150	1100-2150	960-1060	960-1060	900-940	900-940	750-850	750-850	
PEKOE	1700-2500	1700-2300	1400-1650	1400-1650	1100-1200	1100-1200	900-1000	900-1000	
PEK 1	1700-2250	1700-2350	1350-1650	1350-1650	1100-1200	1100-1200	850-1000	850-1000	

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TOP PRICE	TOP PRICES IN (RS/KGS)			OF 31ST JUI	LY/02ND AU	GUST	Γ 2023
WESTERN MEDIUM				UVA MEDIUM			
Hatale	BOP		1,400.00	St James	BOP	@	1,600.00
Craighead	BOPSp	@	870.00	Dickwella	BOP	<u>a</u>	1,220.00
Uplands	BOPF/BOPFSp	_	1,000.00	Halpewatte Uva	BOPSp	_	1,180.00
Dartry Valley	BOP1	@	1,600.00	St James	BOPF/BOPFSp	@	1,000.00
Harangalla	FBOP/FBOP1	@	1,800.00	Demodera 'S'	BOP1	@	1,850.00
Craighead	FBOP/FBOP1	<u>@</u>	1,700.00	Telbedde	FBOP/FBOP1	@	1,360.00
Ancoombra	FBOP/FBOP1		1,700.00	Demodera 'S'	FBOP/FBOP1	@	1,360.00
Dartry Valley Harangalla	FBOPF/FBOPF1 FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	1,380.00 1,360.00	Halpewatte Uva High Spring	FBOPF/FBOPF1 FBOPF/FBOPF1		1,280.00 1,280.00
Wattehena	OP/OPA	@	1,320.00	Misty Uva	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	1,260.00
Harangalla	OP/OPA	<u>@</u>	1,280.00	High Spring	OP/OPA	w	1,220.00
Dartry Valley	OP/OPA	<u>a</u>	1,280.00	Misty Uva	OP/OPA	@	1,200.00
Dartry Valley	OP1	<u>@</u>	1,420.00	Glen Alpin	OP1	œ	1,420.00
Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	<u>@</u>	1,800.00	Misty Uva	PEK/PEK1	<u>@</u>	1,800.00
WESTERN HIGH		0		St James	PEK/PEK1	<u>a</u>	1,800.00
Dessford	BOP		1,320.00	UVA HIGH			
Ingestre	BOP	<u>@</u>	1,320.00	Uva Highlands	BOP	(a)	2,650.00
Alton	BOP	<u>a</u>	1,200.00	Craig	BOPSp	w	1,060.00
Queensberry	BOPSp	(a)	1,020.00	Uva Highlands	BOPF/BOPFSp		1,900.00
Great Western	BOPF/BOPFSp	w	1,200.00	Uvakellie	BOP1		1,360.00
Glenloch	BOP1	@	1,280.00	Gonamotawa	FBOP/FBOP1	@	1,360.00
Torrington	BOP1	<u>@</u>	1,240.00	Uvakellie	FBOP/FBOP1	0	1,360.00
Inverness	FBOP/FBOP1	0	1,440.00	Mount Uva	FBOP/FBOP1		1,360.00
Glenloch	FBOPF/FBOPF1	<u>@</u>	1,200.00	Glenanore	FBOP/FBOP1	<u>@</u>	1,340.00
Torrington	OP/OPA	a.	1,020.00	Gonamotawa	FBOPF/FBOPF1	<u>a</u>	1,260.00
Glenloch	OP/OPA	<u>@</u>	1,000.00	Mount Uva	OP/OPA	-	1,240.00
St Andrews	OP/OPA		1,000.00	Gonamotawa	OP/OPA	<b>@</b>	1,180.00
Venture	OP1	_	1,200.00	Gonamotawa	OP1	@	1,400.00
Torrington	PEK/PEK1	@	1,550.00	Uva Highlands	PEK/PEK1	_	1,800.00
NUWARA ELIYAS				Glenanore	PEK/PEK1	@	1,650.00
Mahagastotte	BOP	@	1,360.00	Gonamotawa	PEK/PEK1	@	1,650.00
Court Lodge	FBOP/FBOP1	<u>@</u>	800.00	Mount Uva	PEK/PEK1		1,650.00
Court Lodge	OP/OPA	<u>@</u>	880.00	Ranaya	PEK/PEK1		1,650.00
Kenmare	OP/OPA	<u>a</u>	880.00	UNORTHODOX HIG	Н		
Court Lodge	PEK/PEK1	@	1,140.00	Ulugedara CTC	PF1		1,000.00
Lovers Leap	PEK/PEK1		1,140.00	Mount Vernon CTC	BP1	@	760.00
Mahagastotte	PEK/PEK1	@	1,120.00	Dunsinane CTC	BPS	@	850.00
UDAPUSSELLAWAS				UNORTHODOX MEI	DIUM		
Luckyland	BOP		850.00	New Peacock CTC	PF1	(a)	870.00
Gampaha	BOPSp		900.00	Delta CTC	BP1	0	760.00
Kirklees	BOPF/BOPFSp		860.00	Donside CTC	BPS		670.00
Blairlomond	BOP1	<u>@</u>	1,360.00	UNORTHODOX LOV	X/		
Alma	FBOP/FBOP1		1,200.00	Hingalgoda CTC	PF1		1,550.00
Gampaha	FBOP/FBOP1		1,200.00	Ceciliyan CTC	BP1		800.00
Gordon	FBOP/FBOP1	@	1,040.00	•			000.00
Gampaha	FBOPF/FBOPF1		1,220.00	PREMIUM FLOWER			
Gordon	FBOPF/FBOPF1	@	1,120.00	Nilgiri	FBOPFSP		2,450.00
Delmar	FBOPF/FBOPF1		1,120.00	Brombil	FBOPFEXSP		3,800.00
Alma	OP/OPA		1,140.00	Ihalapanapitiya	FBOPFEXSP1		4,200.00
Blairlomond Gordon	OP1 OP1	@	940.00 890.00	DUSTS			
Gordon Blairlomond	OP1 PEK/PEK1	@ @	1,600.00	Mattakelle	DUST1		1,700.00
	I EN/I ENI	$\omega$	1,000.00	Kalubowitiyana CTC	PD		1,260.00
LOW GROWNS				OFF GRADES			
Hidellana	BOP		2,450.00	Sachitha	FGS/FGS1		820.00
Suduwelipothahena Sup			1,750.00	Aldora	FGS/FGS1	@	810.00
Pothotuwa	BOPF	<u>@</u>	1,200.00	Falcon Lanka	FGS/FGS1	0	810.00
Wathurawila	BOPF		1,200.00	Bambarawana Hills	FGS/FGS1		810.00
Golden Garden Wattahena	BOPFSp BOPFSp		1,340.00 1,340.00	Andaradeniya Hills	FGS/FGS1		810.00
Pothotuwa	BOPFSp FBOP	@	2,350.00	Chandrika CTC	PFGS		750.00
Wattahena	FBOP1	@	1,900.00	Kurunduwatta	BM		1,200.00
Sihara	FBOPF		1,600.00	Hidellana	BP		1,280.00
Katanwila	FBOPF		1,600.00	Chandrika Estate	BOP1A	@	1,360.00
Pothotuwa	FBOPF1	<u>@</u>	1,550.00	Aldora	BOP1A	@	1,300.00
Gunawardena	FBOPF1	<u>a</u>	1,500.00				
New J. S. P	FBOPF1	$\circ$	1,500.00				
Ceyenta	FBOPF1	@	1,480.00				
New Vithanakande	BOP1	$\circ$	2,800.00				
Ceciliyan	OP1		3,100.00				
Sithaka	OP1		3,100.00				
Rotumba	OP		1,320.00				
Rotumba	OPA		2,150.00				
Liyonta	PEK		2,300.00				
Mahaliyadda	PEK1		2,350.00				
@ Sold by For	rbes & Walker Tea I	3rokers	(Pvt) Ltd/*	*All Time Record Pri	ce * Equal All Time	e Record	Price
FORBES	& WALKER TEA	BROKE	ERS (PVT) I	LTD SALE OF - 31ST	JULY/02ND AUGU	JST 2023	

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	QUANTITY SOLD DURING THE PERIOD										
	<u>2023</u>	<u> 24TH - 29TH JULY 2023</u>		<u>2022</u>							
<b>WEEKLY</b>	<b>TODATE</b>		<b>WEEKLY</b>	<b>TODATE</b>							
		PRIVATE SALES									
85,268	2,918,428		86,731	2,431,859							
		PUBLIC AUCTION		445.055.005							
5,025,762	143,031,605	EODWADD CONTDACTS	4,548,122	147,077,237							
70,920	1,789,008	FORWARD CONTRACTS	20,000	1,081,240							
70,720	1,762,000	DIRECT SALES	20,000	1,001,240							
NIL	NIL	<u>PIRES STEED</u>	NIL	NIL							
		TOTAL									
5,181,950	147,739,041		4,654,853	150,590,336							
		BMF EXCLUDED FROM PRIVATE SALE									
89,026	1,489,408		83,194	3,950,383							
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<b>QUANTITY SOLD AND THE AVERAGE PRICE PER AUCTION</b>									
		<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>			<u>2021</u>	
SALE DATE	QTY <u>M/KG</u>	AV/PRICE RS	Approx <u>US\$</u> <u>Equivalent</u>	QTY <u>M/KG</u>	AV/PRICE RS	Approx US\$ Equivalent	QTY <u>M/KG</u>	AV/PRICE RS	Approx US\$ Equivalent
19TH JULY 2023	5.38	994.47	3.25	4.69	1471.41	4.11	6.15	592.56	2.99
26TH JULY 2023	5.02	1041.93	3.23	4.54	1519.68	4.25	5.47	598.81	3.03

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

# RATES OF EXCHANGE AS AT 02ND AUGUST 2023

YEAR	US.DOL	STG.PD	YEN	EURO
2023	323.96	413.79	2.27	354.13
2022	357.22	432.79	2.66	361.98
2021	198.09	274.77	1.81	234.00

# SRI LANKA RUPEE APPROX. PER UNIT OF CURRENCY

Source: Central Bank of Sri Lanka / Buying Rates

# **CROP AND WEATHER**

# For the period 24th - 31st July 2023

## Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions

The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported clear weather throughout the week. Heavy showers are expected in both regions and fairly strong winds in the Nuwara Eliya Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology.

# Uva/Udapussellawa Region

Both regions reported bright mornings and gloomy afternoons with isolated light showers towards the latter part of the week.

# Low Growns

The Low Grown Region reported bright weather throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology expects heavy showers in the Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions in the week ahead.

# Crop Intake

The Western, Uva, Uda Pussellawa and Low Grown regions reported a decrease in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya region maintained.

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# PUBLIC AUCTION / GROSS SALE AVERAGES

**SALE NO: 29** 

**SALE OF:** 25TH/26TH JULY 2023

	2023				<u>2022</u>				<u>2021</u>			
	WEE	KLY	TOD	ATE	TE WEEKLY		TODATE		WEEKLY		TODATE	
	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD
Uva High Grown	834.81	2.58	1005.07	3.05	1231.56	3.44	959.34	3.29	517.65	2.62	556.25	2.86
Western High Grown	856.50	2.65	1160.99	3.53	1363.61	3.81	943.18	3.23	566.44	2.86	603.01	3.10
CTC High Grown	821.19	2.54	1050.34	3.19	1256.14	3.51	813.82	2.79	510.74	2.58	531.95	2.73
High Grown (Summary)	848.24	2.63	1112.83	3.38	1305.19	3.65	948.44	3.25	550.57	2.78	589.36	3.03
Uva Medium Grown	950.89	2.94	1035.47	3.15	1305.23	3.65	1030.60	3.53	555.29	2.81	572.35	2.94
Western Medium Grown	862.98	2.67	1007.95	3.06	1155.94	3.23	856.17	2.93	510.86	2.58	549.41	2.82
CTC Medium Grown	740.68	2.29	948.39	2.88	998.94	2.79	711.05	2.44	458.35	2.32	512.18	2.63
Medium Grown (Summary)	893.73	2.77	1016.84	3.09	1202.84	3.36	911.15	3.12	525.14	2.65	556.25	2.86
Orthodox Low Grown	1174.19	3.63	1299.51	3.95	1678.17	4.69	1228.18	4.21	646.27	3.27	662.24	3.40
CTC Low Grown	924.79	2.86	961.31	2.92	1478.08	4.13	808.07	2.77	480.43	2.43	511.31	2.62
Low Grown(Summary)	1161.67	3.60	1280.96	3.89	1661.73	4.65	1199.86	4.11	636.93	3.22	653.33	3.35
Total	1041.93	3.23	1200.63	3.65	1519.68	4.25	1096.97	3.76	598.81	3.03	622.93	3.20

Source: Oanda Exchange Rates

Source: MSL - Averages

# JULY 2023 TOGETHER WITH THE CORRESPONDING AVERAGES FOR 2022 & 2021

		2023					2022	<u>2021</u>				
	MON	TH	TOD	TODATE MON		TH TODATE		MONTH		TODATE		
	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD	SLR	USD
Uva High Grown	860.20	2.70	1018.05	3.09	1222.38	3.42	955.17	3.26	525.56	2.66	558.86	2.87
Western High Grown	873.08	2.74	1171.17	3.56	1251.76	3.50	945.44	3.22	564.94	2.86	608.45	3.12
CTC High Grown	800.06	2.51	1051.42	3.20	1126.20	3.15	814.06	2.78	498.52	2.52	528.85	2.71
High Grown (Summary)	867.36	2.73	1115.14	3.39	1204.57	3.37	931.18	3.17	548.59	2.77	590.34	3.03
Uva Medium Grown	934.25	2.94	1030.00	3.13	1315.48	3.68	1013.02	3.45	551.33	2.79	569.98	2.93
Western Medium Grown	851.11	2.67	1009.31	3.07	1074.68	3.01	856.00	2.92	503.04	2.54	548.18	2.81
CTC Medium Grown	741.11	2.33	942.97	2.87	933.82	2.61	707.74	2.41	466.04	2.36	512.02	2.63
Medium Grown (Summary)	891.38	2.80	1029.81	3.13	1152.29	3.23	904.76	3.08	522.77	2.64	560.14	2.87
Orthodox Low Grown	1133.36	3.56	1301.76	3.96	1644.03	4.60	1229.36	4.19	636.76	3.22	662.37	3.40
CTC Low Grown	857.47	2.69	960.78	2.92	1220.79	3.42	797.81	2.72	476.64	2.41	510.95	2.62
Low Grown(Summary)	1108.03	3.48	1270.29	3.86	1608.57	4.50	1189.98	4.06	625.08	3.16	650.79	3.34
Total	1011.44	3.18	1194.42	3.63	1448.13	4.05	1081.93	3.69	588.92	2.98	621.37	3.19

Source: SLTB / Oanda Exchange Rates

### **MOMBASA AUCTION**

#### SALE OF - 31ST JULY / 02ND & 03RD AUGUST 2023 (SALE NO. 31)

Good general demand for the 217,834 packages (14,436,932.00 kilos) available in the market with

39.51% unsold.

## **OFFERINGS**

Leaf Grades - 115,780 packages (7,571,288.00 kilos) - 38.13% unsold.

Dust Grades - 72,420 packages (5,378,468.00 kilos) - 36.21% unsold.

Secondary Grades - 29,634 packages (1,487,176.00 kilos) - 13.90% unsold.

#### MARKETS

Pakistan Packers showed more activity while Kazakhstan and other CIS states continued strong. Afghanistan, Bazaar, UK, Yemen and other Middle Eastern countries maintained useful support

with reduced interest from Egyptian Packers and Russia. Sudan lent good participation with some enquiry from Iran. Local Packers maintained activity in line with price with Somalia maintaining

activity at the lower end of the market..

# LEAF GRADES (M2)

Best - Met good but irregular interest at steady to USC127 dearer to easier by up to USC61. Brighter - Were firm to USC20 dearer with selected teas advancing by USC36 and USC146 to

easier by up to USC10.

Mediums - KTDA mediums saw improved absorption at reserve price levels and select invoices gained USC32 while plantation mediums advanced by up to USC36.

Lower Medium - Most were firm to dearer by up to USC30 but some teas shed up to USC18. Plainer - Were steady to dearer by up to USC22.

PF1:

Best - Ranged between firm to USC12 above previous levels to easier by up to USC17. Brighter - Steady to USC15 dearer.

Mediums - KTDA mediums were firm to USC12 dearer with plantation mediums varying between USC5 dearer to easier by USC9.

Lower Medium - Were irregular ranging between steady to USC16 dearer to USC22 below last prices. Plainer - Varied between firm to USC22 dearer to easier by

CTC QUOTATIONS	BP1 - USC	PF1 - USC
Best	255 - 402	287 - 362
Good	255 - 401	262 - 310
Good Medium	255 - 291	262 - 306
Medium (KTDA)	250 - 282	244 - 278
Medium (Plantations)	128 - 222	160 - 222
Lower Medium	112 - 173	100 - 202
Plainer	090 - 135	072 - 151

#### DUST GRADES (M1)

## PDUST:

 $\textbf{\textit{Best}} \cdot \textit{Met irregular enquiry and varied from steady to USC20 dearer to USC16 below previous levels.}$ 

Brighter - Were firm to USC18 dearer.

Mediums - KTDA mediums were steady to USC6 dearer while plantation mediums ranged between USC6 dearer to easier by USC2.

Lower Medium - Shed up to USC15 but a few invoices advanced by up to USC5 with select teas gaining USC10.

Plainer - Were mostly firm to USC22 easier but a few selected lines appreciated by up to USC17.

# DUST1:

Best - Were firm to USC14 dearer.

Brighter - Steady to USC13 above last rates.

Mediums - KTDA mediums varied between firm to USC10 dearer to USC4 easier while plantation mediums appreciated by up to USC20.

Lower Medium - Were irregular and ranged between steady to USC14 dearer to USC25 below previous prices.

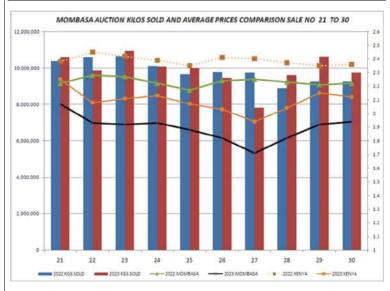
Plainer - Saw reduced enquiry and shed up to USC22 but a few teas gained USC15 and USC24.

CTC QUOTATIONS	PDUST - USC	DUST1 - USC
Best	270 - 306	286 - 316
Good	270 - 310	276 - 306
Good Medium	270 - 306	270 - 300
Medium (KTDA)	258 - 282	245 - 288
Medium (Plantations)	200 - 280	200 - 286
Lower Medium	100 - 214	100 - 210
Plainer	065 - 180	069 - 150

## SECONDARY GRADES (S1)

In the Secondary Catalogues, BPs appreciated while PFs were barely steady. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings gained with similar DUSTs dearer. Other Fannings held value while DUSTs were irregularly dearer. BMFs were well absorbed.

SECONDARY QUOTATIONS (USC)	BP/BP2	PF/PF2	FNGS1/ FNGS	DUST/ DUST2	BMF
Best / Good	163 - 216	174 - 206	140 - 216	135 - 268	084 - 118
Good Medium / Medium	-	-	125 - 202	131 - 226	-
Lower Medium	114 - 166	094 - 156	085 - 157	070 - 138	076 - 097
Plainer	090 - 128	080 - 142	063 - 112	078 - 134	057 - 088



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## **BANGLADESH AUCTION**

#### SALE OF - 31ST JULY 2023 (SALE NO. 14)

CTC LEAF: 57,300 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a good demand but slackened as the sale progressed.

BROKENS: Brokens particularly BOPs were in much less demand and witnessed quite a lot of withdrawals. These where sold registered a sharp decline in value. BLF teas met with a limited interest with heavy withdrawals.

FANNINGS: Good Fannings met with a fairly good market but were easier compared to last. Medium and plainer varieties were less in demand and prices eased in line with quality. BLF teas met with a limited interest with heavy withdrawals.

CTC DUST: 15,549 packages of Current Season teas teas on offer met with fair demand with some withdrawals. Good liquoring Dusts had fair demand and sold Tk.5/- to Tk.10/- below last levels. Mediums were an easier market with some withdrawals selling between Tk. 5/- and Tk. 10/- less than last. Plain and BLFs had some withdrawals and sold Tk.5/- to Tk.8/- below last. Blenders were fairly active whilst Loose tea buyers were very selective.

COMMENTS: Offerings continued to be large and quite in excess of the requirement and as a result, withdrawals were more with progressive decline in demand and prices. Blenders were active with some support from the Loose tea buyers. Dusts were in much less demand and took a sharp drop in price.

Our catalogue: (Sale 14) Avg: Tk 217.96, Sold 69.5 % , (Sale 13) Avg: Tk 223.41, Sold 80.2 %

QUOTATIONS	BROKENS	QUOTATIONS	FANNINGS
Large	2.18-2.27	Best	2.13-2.23
Medium	2.04-2.13	Good	2.04-2.13
Small	1.95-2.02	Medium	1.95-2
Plain	1.58-1.67	Plain	1.58-1.67
BLF	1.11-1.25	BLF	1.11-1.25

Courtesy - National Brokers Limited

# MALAWI AUCTION

## SALE OF - 02ND AUGUST 2023 (SALE NO. 31)

Less demand continued for the 3140 packages on offer with all main grades remaining unsold.

BP1 - N/A

PF1/PF1SC were all taken out.

D1 - Few available were taken out under bid.

PD - N/A

Secondaries were fully firm on last.

Courtsey - Tea Brokers Central Africa Limited

# KOLKATA AUCTION

# SALE OF - 01ST/02ND & 03RD AUGUST 2023 (SALE NO. 31)

Good demand. Assams are selling at barely steady to irregularly easier levels. W I - Operating . HUL - Some enquiry . TCPL - Some enquiry . Exporters - Some enquiry . Based on JT (1st session) Catalogue .

Courtesy - Associated Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

# **GUWAHATI AUCTION**

# SALE OF - 01ST AUGUST 2023 (SALE NO. 31)

Fair Demand at irregular around last levels. (Parcon running at 56%). HUL/Internal/Exporters operating. TCPL selective.

 $Courtesy-Associated\ Brokers\ Pvt.\ Ltd., Guwahti$ 

# **COCHIN AUCTION**

The above market report details were not available at the time of printing this publication.

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# CROP STATISTICS IN (Mn/kgs)

					To date	To date	To date	Differe	ence +/-
		2021	2022	2023	2021	2022	2023	2021 vs. 2022	
Sri Lanka	Jun	26.1	20.1	22.9	161.7	133.2	134.4	-28.5	1.2
Bangladesh	Jun	13.35	12.59	10.72	25.42	27.06	26.44	1.64	-0.62
Кепуа	May	45.3	50.25	57.88	230.60	227.85	225.51	-2.75	-2.34
Malawi	May	3.75	4.53	3.89	32.39	30.51	28.89	-1.88	-1.62
North India	May	78.1	101.4	102.1	179.6	227.9	234.3	48.3	6.4
South India	May	24.4	27.8	25.7	97.5	95.7	85.6	-1.8	-10.1

# <u>CATALOGUES</u>

# SALE NO. 32 SCHEDULED FOR 15TH/16TH AUGUST 2023

The Ex-Estate catalogue closed on  $27^{th}$  July 2023, excluding violations. The Main Sale catalogues too closed on  $27^{th}$  July 2023, excluding violations.

# SALE NO. 33 SCHEDULED FOR 22ND/23RD AUGUST 2023

The Ex-Estate and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023.

# SALE NO. 34 SCHEDULED FOR 28TH/29TH AUGUST 2023

The Ex-Estate and Main Sale catalogues are scheduled to close on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

The details of teas awaiting sale are given on the last page of this report.

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# **DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALE**

# SALE NO: 31 SCHEDULED FOR 08TH/09TH AUGUST 2023

	<b>LOT</b>	<b>QUANTITY kgs</b>	LOW GROWN (	CATALOGU	ES	
Ex Estate	751	839,206	Leafy	Closed on	20/07/2023	Violations Excluded
High & Medium	1,506	717,032	Semi Leafy	Closed on	20/07/2023	Violations Excluded
Leafy	2,099	867,912	Tippy	Closed on	20/07/2023	Violations Excluded
Semi Leafy	1,536	671,632				
Tippy	1,758	851,623	OTHER MAIN S	ALE CATA	<u>LOGUES</u>	
Premium Flowery	321	54,710	High & Medium	Closed on	20/07/2023	Violations Excluded
Off Grades	2,576	1,377,512	Dust	Closed on	20/07/2023	Violations Excluded
	,	* *	Premium Flowery	Closed on	20/07/2023	Violations Excluded
Dust	596	589,792	Off Grades	Closed on	20/07/2023	Violations Excluded
TOTAL	11,143	5,969,419	BOP1A	Closed on	20/07/2023	Violations Excluded
Re-print	696	398,882	Ex Estate	Closed on	20/07/2023	Violations Excluded

**No of Pkgs** : 160,415

CTC : 10,660 Pkgs - 575,570 kgs

SALE NO. 31 - SALE OF 08TH/09TH AUGUST 2022 BUYERS' PROMPT : 15/08/2023 : 10,291 **Re-print Lots** : 661 SELLERS' PROMPT : 16/08/2023 Lots

: 5,332,255 kgs **Re-print Quantity** : 359,423 kgs Quantity

# SALE NO: 32 SCHEDULED FOR 15TH/16TH AUGUST 2023

	<b>LOT</b>	<b>QUANTITY kgs</b>	LOW GROWN CA	TALOGUES			
Ex Estate	708	780,220	Leafy	Closed on 27/07/2023 Violations Excluded			
High & Medium	1,448	658,687	Semi Leafy	Closed on 27/07/2023 Violations Excluded			
Leafy	2,026	825,151	Tippy	Closed on 27/07/2023 Violations Excluded			
Semi Leafy	1,502	675,477					
Tippy	1,764	856,766	OTHER MAIN SALE CATALOGUES				
Premium Flowery	343	56,080	High & Medium	Closed on 27/07/2023 Violations Excluded			
Off Grades	2,484	1,328,624	Dust	Closed on 27/07/2023 Violations Excluded			
Dust	547	556,375	Premium Flowery	Closed on 27/07/2023 Violations Excluded			
			Off Grades	Closed on 27/07/2023 Violations Excluded			
TOTAL	10,822	5,737,380	BOP1A	Closed on 27/07/2023 Violations Excluded			
Re-print	772	412,151	Ex Estate	Closed on 27/07/2023 Violations Excluded			

**No of Pkgs** : 154,373

CTC : 9,590 Pkgs - 516,380 kgs

BUYERS' PROMPT : 22/08/2023 SELLERS' PROMPT : 23/08/2023 SALE NO. 32 - SALE OF 16TH/17TH AUGUST 2022 Re-print Lots : 652 Lots : 9,954

Quantity

# SALE NO: 31 SCHEDULED FOR 08TH/09TH AUGUST 2023

	ORDER OF SALE		Approximate Selling Time of F&W Catalogues			
EX ESTATE	<u>LG Large Lea</u> <u>Leafy/LG Sma</u> Leaf/BOPIA/P	High & Medium/Off Grade/Dust	08TH AUGUST 2023 Main Sale - High &	9.45am		
CTB	СТВ	AS	Medium	2.20		
LC	BC	MB	Semi Leafy Teas	3.30pm		
AS	JK	FW	Tippy Teas	4.30pm		
MB	LC	BC				
BC	AS	LC	09TH AUGUST 2023			
EB	EB	CTB	Leafy Teas	8.30am		
FW	MB	EB	Off Grades	9.30am		
JK	FW	JK	Premium Flowery	9.30am		
			Ex-estate	10.00am		
FW - Forbes & Walk	er Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd	AS - Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC	BOP1A	10.30am		
JK - John Keells PLC		MB - Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt)Ltd	Dust	1.30pm		
BC - Bartleet Produce Marketing (Pvt) Ltd		LC - Lanka Commodity Brokers (Pvt) Ltd				
EB - Eastern Broker	s Ltd	CTB - Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC				