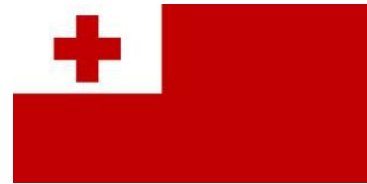


## **Blast Freezer & Cool Store for Tonga.**



Patton wins contract to supply refrigeration equipment to aid economic growth in Tonga. With a 50.0 hp Semi-Hermetic and matching evaporators for a blast freezer and similar equipment for a large cool store Patton is proud to be part of this project.

On Friday, 29 October 2010, in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, Mrs Ana Lemani, Chief Accountant and Deputy National Authorizing Officer from the Ministry of Finance and Planning, signed and endorsed the contract between the Contracting Authority, represented by Dr Viliami T. Manu, the Acting Director for Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Forests and Fisheries (MAFFF) and Kool Tonga Limited, the Contractor, represented by Mr Alo Feiloakitau, the Managing Director for the Company.

The supply, delivery, installation and commissioning of the walk-in cooler and blast freezer for MAFFF Postharvest Facility at Queen Salote Wharf is expected to be complete by end of December 2010.

Equipment will be used to facilitate the postharvest and agro-processing of local produce for export through blast freezing and cool storage prior to export. The target local produce for export are frozen taro, cassava, lu, and other local produce. This is expected the volume of our agricultural export from local frozen products, particularly root crops for overseas market.

This is part of the postharvest facility provided under the European Union's Stabex Project for Tonga with its overall objective to contribute to overall sustainable development and a more equitable distribution of economic and social benefits among all Tongans.