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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

NOTICE

LCCI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Lae Chamber of Commerce Incorporated will hold the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 23rd April 2013. The venue will be the **Bulolo 2 room at the Lae International Hotel**, and the function will commence at **5:30PM sharp**. The agenda for the AGM will be to present the 2012 Annual Report and audited Financial Statements for 2012, as well conducting elections for the 2013 Executive members and Councillors.

The AGM will be preceded by the monthly Councillors meeting and all are welcome to attend to see the mechanism of the LCCI.

Drinks and a cheese platter will be provided after the meetings until **7:30 PM**.

Nomination forms and Proxy forms for those that cannot attend will be forwarded to members next week or they can be obtained from the LCCI Office on request. This may be your opportunity to participate in one of the prime private sector organisations in Papua New Guinea and the Pacific.

LIQUOR BOARD

Congratulations to Nigel Merrick on his appointment as Deputy Chair of the Morobe Liquor Licensing Board, in a ceremony held by the Governor at Yalu Village last Friday. The first meeting of the Board was on Tuesday this week but unfortunately the urgent issues relating to fees, outlets and the locations of these outlets were not addressed as the Executive to the board had not prepared the relevant papers. These issues should be discussed at the next Liquor Licensing Board Meeting.



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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;
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Security Battle

The battle between security companies - Guard Dog Security Services (GDSS) and Executive Security Services (ESS) that we reported in last week's newsletter has ended with the Police meeting the Management of both companies and both Managing Directors shaking hands and agreeing to take all steps to end the hostilities that saw the flare up between the two companies over much of last week. Both sides have agreed to let the Police investigate the affair and to take action against any of the perpetrators within their own ranks who have broken the law.

In our newsletter last week we published a letter from the GDSS Managing Director and to be fair to both companies, we include at the end of this news update, an explanatory letter from the ESS M/D.

The Securities Industry Authority is also investigating the affair with the aim of seeing if there were any breaches of PNG Laws. They are particularly interested in firearms as they indicated on P.9 of the National this morning – *"Firearms information is very important for the Security Industries Authority to maintain our data base and to monitor weapon movements and their usages by companies. Firearms are now mainly used by firms to escort bank runs, VIP's and gold bullion from mining sites.*

"We do not know how many weapons there are, the types used and which security companies have them", the SIA Registrar Paul Kingston Isari said.

The Police Commissioner is the Registrar of Firearms under the Firearms Act, and he has already stated that he will be looking into the whole issue of firearms and use of firearms by security companies. This will be most welcome as we have received messages from members stating that shots were fired during the clash last week at many locations, which can only be interpreted as an abuse of the right to hold firearms.



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Appointed by the National Executive Council, the new boards are as follows.

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Directors: Roddie Wada, Luke Ako, Sam Goia Akmaq, Bungtabu Brown

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Deputy Chairman: Thomas Laka
Directors: Robert Bradshaw, Camdan Pratt, Peter Suar, Sylvester Kenatsi, Sana Somare, Finkewe Zurenuoc

PNG INTERNET

The week started off with an article in the National Newspaper on Tuesday (below left), which quoted a Senior United States Official as stating that the *INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COSTS* are too high in PNG. The release by the Communications and Information Minister on 21 March (below right) is a declaration to improve the Internet in PNG. This link is at: <http://www.telegeography.com/products/commsupdate/articles/2013/03/21/png-telecoms-minister-issues-wholesale-service-declaration/>



A SENIOR United States government official says Papua New Guinea will continue to have development issues unless it brings its internet rates down like other Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) member countries.

We do not need to wait for somebody from the outside to come to tell us that unpalatable truth, of course.

PNG's own Communication and Information Minister, Jimmy Miringtoro, has told us as much in recent days.

Information and communication technology charges are way too high in Papua New Guinea.

21 Mar 2013

Papua New Guinea

Jimmy Miringtoro, Papua New Guinea's minister for communications and information technology, has acted on the recommendation put forward by the National Information and Communications Technology Authority (NICTA) earlier this month, which called for the declaration of certain wholesale services relating to access to submarine cable landing station facilities and transmission capacity on international submarine cables. Wholesale Service Declaration No.1 of 2013 will come into force 30 calendar days after it is published in the national gazette, and will last for five years.

As previously reported by CommsUpdate, following a six-month public inquiry NICTA concluded that fixed line incumbent Telkom PNG held a monopoly in the market for wholesale capacity on, and access to, international fibre optic submarine cables. Further, the study also found that Telkom's dominance in the sector was 'potentially harmful to the development of competition in many other telecommunications markets, including the retail market for broadband services'. In making its recommendation to the minister, NICTA claimed that a declaration of the services in question would make the wholesale access and utilisation of submarine cable transmission capacity more accessible and more affordable. In turn, it said, this should enable those companies to offer faster and more affordable broadband services to their customers. Listing the other expected benefits of the declaration, the regulator said that it should result in: lower prices for outgoing international communications; increased international bandwidth; greater utilisation of existing international capacity and increased investment by Telkom (as a result of increased demand); faster market growth via increased traffic and use; and because of the growth of broadband, potential for greater investment in submarine cable capacity.

Under Papua New Guinea's National Information and Communications Technology Act 2009, a telecommunications company that supplies a declared service that must comply with non-discrimination obligations.

There is no doubt that Internet rates in PNG are amongst the highest priced in the world. Yet businesses here are increasingly competing on the International market. PNG is committed to the tariff reforms that were agreed to by APEC countries and we have seen tariffs reduced over the years on a wide range of goods. A tariff reduction policy is fine but the problem in PNG is that the high cost of doing business in this country makes it very difficult to compete on the global market.

The fact that the internet charges are extremely high is exacerbated by the unreliability of the service that is offered. The following table was provided to us by a "reputable monitoring service" that shows there were significant **downtime** for the 9 lines from Lae in the past week which gives a good indication. In effect only 5 of the 9 lines were working with any degree of regularity, with the other 4 lines being out most of the time. This is simply not good enough and the situation must improve.

Hopefully the Communication Minister's above declaration will result in a change for a better and cheaper Internet service.

Downtime	13-Mar	14-Mar	15-Mar	16-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar
POM/Lae Link No.1 - GW 1 (Boroko)	24h	23h 59m	23h 57m	23h 59m	23h 55m	24h	23h 58m	21h 16m	16h 20m
POM/Lae Link No.1 - GW 2 (Boroko)	21h 2m	20h 57m	21h 3m	21h 1m	21h 06m	20h 59m	20h 58m	23h 44m	18h 43m
POM/Lae Link No.1 - GW 3 (Madang)	0	0	0	0h 2m	0	0	0	0	5h 15m
POM/Lae Link No.1 - GW 4 (Madang)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5h 15m
POM/Lae Link No.2 - GW 1 (Boroko)	21h 13m	20h 59m	21h 07m	20h 57m	20h 59m	20h 52m	20h 55m	23h 35m	18h 43m
POM/Lae Link No.2 - GW 2 (Boroko)	24h	24h	24h	24h	24h	24h	24h	21h 19m	16h 22m
POM/Lae Link No.1 - GW 3 (Boroko)	0	0	0	0h 02m	0	0	0	0	5h 15m
POM/Lae Link No.1 - GW 4 (Boroko)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5h 15m
Tiare Gateway	0	0	0h 05m	0	0	0	0	0	0



OUTAGE NOTICE TO LAE CONSUMERS

EMERGENCY INTERRUPTION

PNG Power advises consumers that it will carry out emergency power interruptions to allow workmen to do urgent maintenance work.

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The story behind Garnaut's PNG expulsion

Wednesday, 20 March 2013

WHEN Prime Minister Peter O'Neill late last year decided that Professor Ross Garnaut was not welcome in PNG there was consternation in many quarters. Why this would happen to someone who had built a close connection with PNG over more than four decades was a question asked commonly enough. By Wantok*

On the surface it seemed the PM had been upset by a suggestion that he wanted to get his hands on the funds controlled by PNG Sustainable Development Program Ltd (PNGSDP), which had inherited the equity stake in the Ok Tedi copper/gold mine following the withdrawal of BHP Billiton.

In 2001, BHP had decided it preferred to shut the mine down because of the immense environmental damage it had caused since mining commenced in 1984. But because the government and local communities wanted the mine to go on, BHP decided to transfer its 52% stake to PNGSDP.

PNGSDP was given a broad mandate to help mitigate the impact of the planned mine closure in 2013 with a role of using one-third of Ok Tedi dividends for immediate development within Western Province and in the rest of the country. The rest of the money was invested in Singapore for long-term use after mine closure.

Right at the start, BHP appointed three of the seven PNGSDP board members and a Singaporean, because the entity was registered in Singapore. Only one of the other three members was a direct PNG government nominee, courtesy of the PNG Treasury. Garnaut, who had a long history in PNG dating back to pre-independence days, was made chairman.

To maintain its independence, the board was not required to report back to or take instructions from BHP Billiton, although it was required to submit annual reports.

In the past year, following recommendations from a peer review, BHP has given up its role of directly appointing the three directors, passing this task to the PNGSDP board.

In essence, the board was answerable to no one and was a law unto itself. There has been no mechanism in place to replace BHP-appointed directors. Prior to the recent change, one director, Jim Carlton, chose to retire and BHP unilaterally appointed an expatriate in his place.

All of this seems innocuous enough. In fact, perceived probity is one of the key reasons why the national government acted the way it did against Garnaut and, indeed, was offended by the manner in which his successor as PNGSDP Chairman was chosen.

Prior to the change, Garnaut made a very sensible move and advised O'Neill that he was stepping down as PNGSDP chairman. O'Neill immediately began to contemplate who he might consider a good replacement.

Much to his consternation and surprise, the PNGSDP board, without prior warning, suddenly replaced Garnaut with former PNG prime minister Sir Mekere Morauta and presented this to O'Neill as a fait accompli.

Sir Mekere was one of the most highly respected former national leaders prior to his decision not to contest the 2012 national election. But there are many in high political office, possibly including O'Neill, who do not share his views.

Although Sir Mekere was responsible for financial sector reforms that benefited the national economy, while he was prime minister the country faced a serious recession with the situation deteriorating under his watch. Investors began to flee the country and pessimistic views held sway about the future of the nation.

The turnaround came with surprising speed when the Somare government took office in August 2002. Confidence in future economic directions grew steadily and then gathered momentum in subsequent years with the fillip provided by rapidly increasing commodity prices and the approval of the \$US19 billion PNG LNG Project.

The government's shock and anger at the manner in which Sir Mekere replaced Garnaut has its roots elsewhere.

It was Sir Mekere as prime minister who approved BHP's withdrawal from the Ok Tedi mine and who agreed that PNGSDP would indemnify BHP Billiton against any future litigation over the environmental damages it had caused. This PNGSDP indemnity was also extended to the PNG government. What has made some political leaders irate is the possibility – and the perception – that Garnaut had been provided a plum role in PNGSDP and at the time Sir Mekere had agreed to the BHP departure. These leaders also fear there could have been an implicit understanding that one would replace the other if and when such an opportunity arose.



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EXPULSION OF GARNAUT (CONT)....

The latest peer review completed at the end of 2011 pointed to problems of transparency and accountability with PNGSDP, including criticisms that PNGSDP had circumvented the criteria for ongoing national development expenditure by questionably categorising projects within Western Province as "national projects".

The PNGSDP board has not responded to these criticisms and has conveniently swept them under the carpet as though these questions were not legitimate or that they did not require a response, confirming the view of some critics that they are a la to themselves.

**Wantok's weekly stories are opinion pieces.*

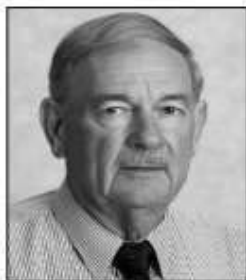
AIR NIUGINI RESCHEDULING

The following is the first commitment by Air Niugini to the people of Lae, which was made after recent discussions between AMG and the Lae Chamber of Commerce. This new schedule will make it easier to travel from Lae to Cairns. If this flight proves successful then consideration will be given to a direct flight Nadzab to Cairns.

Any comments to this schedule will be gratefully received by the LCCI and these will be submitted to Air Niugini. Please send these by reply email message!

Air Niugini makes a commitment to Lae

Air Niugini's commitment to the people of Lae



Air Niugini has made it's first step towards a stronger commitment to the people of Lae with the introduction of a service between Lae and Cairns via Port Moresby.

It is also a two way service, in more ways than one.

If the flights are well patronised and subsequent demand exists, Air Niugini will consider the introduction of direct services between the sister cities of Lae and Cairns.

Garth McIlwain, CBE, Chairman, Air Niugini



FROM LAE to Cairns via POM

MONDAY			
PX101	07:00	LAE - POM	07:45
PX090	09:00	POM - CNS	10:25
PX105	14:10	LAE - POM	15:00
PX098	16:45	POM - CNS	18:25
TUESDAY			
PX105	14:10	LAE - POM	15:00
PX098	16:45	POM - CNS	18:25
WEDNESDAY			
PX105	14:10	LAE - POM	14:55
PX098	16:45	POM - CNS	18:10
THURSDAY			
PX105	14:10	LAE - POM	15:00
PX098	16:45	POM - CNS	18:25
FRIDAY			
PX101	07:00	LAE - POM	07:45
PX090	09:00	POM - CNS	10:25
PX105	14:10	LAE - POM	14:55
PX098	16:45	POM - CNS	18:10
SATURDAY			
PX101	07:00	LAE - POM	07:45
PX090	09:00	POM - CNS	10:25
SUNDAY			
PX101	07:00	LAE - POM	07:45
PX090	09:00	POM - CNS	10:40
PX105	14:10	LAE - POM	14:55
PX098	16:45	POM - CNS	18:10

Schedules effective Sunday March 31, 2013

TO LAE from Cairns via POM

MONDAY			
PX091	06:00	CNS - POM	07:25
PX102	09:00	POM - LAE	09:45
TUESDAY			
PX091	06:00	CNS - POM	07:40
PX102	09:00	POM - LAE	09:45
WEDNESDAY			
PX091	06:00	CNS - POM	07:40
PX102	09:00	POM - LAE	09:45
THURSDAY			
PX091	06:00	CNS - POM	07:25
PX102	09:00	POM - LAE	09:45
FRIDAY			
PX091	06:00	CNS - POM	07:40
PX102	09:00	POM - LAE	09:45



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Business Advantage PNG

YOUR GATEWAY TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE REGION

From this month, the European Union (EU) won't be accepting illegally produced wood products. What impact will its decision have on Papua New Guinea's forestry sector?

PNG's direct exports of forest products to the EU are modest—just 0.2% of the exports in 2011. Of this, plantation-grown balsawood is the single largest export.

A [new EU ruling](#) (EU Timber Regulation No.995/2010) bans the importation of illegally harvested and produced timber products into EU markets.

But direct PNG exports to the EU are unlikely to be affected, according to Bob Tate, Executive Director of peak industry body, the Papua New Guinea Forest Industries Association.

The bulk of PNG's timber finds its way into overseas markets via China, which bought 78% of PNG forest exports, mainly round logs, in 2011. Much of this timber ultimately finds its way into the EU in manufactured products.

'PNG is the only country in the world with 100% independent third-party monitoring of its log exports...'

Industry responding to challenge

While any lasting impact of the EU ruling is likely to be on these exports, the industry is confident it is taking the right steps to mitigate the risk.

'PNG is the only country in the world with 100% independent third-party monitoring of its log exports [by Swiss company SGS], so we are well-placed to meet these emerging regulatory requirements,' Bob Tate told *Business Advantage PNG*. 'We are also working with China's State Forestry Administration to make sure our systems are in sync with what they are doing.'

In addition, Tate estimates that 50–60% of processed timber exports—which go mostly to Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific—are produced by the companies that have adopted Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC), the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification regulatory and traceability standards or the SGS TLTV system for certification.

The cost of certification

Cloudy Bay Sustainable Forestry is one PNG company which plans to complete its FSC certification in 2013.

'... any timber prevented from being exported to the EU through China might be dumped back on the PNG's home market, with devastating results...'

'FSC certification isn't the cheapest thing to do,' notes Chairman Rob de Fegely, who expects the EU regulations, and those in markets such as the United States and Australia, to effectively put an end to the market for illegally logged product.

However, de Fegely notes that different regulations covering forest imports across the EU, United States and now Australia (which passed new [legislation](#) in 2012) could create problems for exporters.

'We would be disappointed if FSC certification wasn't enough and we had to go through another process as well,' he said.

He also expressed concern that any timber prevented from being exported to the EU through China might be dumped back on the PNG's home market, with devastating results for domestic suppliers like Cloudy Bay.

Bob Tate shares de Fegely's concerns about the costs of certification.

'In PNG, most companies aren't producing significant volumes. SMEs in particular will find it very hard to make the investment in those systems.'

Indeed, he notes that the International Tropical Timber Council has called on timber importing countries to adopt common standards to make it easier for developing countries to comply.

'It's hard to know which regulation to comply with,' he said.

SABL enquiry interim report

The EU decision came shortly before an interim report into the possible illegal allocation of land to forestry interests in PNG. The Commission of Inquiry into Special Agricultural and Business Leases (SABLS) delivered its interim report to Prime Minister Peter O'Neill last week.

While we will have to wait for the final report for details of the handling of the 72 SABLS under examination, O'Neill suggested that the interim report revealed enough to indicate some government departments had 'fundamentally misunderstood their role and the legal requirements'.

'In other instances, the agency has simply failed to administer the law and applicants and developers have enjoyed a free run,' said O'Neill in a [statement](#).

The final report into SABLS is expected in two months.



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arranged the Cairns
delegates all of
whom will visit
respective Lae
Businesses

The Mayor of Cairns
is confirmed to visit.
The Lae Lord Mayor
will host a function
and further
strengthen the Sister
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These Australian
Federal MP's will
also visit Lae.

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MP – Delegation
Leader

*Member for Newcastle,
New South Wales*

Senator the Honourable Ian Macdonald – Deputy
Delegation Leader
Senator for Queensland

Mrs Jane Prentice
MP

*Member for Ryan,
Queensland*

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MP

*Member for Deakin,
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Delegation Secretary

The Australian High Commission presents **Australia Week** 10 – 16 April 2013



Amongst numerous events that will take place in the National Capital and around Papua New Guinea, the events that will take place in Lae are as follows:

Australia Week Dinner Event | Lae International Hotel

Hosted by the Lae Chamber of Commerce and Industry and featuring guest delegations from the Australian Federal Parliament (TBC) and the Cairns Chamber of Commerce (TBC)

VISITING TEAM FROM THE CAIRNS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Cairns Chamber of Commerce have arranged for a Trade delegation of Cairns Businessmen to visit between 11th - 13th April. These delegates will be guests at the function that will be arranged by the LCCI. The Cairns businessmen will meet with Lae Businessmen in fields that are of interest to them during the 21/2 days visit. Names and companies will be provided by the Cairns Chamber of Commerce next week.

THE NAMES AND INDUSTRY SECTORS of the visiting Cairns Businesses will be available next week and will be circulated. You will be able to decide on whether get together with them at the cocktail function or whether you would like a one on one meeting.

A further guest will be the Cairns Mayor Bob Manning. The Lae Urban Local Level Government is very interested in meeting Cr. Manning to re-affirm their commitment to the Lae/Cairns sister city agreement. The Lord Mayor of Lae will host a function during the stay where he will award a certificate highlighting this agreement.

More details of this most auspicious delegation will be provided when they are available.

Flickerfest 2013 National Screenings - Lae, Madang and Goroka

Screenings of eight of the best short films entered in the 2013 Australian short film festival, **Flickerfest**. Screenings will be at Universities in Lae, Madang and Goroka.

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Professor Sonny Nwankwo is from East London University UK, his academic career in Nigeria, after a degree in Management Studies from the University of Jos and an MA in Marketing from the University of Nigeria. He subsequently spent a period in business working with national telecoms company before returning to academia. He completed a PhD at City University, London and held academic positions at Leicester and Sheffield Business Schools before joining UEL in 1999. In his role as Director of Research & Enterprise he focuses on seeking external funding opportunities and creating networks to sustain engagement with entrepreneurial opportunities. Currently he leads a team of researchers across five London universities and network organizations to establish the Black Business Observatory under the auspices of the London Development Agency. Professor Nwankwo's research specialism is consumer studies, more specifically consumerism and consumer protection - especially in conditions of market failure. These research interests now extend to entrepreneurship among Africans in the UK. He supervises a large number of research students and some of his earlier doctoral students are now themselves Professors, senior consultants and top-level business managers.

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20th March 2013

Lae Chamber of Commerce
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Re: LAE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "SECURITY BATTLE"

I was out of the country when the incident developed and returned to Lae ASAP to help settle the situation. I have restricted my managers and myself from going to the media; however, in light of your publication I need to respond to clarify several major incorrect points made by the LCC in their statement released to the Public on 15/3/2013, regarding the dispute ESS and Guard Dog have recently been involved in. As the statements would have impacted on my business and personal reputation.

1. The initial incident had nothing to do with Agility Contract changeover. The incident that initiated this unrest was five Guard Dog Personnel, under the influence of alcohol, illegally entering Traisa Farm (11 mile), which is owned by "MP Koi Trappe", and on being ordered to leave by ESS, Guard Dog off duty personnel refused to leave which then escalated to a physical confrontation. ESS are contracted to guard this property. The only time Agility became involved is when Guard Dog and their supporters attacked the Agility yard, climbed the fence and damaged property (laptop etc.).
2. Allegations of the use of firearms have been levelled against ESS by Guard Dog Management and against Guard Dog by Institutions guarded by ESS. These allegations will be investigated by the police to determine who is at fault.
3. ESS has strict weapon procedures in place and at no time during this situation were weapons discharged without extreme provocation and threat to life, by ESS.
4. 95% of damage to Guard Dog property and personnel was done, unsolicited, by members of the communities around Lae.
5. ESS resisted and politely refused substantial offers of help from outlying communities and various groups within Lae City. Even after ESS sister company FTM's vehicle and expatriate W/ship Manager was attacked by uniformed Guard Dog personnel, FTM workers were restrained from joining the fight.
6. ESS has refrained from going to the media as we believe it would have inflamed the situation.
7. ESS's position is that the Police will run their investigation and those involved in criminal action charged. ESS will cooperate fully with the police during this investigation.
8. ESS fully complied with police and on my instructions were confined to our base at Papuan Compound to prevent further escalation during the period of trouble.

ESS would like to thank the professionalism of PNG Constabulary in bringing the situation under control.

ESS apologises for any inconvenience caused to the general public and business houses over the course of these events. ESS assures its clients that services are back to normal. ESS requests in future that LCC check their facts before releasing incorrect and defamatory statements that can inflame an already tense situation.

We would also like to assure the business community, the people of Lae and Guard Dog employees that we do not want any further trouble and all hostilities from our end are finished.

Thank you,

Mr John Rosso
Managing Director
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