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*Thank you*

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK NATIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

The member for Pangia the Honourable Peter O'Neill was elected the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea shortly before 3 PM this afternoon, with an overwhelming vote 94 in favour 12 against. At the time of writing this, Mr. O'Neill was on his way to Government House to be sworn in as Prime Minister. The earlier swearing in of the speaker by the Governor General paved the way for the nomination and election of the Prime Minister. By early next week (hopefully Monday) we should see who has been appointed the Deputy Prime Minister and the new Cabinet Members.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Peter O'Neill on becoming Prime Minister.

The Member for Finschhafen the Honourable Theodore Zurenuoc is the new Speaker of the National Parliament polling 88 votes to 17. This will mean that Mr. Zurenuoc must resign as deputy leader of the Peoples Progress Party. It is however pleasing that a member from Morobe Province has secured this esteemed position. Our congratulations are extended to the Member for Finschhafen.

It appears that the country may have three female members of Parliament, when the Triumph Heritage Empowerment Party candidate Julie Soso is the duly elected member for the Eastern Highlands Provincial seat. Unfortunately as we write this, disputes are delaying the declaration of Julie but if these matters are sorted out, she will then become the first Female Governor in Papua New Guinea (unless she is given a ministerial portfolio). This will be a great achievement

As mentioned last week the newly elected ten Morobe Members are as follows (with corrections):

### DECLARED CANDIDATE

KASIGA KELLY NARU  
SAM BASIL  
THEO ZURENUOC  
ROSS SEYMOUR  
LOUJAYA TONI  
PAUL ISIKIEL  
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- 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;
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Executive Secretary - Wendie Garalom [info@lcci.org.pg](mailto:info@lcci.org.pg)

The old email address [lcci@global.net.pg](mailto:lcci@global.net.pg) will continue to work alongside the new addresses for the time being. We do advise all recipients to change to the new email addresses as soon as practicable.

Please note that our phone, fax and website contacts remain the same.



**ICC responds to the EC proposal on third-country access to internal procurement markets**

Paris, 30 July 2012

ICC's Task Force on Public Procurement has responded to the European Commission's (EC) proposed changes and updates to procurement rules for approval by the European Parliament and Council.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2012/ICC-responds-to-the-EC-proposal-on-third-country-access-to-internal-procurement-markets/>

**Young business leaders called to action on global economic issues**

Paris, 30 July 2012

ICC Secretary General Jean-Guy Carrier urged young people to unite with leaders of business, civil society and government to craft sustainable solutions for the future of the global economy, during his keynote address at the Junior Chamber International's Global Partnership Summit in New York.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2012/Young-business-leaders-called-to-action-on-global-economic-issues/>



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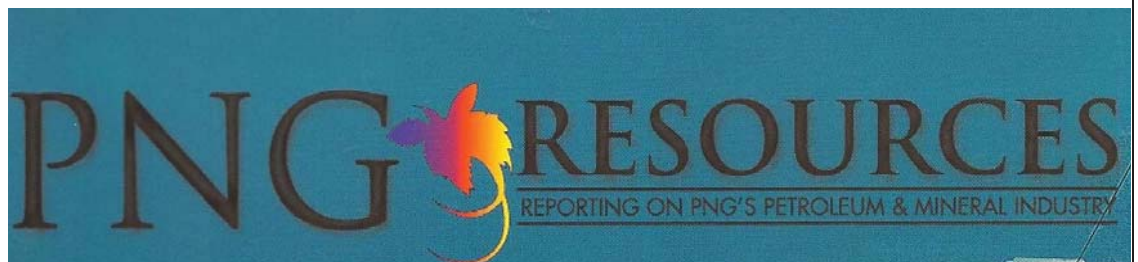
### Lae roads

The newly elected Prime Minister Peter O'Neill is a great supporter of the rehabilitation of the Lae Roads. As we mentioned last week that some of the contractors have started to work on the halted Lae roads projects again which is very pleasing indeed. We are sure that Mr. O'Neill will be able to counter any doubt about the necessity of continuing the funding to allow the completion of the Lae Roads Rehabilitation Project.

The LCCI will try to obtain regular information on the progress of the roads works again so we can advise our members, and avoid confusion and increasing traffic problems.

With the rainy season coming to an end soon, now is the right time to re-start the work on the Lae Roads, so that there is hopefully going to be plenty of time available to complete the roads before next year's wet. The amount of traffic that is now on the Lae roads is just enormous and we deserve good roads to cope with this increase, so that a good flow can be maintained.

Mr. O'Neill was also responsible for the allocation of K5 million to allow the upgrading of the road into NADZAB airport, from the Highlands Highway. After a quick start by grading this stretch of road last year, no further work has transpired. We trust that the work will recommence on this very heavily travelled road.



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### PNG REPORT

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### The PAPUA NEW GUINEA ADVANTAGE

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Have you visited the updated LCCI Website, if not check it out at [www.lcci.org.pg](http://www.lcci.org.pg).

The LCCI Members list is nearing completion. Many members have taken advantage of the offer by our Webmaster to add/update their own website link to the Members Directory, to get into by pressing the following link: <http://www.lcci.org.pg/members/>.

We will monitor this self service approach if anything starts to get spammed or abused.

**If you have any other suggestions or recommendations, please contact us and we will consider these for changes. Our main aim is to present a website that provides benefits for all members.**

## PNGREPORT

The latest edition for June/July 2012 of this magazine is now on display at the Lae Chamber of Commerce. Read the reports on the ELECTION EXPECTATIONS, LAE PORT EXPANSIONS, PNG DEVELOPMENTS, BUSINESS CONCERNS and more, when you get your free copy of this June/July edition, which can be reserved by contacting Wendie on 472 2340 or by emailing us at [lcci@global.net.pg](mailto:lcci@global.net.pg). or just come into the chambers and pick up your copy.



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## **PMV and Taxi Fares Review**



### **Issues Paper**

Dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2012, this issues paper is the first of a series of reports that will set the PMV and Taxi fares for the 4 year period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013. This is a particularly contentious issue, as there are always differing opinions as to what passengers should pay for these services. Now that Lae is starting to see more Taxis on the roads, it is only reasonable to start looking at the most appropriate fares that these taxis should charge passengers.

Some members have already obtained a copy of this paper. If you would also like a copy of this issues paper, please reply to [president@lcci.org.pg](mailto:president@lcci.org.pg) and we will send it to you.



#### **POMSOX/MEDIA RELEASE**

Port Moresby – Monday, 30 July 2012

#### **AIRLINES PNG LANDS SAFETY AWARD**

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Chosen by EHL from all PNG LNG contractors, the Award recognises Airline PNG's superior commitment to safety and compliance with EHL's rigorous safety regime.

Airlines PNG supports EHL in Papua New Guinea by providing over 1,800 flights a year in Dash 8 aircraft between Port Moresby and the EHL operations in Moro and Tari.

**The LAE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCORPORATED congratulates Airlines PNG for achieving this monumental award.**