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Thank you

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK CRIMINALS ON THE RUN

As advised this week, 44 detainees from the Buimo Jail, Lae, escaped last weekend. Of these 18 were recaptured and one was shot dead.

Those who escaped were a mixture of detainees and remandees, and most were deemed as HARD CORE CRIMINALS. The escape took place on Sunday when the guards and their families were at Church. It is obvious that the criminals had been studying the routine of the prison guards, and then just waited for their chance to flee to freedom.

When I sent the alert notice to members this week, there were several responses to list the names and provide a photograph of the prisoners that are still at large. I have not been successful in obtaining photographs, but I list below the names of criminals that are still at large and details of their age and offences, so that members and staff may be able to identify some of them. If you do get worthwhile information please provide this to the Police or reply to this office, from where we will ensure it goes to the right person to take necessary action.

Offence

Ivairie	JEX/Age	110111	Offence
Suaka Bereseng	M/18	Sialum Morobe	Murder/Escape (Convict)
Jack Dama Redstone	M/33	Chuave/Simbu	Armed Robbery (Convict)
Jason Benny	M/18	Bukawa/Morobe	Possession of Offensive Weapon (Convict)
Tom Paul	M/19	Rai Coast/Madang	Possession of Offensive Weapon (Convict)
Ron Gape	M/26	Finschhafen/Morobe	Stealing (Convict)
Hoka Gibson	M/21	Ihu/Gulf	Possession of Offensive Weapon (Convict)
Gilbert Jerry	M/23	Kompiri/Kainantu	Escape (Remand)
Bonny Aboari	M/24	Bogia/Madang	Rape (Remand)
Dugun Timun	M/24	Sialum/Morobe	Wilful Murder (Remand)
Frank Gibson	M/29	Googenough/MB	Sexual Penetration (Remand)
Gideon Apo	M/25	Asaro/Eastn Hlnds	Wilful Murder/escape (Remand)
Guna Chris	M/19	Bulolo/Morobe	Arm Robbery (Remand)
Jackson Asa	M/23	Finschhafen/Morobe	Arm Robbery (Remand)
Kepi Takoi	M/23	Tewai Siassi/Morobe	Wilful Murder (Remand)
Kuro Jack	M/24	Kabwum/Morobe	Wilful Murder (Remand)
Lessie Paiawud	M/20	Chuave/Simbu	Sexual Penetration (Remand)
Lozo Yabang	M/18	Tewai Siassi/Morobe	Wilful Murder (Remand)
Mailen Gawi	M/20	Angoram/E Sepik	Arm Robbery (Remand)
Ricky Kenao Eki	M/25	Tewai Siassi/Morobe	Wilful Murder (Remand)
Saiyu John	M/20	Finschhafen/Morobe	Stealing (Remand)
Sylvester Aipa Manga	M/19	Garaina/Morobe	Robbery (Remand)
Tina Simon	M/22	Finschhafen/Morobe	Wilful Murder (remand)
John Lui	M/35	Usino Bundi/Madang	Defraud (Remand)
Mea Para Irawine	M/29	Obura Wonenara/EH	Wilful Murder (Remand)
Sam Max Mou	M	Angoram/E Sepik	Arm Robbery



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Prisoners Escape (Cont)

The Police have also warned that many of the escapees from BEON jail in Madang the week before the Buimo break-out are suspected of being in Lae. Considering the fact that many of the escapees that are still at large are wanted for hard core crimes, and that there may be escapees from Madang in Lae as well, we must all remain alert and use as much protective measures and security as possible. The Police promise that they are using as much resources as they can to recapture these criminals, but this most likely will not be enough to see them all swiftly locked away again.

LCCI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Don't forget the Lae Chamber of Commerce Incorporated Annual General Meeting on Tuesday **23**rd **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.

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE WITH JENNA ON 472 2340 OR WENDIE AT – info@lcci.org.pg.

AIRNIUGINI

Announce that there will be Rab-Lae-Rab flights twice a week which should commence on Tuesday 21st May 2013.

The Schedule is as per below:

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Papua New Guinea Sustainable Development Program fights back with 'the facts' on Ok Tedi

17 Apr 2013 by Business Advantage Leave a Comment

The ownership structure of the Ok Tedi mine 'had stood the test of time' and there was 'no good reason to change it,' according to Chairman of Papua New Guinea Sustainable Development Program Limited (PNGSDP), Sir Mekere Morauta.

In an eight-page 'report' issued late last week in defence of PNGSDP, Morauta claimed his organisation was a 'model owner' of

'The Ok Tedi mine has been managed well in the past 11 years with PNGSDP, on behalf of the people of Western Province, as the major shareholder. There has been no incremental environmental damage under PNGSDP majority ownership. PNGSDP has also been successful as a mini sovereign wealth fund and as a development agency. These are demonstrable facts.'

The report was released in response to recent statements by PNG's Prime Minister Peter O'Neill, who has stated his Government will legislate to sever the connection between PNGSDP and OK Tedi Mining Limited (OTML), operator of PNG's largest mine. (PNGSDP is currently the 63.4% majority owner of OTML, with the State of PNG owning the remaining share.)

Some of Sir Mekere's points in brief

- There were sound reasons for the original deal (struck when Morauta was Prime Minister) with BHP (now BHP Billiton), which saw the Australian mining company depart PNG and hand over its 52% share of the Ok Tedi mine, following massive environmental damage: 'Closing the mine would have had truly disastrous consequences for the country and the people of Western Province.'
- The original deal was driven by the then-Government, not BHP: 'The decision to proceed was wholly in the hands of the Government and was not influenced by any outside party, including BHP Billiton.'
- The existence of PNGSDP, which became the holding company for BHP's share in Ok Tedi, is an inextricable part of the legislation enacted to cement the arrangement: 'The creation of PNGSDP is at the heart of the Ninth Supplemental Agreement Act's intention that the OTML [Ok Tedi Mining Limited] dividends be used wisely, independently, transparently and
- The trust structure of PNGSDP is an appropriate structure for controlling the Ok Tedi asset: 'for example, it is the structure within which the Red Cross operates in Australia.'
- Given the indemnity granted to BHP after the environmental damage was also extended to the State of PNG, the original agreement was in the State's best interests too: 'It is not true to say that an indemnity has been granted only to BHP Billiton and that the shares and other assets are mortgaged only in favor of BHP Billiton.'
- Morauta also categorically denied BHP still had any influence over the management of PNGSDP or the Ok Tedi mine, as Prime Minister O'Neill has asserted: 'BHP Billiton has never, ever had a majority on the PNGSDP board ... BHP Billiton has no involvement whatsoever in PNGSDP or OTML. Its sole relationship with PNGSDP has been to nominate three directors to the board - a practice now ended - and a report it receives once a year along with the State of PNG. Nor does it have any beneficial or financial or operational or managerial interest whatsoever in either the mine or PNGSDP. BHP Billiton had no involvement in the original decision to keep the Ok Tedi mine operating, and it will not have any say in the decision on the current Mine Life Extension application.'
- The planned extension of the Ok Tedi mine will deliver US\$4.3 billion in benefits.

Morauta's statement follows a meeting of PNGSDP's board that took place last week in Singapore, where the not-for-profit

It is not yet clear how the separation of PNGSDP from its major asset might be achieved through legislation.



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Vodaphone has bought into Bemobile, which could see a new price war between the Mobile Phone providers.

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Telikom have not yet announced when the newly approved rates will be introduced.

Vodafone Bemobile to boost mobile phone competition

17 Apr 2013 by Business Advantage

Mobile phone competition in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands is about to get tougher, after a deal which will see about K550 million (US\$250m) in new funding for PNG's second carrier, Bemobile, which will see it relaunched as Vodafone Bemobile.

The deal was signed in Port Moresby yesterday by PNG Prime Minister, Peter O'Neill, and his Fiji counterpart, Commodore Frank Bainimarama.

It is understood that PNG's Independent Public Business Corporation (IPBC) will retain a 51% stake in BeMobile under the terms of the deal, with Fiji's National Provident Fund taking a 40% holding in the operator. Vodafone Fiji has been contracted to manage the company, meaning a Vodafone Bemobile brand will be launched in PNG and Solomon Islands.

The chairman of Bemobile, Syd Yates, told local media the deal was the culmination of months of hard work 'and we are pleased that the final outcome will see BeMobile with the capital and the strategic partnerships to enable it to compete and thrive in both PNG and Solomon Islands. This investment will bring much needed competition to this sector in PNG,' he said.

'The restructure could provide real competition in the sector and drive down the costs to business,' the chairman of the IPBC, Thomas Webster, said at this week's Australia-PNG Business Forum.

Ernie Gangloff, President, Business Council of Papua New Guinea also welcomed the deal, telling *Business Advantage PNG* that it should not only enhance customer service but also help to reduce the cost of mobile services.

'Vodafone have outdone Digicel in Fiji,' he said. 'We know their performance capabilities and they'll have control of operations here. We're happy there will be a benefit to consumers.'

But Gangloff noted it would 'take time for them to get up to speed and rehabilitate the network. Vodafone will have a number in mind for the cost of this. The PNG Government will need to meet the costs of its equity share too.'

The deal was endorsed by the O'Neill government a few weeks ago, after negotiations in Australia between representatives of the IPBC, Asian Development Bank, the Papua New Guinea's two major superannuation funds, FNPF and Vodafone Fiji (in which FNPF is a shareholder).

The Bemobile investment is FNPF's first major investment outside of Fiji.

'This investment provides FNPF the opportunity to diversify our investment portfolio. There is good potential for growth given the high economic growth potential in PNG and the Solomon Islands.' FNPF's Chief Executive Officer Aisake Taito told *Business Advantage PNG*. 'We do not expect that the controlling interest by the PNG Government will be a sovereign risk issue. In fact, the PNG Government's approach to this investment has been to driven by their desire to ensure that the quality of communication to its people will improve dramatically, which would include the reduction in the cost of communication and ultimately this will lead to improvements of the lives of its people.'

It is not clear if this investment will be start of further investments outside Fiji by the fund:

'Offshore investment by FNPF is subject to the Reserve Bank of Fiji's approval. For now, we will focus on ensuring that our investment in BeMobile provides positive returns to our members,' said Taito

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- Chairman Mr.Brian Alois (Department of Works Lae)
- Deputy Chairman Mr.David Wissink (MMJV)
- Treasurer Mrs.Sarah Haoda-Todd (Lae Everclean)
- Secretary -Mrs.Evah Banige (Department of Works)

The Lae Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption (SASWAC) Committee will be having its first formal meeting this weekend. The details are as follows:

Date of Meeting: Sunday April 21st,2013 Venue: Lae Christian Academy Chapel

Time: 3pm

All committee members and other interested individuals are asked to come along.

For further information, please contact the Chairman Mr.Brian Alois on 768 79931 or Secretary - Evah Banige on 738 37005/763 22905.

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MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: RE: INVITATION TO THE INAUGRUAL OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE 49TH PNG MEDICAL SYSMPOSIUM 2013 IN LAE

By the Guest of Honor: Governor and Patron of the 49th PNG Medical Symposium of host Province: Honorable Kelly Naru LLB, LLM, MP

Greetings to you all!

I am pleased to announce to our valued friends that the Medical Society of PNG has selected Lae as the venue for the hosting of its 49th Medical Symposium in early September 2013. The theme for the 2013 Medical Symposium is; MALARIA - "Past Present and the Future" (the last medical symposium held in Lae was back in 2001 on "Cancer").

This year's theme promises to be exciting with over 500-1,000 participants expected to converge into our city for this prestigious annual medical event.

To set the pace forward, the Patron of this year's Medical Symposium and Host Governor of the Province: Hon. Kelly Naru will be the guest of honor; to do the officially launching of the 49th PNO Medical Symposium and initiate the fund raising drive at the Melanesian Hotel on the evening of Thursday, 11th April 2013.

On behalf of the Patron and the Lae Organizing committee I write to our good friends to join us at the launching and pledge your support with the Patron towards making this symposium a memorable one for our coming guests and visitors to Lae and Morobe Province in the September.

This year's theme on Malaria; reminds all of us to "Go back to basics" on the fight against malaria, which remains the number one cause of morbidity and mortality in our Province and a major concern in particularly for an emerging fast growing economy in our city of Lae.

Your valuable support and pledges at this occasion will go a long way in our fight against malaria in saving many more lives of our citizens.

We look forward to your company.

Please RSVP through Hedda Awagasi on 7688 4905 or 472 0224.

With much appreciation

Yours in health

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April to 22 June 2013.

49TH Medical Symposium – Theme: MALARIA – Past, Present and Future





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Date: April 12, 2013 Action Officer: Stanky F Kogup Designation: Our Reference: Your Reference:

Lae Chamber of Commerce P. O. Box 265 LAE Morobe Province

TELEPHONE:

Attention: Whom It May Concern

Re: COMPULSORY WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY INSPECTION ON ALL

LAE BASED EMPLOYERS.

As the above recommendation refers;

This is to formally advise that the Momase Regional Office of Workers' Compensation here in Lae will be carrying out compulsory Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy Inspections on all Lae based employers from April 19th to November 29th 2013.

Under Section 90 of the Workers' Compensation Act 1978, it has been stipulated that compulsory Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy Cover must be taken by all registered commercial business establishments for all their employees.

Workers' Compensation Inspectors from the Field Operation Services Branch here in our Lae OWC Regional Office will be physically conducting inspections on all Lae Based employers within the above mentioned period and therefore I am formally requesting if you could advise all your LCC members so that they are aware of our inspection program when we physically come around their business premises and conduct inspections. During our inspections we will be seeking the following documents from the employers and they are as list below;

- > COMPULSORY WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICY CERTIFICATE.
- > NAME OF CURRENT INSURER AND BROKER.
- > BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.
- > TOTAL NUMBER OF NATIONAL EMPLOYEES.
- TOTAL NUMBER OF FOREIGN EMPLOYEES.
- > RECORD OF ALL EMPLOYEES SALARY/WAGES.

Please ensure that a circular is sent to all commercial business organizations operating Lae regarding our scheduled Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy Inspections program so that they are not caught unaware when we visit their business premises.

Thank you and I look forward to receiving your response prior to the commencement date of our inspection program.

Yours Faithfully,

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