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*Thank you*

### FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

The following is a circular from the Business Council of PNG:



VOICE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

REPORT TO MEMBERS ON THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WITH PRIVATE SECTO, TRADE UNIONS AND THE CHURCHES COUNCIL.

Members,

I attended a meeting this morning arranged by the Prime Minister with representatives of the Private Sector, Employers' Federation, Trade Union Congress and affiliates, TIPNG and the Churches Council.

The general consensus agreed to by the private sector organisations and the TUC as agreed at yesterday's meeting was that the key issue was for the 2012 elections to be held as per the Electoral Commission's timetable commencing on the 18 May 2012. The concerns over the Judicial Conduct Act and amendments to other enabling laws may be addressed by the incoming Government.

This message was relayed to the TUC affiliates, Civil Society and NGOs at their meeting yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was held at the Prime Minister's Conference Room, Morauta Haus at 11:00am. Opening remarks were made by Michael Malabag followed by comments from Richard Kassman, myself, John Leahy, a representative from the Churches Council and Florence Willie. Others were invited to speak and accepted the invitation.

The key points raised by the speakers included:

- The focus was to get the 2012 National Elections held within the constituted timeframe set by the Electoral Commissioner,
- Other issues currently unresolved should be deferred and dealt with after the formation of the new government,
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- To promote the economic viability of the area, so those current businesses will grow and new ones will be developed locally;
- To provide business with a common voice.

The Prime Minister responded to the points raised and the following was noted:

- The 2012 National Elections would be held in accordance with the Electoral Commissioner's timetable and reiterated that Parliament could not dictate the timing of the elections,
- The Government Caucus met yesterday and agreed to support the current timetable set by the Electoral Commissioner.
- He spoke to the issue of the other issues raised by those present (including the Judicial Conduct Act) and repeated his Government's reason for taking this action and had instructed his legal team to defer all legal action against the current issues before the courts until after the elections,
- He explained the role of Government from the 18 May 2012 to the return of writs.


Other relevant comments offered to the Prime Minister included:

- A request through the Prime Minister to the Chief Secretary as Chairman of the Inter Departmental Electoral Committee ("IDEC") for the Electoral Commission to provide electronic copies of the Common Roll and Electoral Forms to be made available to the private sector organisations to publish on their respective web sites to allow greater transparency to review the common roll.
- A joint publication by the key stakeholders is planned to inform citizens of the laws in relation to the period from 18 May 2012 to the return of writs.



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## Head Shaving Event

The PNG Cancer Relief Society would like to thank all participants and sponsors for their efforts on Tuesday evening. The event was a great success raising K37,150 towards the acquisition of a low energy superficial X-ray machine which will allow the treatment of skin cancers in PNG. Previous funds raised of about K180,000 are being used to acquire a brachia-therapy machine which can be used to administer effective cervical cancer treatment as well as the acquisition of fibre-scopes which will greatly assist the diagnoses and treatment of throat cancers. Thanks to the Yacht Club for their support and the guest auctioneer Michael Beirne for making the night an enjoyable one as well as gainful for the Cancer Relief Society Lae.

### Thanks to Rotary Club of Lae

The Society would also like to thank Anthony Whitfield and the members of the Rotary Club of Lae for their efforts in locating equipment shipped from Rotary Australia for use in the Cancer Treatment Centre and also for their contribution in clearing the cargo through customs.

Shelley Knox

President PNG Cancer Relief Society Lae

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A FOCUS ON THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA RESOURCE SECTOR

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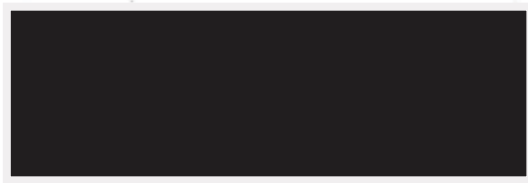


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## IPBC BOARD MEETS IN LAE

April 23 2012

IPBC Managing Director Thomas Abe said today the corporation's board of directors had held a very successful meeting in Lae on Thursday, focussing their discussions on two major IPBC projects that will transform the Momase region.

"Board members also visited these two projects – the Lae Port development and the rehabilitation and expansion of the Ramu Hydro Scheme," he said.

"They also met community and business leaders to report on progress on the projects and to outline the huge impact they will have on the regional and national economies.

"These would be significant projects anywhere in the world with expenditure on Lae Port estimated at K700 million and the three stages of the Ramu project at K2 billion.

"For the Momase region, they change the game completely.

"Not only will they expand Momase's economic capacity across all sectors, they will create thousands of new jobs, directly and indirectly, and bring work to hundreds of small local businesses and sub-contractors.

"The days of constant power blackouts crippling local business and causing household havoc for ordinary Papua New Guineans will be over.

"The obstacles to regional businesses and economic development posed by the inefficient, outdated and inadequate Lae Port will be removed."

Mr Abe said the board meeting in Lae was very timely, with IPBC moving ahead with both projects as fast as reasonably possible.

Construction work is expected to start on Lae Port on May 8 and the Toe of Dam phase of Yonki is expected to be completed by the middle of next year.

The new port facilities, funded 70 percent by the Asian Development Bank and 30 percent by the national Government through IPBC, include a tidal basin, a berth and a terminal. All are expected to be completed in 2015.

The Ramu project is in three phases - Yonki power station rehabilitation, the Yonki Toe of Dam expansion and the proposed new Ramu 2 dam and power station – and would increase generation from 45 megawatts to between 180 and 240 megawatts.

A feasibility study is being undertaken by the national Government through IPBC in partnership with PNG Energy Developments Limited, a 50-50 joint venture between PNG Sustainable Developments Limited and Origin Energy of Australia.

Mr Abe said the new board and management of IPBC were determined to put Papua New Guinea back on the road to national development.

"The board and senior management came to Lae to show the community that we are not just sitting at our desks in Port Moresby wasting time and money," he said.

"We are getting out and getting the job done. IPBC is responsible for these critical projects, and we are taking our job very seriously."

**Thomas Abe**  
Managing Director, IPBC