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*Thank you*

### FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

#### LAE POLICE

We are advised that there will be a change in the command of the Lae Police. You will have seen in this week's newspapers that the Madang PPC Anthony Wagambie Jr has been suspended and is being replaced by Leo Lamei who has been operating as the Deputy Momase Commander based in Lae under Commander Allan Kundi. Mr. Lamei's position in the Momase HQ will be taken up by the current Lae Metropolitan Commander Nema Mondiai, who in turn will be replaced by Mr. Lakatani from Police Headquarters Waigani.

The Lae Chamber of Commerce has been providing operational assistance to the Police for a number of years, and this has been done with the understanding that the Police will continue to battle crime to the best of their ability. Hence we have developed a very good relationship with the Police much to the benefit of the Police and our members as well.

In the past few years the Lae Metropolitan Police have performed admirably considering that their numbers have been severally depleted and that they are now operating at less than half strength. We have talked to the Police Commissioner who is sympathetic with the Lae Police Commanders plight but cannot send any more men, as there is no available accommodation. A lot of the housing shortage is due to the condemning of single barracks and married quarters in the Bumbu Police Barracks.

#### Morobe Governor's Intervention

Early this year the LCCI made a submission to the National Planning Office to assist the Police build up the capacity of the Lae Suburban Police Stations. Because this submission seemed to get lost in the mire of bureaucracy at the NPO Headquarters, the LCCI sent a copy to the newly elected Morobe Governor for his consideration.

The recent ethnic clashes in Lae highlighted the Police incapacity to control the clashes in the settlements as well as controlling the city crime at the same time. The Police approached the Governor for his urgent assistance and the governor came good with the following package which is based on the chambers' submission. This will assist the Police both in the short term and the long term (much of these details I mentioned at the LCCI Christmas function).



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- To promote support or oppose legislation; or take any other measures to improve the business community;
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**Package to assist Police**

To assist the Police with the immediate shortage of manpower, the Provincial Government will fund the immediate recruitment of 60 Reserve Police, to beef up the suburban Police Stations at:

- Lae Market Police Station
- 3 mile Police Station
- Tensiti Police Station
- Chinatown Police Station
- Bundi Camp Police Station
- Bumayong Police Station

The funding will include - Training, Uniforms, Allowances, weapon and ammunition, insurance cover, vehicles and operational matters. There will be adequate allowance in an attempt to dissuade the reservists from extorting money to fill the shortfall in the normal reservist allowances.

Long term funding from the Provincial Government will see the construction of two single type Barracks for males and females, to be built at the Bumbu Police Barracks.

With this funding the Police have made a commitment to "drastically improve in our performances to minimize current crime problems".

Both the Lae Metropolitan Commander and the PPC Morobe have been directed to fully maximize their resources on the ground to ensure that the crime problems, especially in Lae City are reduced.



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**AIR SERVICES TO NADZAB**

We have been concerned about the increased number of delayed flights provided by Air Niugini to and from Nadzab. Certainly it is nearing Christmas time and there are an increased number of passengers travelling at this time. The recently concluded PNG Games in Kokopo only increased the congestion in the aircraft.

We have observed that the new Airline Service Travelair (Mangi lo ples) has certainly benefitted from the situation as Air Niugini hasn't been able to cope with the number of Passengers.

**Air Niugini may start direct flights to Cairns again in the new year!!**

## AIR SERVICES (Cont)

On Tuesday morning Phil Franklin and I met Air Niugini Executives Daniel Wanma the Chief Operating Officer, Geoff Jackson the Northern Regional Manager and Leslie Simon, at Nadzab to discuss the possibility of re-introducing International flights initially from Nadzab to Cairns again.

We looked at the covered in space between the current Air Niugini ticketing Office and the runway, and this was considered suitable to accommodate a departure lounge sufficient for 100 passengers, an arrival area with customs and immigration facilities, a baggage collection area and a toilet. Wayne Uechtritz a Project Manager at MMJV accompanied us and took measurements of this area that is under consideration and will come up with concise plans that will be used for costing this project.

The National Airlines Corporation will be approached for the approval of these improvements, after which it will be a matter of seeking funding for the required improvements.

Air Niugini stated that they are keen on commencing this service and have the aircraft available for use after January next year.

As plans develop on a Lae Cairns service we will keep members informed. We may have to look at conducting a further survey on this service, so the facts can be used to support the service and to gauge the member's views on how the service can be tailored to best suit the Lae traveller's needs. Without going into details on how Air Niugini intend to provide this service, it may be that they will need to operate through Mt. Hagen again, unless they can get sufficient passenger numbers to support a direct NADZAB/Cairns/NADZAB flight.



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Paris, 11 December 2012

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<http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2012/Incomplete-climate-talks-multilateral-efforts-needed-to-unlock-investments/>

## ICC grants first Merchants of Peace Awards

Paris, 11 December 2012

ICC has bestowed its inaugural ICC Merchant of Peace Award to Rona Yircali, ICC World Chambers Federation Chair, and Martin Granholm, former member of the ICC Executive Board, in recognition of their contribution to the promotion of peace and prosperity through international trade and investment.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2012/ICC-grants-first-Merchants-of-Peace-Awards/>



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1. Mr. Joe Agavi – Manager Customer Service – General information - 71096001
2. Mr. Kamba Kandoa – Sewerage and Waste Water Issues - 71909635
3. Mr. Marie Ravu – Water Distribution - 71909644
4. Mr. Tony Aitsi – Distribution Emergencies - 71096008
5. Mr. Gideon Manase – Water Production - 71772445

Kind Regards,

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## CAIRNS TRADE DELEGATION

Alan McLay was joined by the POMCCI CEO David Conn in a meeting with the Cairns Chamber of Commerce today, where we discussed planned Trade delegation by Cairns businesses, who wish to look at the potential for their businesses in Papua New Guinea and in our case Lae. No doubt Lae offers some promising but of course challenging opportunities. This delegation is likely to take place in February or March 2013. Further information will be made available after the series of discussions.

On Thursday we met an interested group of Cairns businessmen, who are also looking at visiting PNG early next year as well to see what areas their services could be useful to established companies in Lae and PNG as a whole. This group will provide further details of what will be on offer.

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The Official Public Holidays over the 1012 festive season will be:

Christmas Day -  
Boxing Day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2012  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2012



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### APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC HOLIDAY

(d) for general information notify that the following days shall be observed as Public Holidays throughout Papua New Guinea:—

New Year's Day, Tuesday, 1st January, 2013.  
Good Friday, Friday, 29th March, 2013.  
Easter Saturday, Saturday, 30th March, 2013.  
Easter Sunday, Sunday, 31st March, 2013.  
Easter Monday, Monday, 1st April, 2013.  
Queens Birthday, Monday, 10th June, 2013.

National Remembrance Day, Tuesday, 23rd July, 2013.  
The National Covenant Day, Monday, 26th August, 2013.  
Independence Day, Monday, 16th September, 2013.  
Christmas Day, Wednesday, 25th December, 2013.  
Boxing Day, Thursday, 26th December, 2013.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2012.

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