## KRAMER AUSENCO - SOLOMON ISLANDS SPONSORS YOUTH AT WORK – RECYCLING COMPETITION

During the 02<sup>nd</sup> - 06<sup>th</sup> of June, Environment Week, Kramer Ausenco (SI) Ltd participated in being a judge and major sponsor for the Youth at Work Recycling competition which was held on Environment Day 05<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

Funded by AusAID's Pacific Leadership Program (PLP) and managed by SPC Solomon Islands in partnership with Solomon Islands Government, Youth at Work provides mentoring, skills, training and work internships to unemployed youth. The program aims to boost the long-term employment of youth and provide them with peaceful alternatives to the problems of unemployment.

Entrants to the Youth at Work Recycling Competition included youths from all ages and the categories ranged from furniture, fashion, accessories and toys.

16 year old Rowena Morgan (Form 4 at Mbokonavera High School) was awarded the Judges Choice award which included a certificate, \$500 cash prize and a \$1,000 worth recycled coffee table from HT Investments Ltd, a local furniture manufacturer. The coffee table was designed specifically to include old, discarded off-cuts of timber and made good to suit a modern sleek furniture design.

Rowena Morgan's winning entry included a recycled bag made out of old plastic bags which she had sewn to form the external part of the bag and old fabrics to form the interior of the bag. Everything from the bag handle to the button selected to fasten the bag was carefully designed and hand sewn from recycled materials.

Present to award the prize was Leona Eka, KA-SOL Architect and Youth at Work Programme

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Officer Cindy Keketaovia. Kramer Ausenco promotes where possible sustainable design solutions in all applicable aspects of their design and construction methods.

Photo (Left): Kramer Ausenco Architect, Leona Eka (far right) awards the Judges Choice winner of the Youth at Work recycling competition, Rowena Morgan (middle) with certificate and \$1,000 worth recycled coffee table (pictured front) as Youth at Work Programme Officer Cindy Keketaovia looks on (far left).

<u>Photo (Below):</u> A close up of the winning prize, a recycled coffee table.

