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**MEDIA RELEASE**

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**TROPICAL CYCLONE MICK**

The first Tropical Cyclone of 2009/10 South Pacific TC Season, "MICK" formed northwest of Fiji around Noon FST today.

The system originated northwest of Rotuma several days back and formed into a Tropical Depression on 11 December 2009. It was upgraded to Tropical Cyclone status and named just around midday FST (Fiji Standard Time) on 13 Dec 2009.

*TC Mick* is currently a Category 1 cyclone with average winds estimated to be 40 knots (75km/hr) and momentary gusts to 65 knots (120 km/hr) close to centre. Mick may reach Category 2 with marginal storm intensity overnight.

Based on its projected path Mick is expected to directly affect Fiji causing at least damaging gale force winds and torrential rain tomorrow. It may later affect southern part of Tonga.

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