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IPBC Board meet in Lae

Thank you

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

LAE ROADS

Two weeks ago we reported that the LCCI arranged a meeting between Department of Works (DoW) and four of the contractors on the Lae City Roads Rehabilitation Project (LCRRP), who have not been paid for work performed on the roads. Subsequently we have been advised that as a result of this meeting, an interim payment was made to the contractors so they could at least pay salaries and some of their creditors. DoW is now working on a submission for the remaining outstanding claims from the road contractors to be paid.

The next thing that DoW will have to do is to seek funding to finish off the contracts that have stalled. Our fears are that if the roads are left the way they are, all the preparation work will be ruined in the now upon us rainy season.

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2012 ROADSHOW

As part of the Esso Highland National Content Plan, **IBBM Enterprise Centre** will be doing its 2012 Road Show. Last year (2011) the Enterprise Centre did the Road Show at Project Impacted Areas Upstream. This year it will focus on the main business centres in PNG. It will be an opportunity for local businesses in PNG to understand and know the scope of work **Exxon Mobil** is doing and how local businesses can benefit from such a project with the help of the Enterprise Centre as an established entity to manage and assist PNG local business to maximize their participation in the **PNG LNG** project and achieve global standards of business management.

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Objectives
of the LCCI

- To promote the business interests of the private sector;
- To further the economic development in Lae;
- To ensure the provision of services and utilities essential to such development;
- To provide a representative body for business people, which government can consult;
- To promote support or oppose legislation; or take any other measures to improve the business community;
- To provide a forum for discussion of private sector goals;
- To pool the strengths of business people so that together, they can accomplish tasks that each one alone cannot achieve;
- 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.

IBBM ENTERPRISE CENTRE ROADSHOW LAE (Cont)

The Road Show in Lae is scheduled on the **15th May at the Lae International Hotel from 9:30am to 11:30am**. We are looking at approximately 50 – 80 members to register for this road show. There'll be morning coffee and tea with a lunch provided after the road show.

As such we anticipate working in partnership with Lae Chambers of Commerce. We believe that such initiatives will open the door for local businesses to participate proactively in business in the resource sector. Your participation is of course highly appreciated.

2012 IBBM ENTERPRISE CENTRE ROAD SHOW

Lae International Hotel, Lae

15th May 2012

9:30 am -11:30 am

DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return this registration form for each member to the President, Lae Chamber of Commerce Incorporated, or fax me a copy or email me. For more detail you call or email emmanuel.pindao@enterprisecentre.com.pg. Registration enquiries to Tiona – Tel (675) 321 5018 or fax on 3215017

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The Australia Pacific Technical College will be conducting **training promotional sessions** in Lae from **Monday the 21st to Wednesday the 23rd of May**. Trevor Birney and Rick Harper will be at the Lae International Hotel for this period to provide an opportunity for the APTC to promote the training and scholarship opportunities available with the members of the Chamber of Commerce and stakeholders.

On Tuesday evening from 5:30 pm on, the APTC will provide finger foods and refreshments for interested representatives of business community in Lae and present a short overview of the training opportunities available with the College.

All members will be most welcome to attend. Please advise Wendie by reply email, phone (472 2340) or fax (472 6038).

ANNUAL PNG INDUSTRY OVERVIEW, 2012

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CRIME

There is no doubt that crime is on a spiral in Lae at the moment. There are a number of reasons for this:

- The elections are to be held next month, which always brings many people to Lae, as the elections will be held in Lae first before other rural Morobe areas, and the Highlands Provinces. People are lured to Lae during the elections for various reasons, and often turn to crime so they can get to their home areas.
- The Police are undermanned at the moment and during the actual elections the Police will be occupied with securing the elections and election personnel and ballot papers.
- The current challenge to the constitution and the recent political quarrelling over when the elections are to be held, have been unsettling to the public.
- The unfinished cement roads are stopping the normal free flow of traffic and criminals take advantage of the situation.

You will have seen the gruesome photo in today's newspapers, of the 'raskol' killed by the police at five mile yesterday. The notorious 'miles' area is very active again, where at any time day or night, a criminal gang will jump in front of unsuspecting vehicles, usually armed with homemade guns and any weapon they can lay their hands on. These gangs are now operating on the streets of Lae City, mostly during the day and late afternoon.

Therefore we advise drivers to be very alert when driving around Lae and the nearby environs. Stay on the main roads as much as possible; lock all doors when driving around; be on your guard when stuck in traffic jams or behind slow moving vehicles; ensure your doors are locked when you are parking and beware of groups of people lingering in driveways or on streets.



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A FOCUS ON THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA RESOURCE SECTOR

PNGREPORT

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APPEAL BY THE LORD MAYOR OF LAE

His house burnt down and he appeals to the LCCI for assistance

The Lord Mayor of Lae the Hon. James Khay lost his house which together with four other houses was burnt to the ground at one mile Lae last Sunday, in an attack by settlement youth. Mr. Khay has written to the Lae Chamber of Commerce seeking donations in cash or kind to assist him rebuild his house and assist other houses to be rebuilt.

Please reply to the LCCI if you can assist.

ELECTIONS

IF THERE ARE NO MORE DATE CHANGES, THESE ARE THE DATES THAT THE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD. LAE WILL MOST LIKELY BE ON SATURDAY 23 JUNE WITH A POSSIBLE FLOW ONTO MONDAY 25 JUNE.



2012 NATIONAL ELECTION - TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

1. Issue of Writs	18th May 2012
2. Close of Nominations	24th May 2012
3. Polling Commences	23rd June, 2012
4. Polling Ends	06th July, 2012
5. Return of Writs	27th July, 2012