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Thank you

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

ETHNIC UNREST

This week we saw the renewed clash between certain ethnic groups again in Lae. This seems to be the prolongation of the problems that brought the City to a standstill almost exactly 18 months ago. This time it was triggered off by a bus driver and crew who seriously molested and assaulted a woman passenger, and when a young seminary student tried to save her, he was set upon and thrown to his death from the bus. A resultant fight occurred and several buildings were burnt in the back road settlement, and an unrelated bus was set fire to and demolished.

By Tuesday there were no buses operating in Lae City as the operator's feared retribution and destruction of their precious assets. On Wednesday most buses were back on the road, but only to as far as the Unitech gates and definitely not to the Malahang and Bumayong areas.

The Morobe people expressed their exasperation for the lack of action to their demands of 1½ years ago, and insisted that they hand over a petition to the Governor at a demonstration they called for outside his office. The Police would not allow this mob to come into the city and advised the Governor to travel to the Bumayong area to take the petition there instead. To allow them into Lae could likely cause problems again with unruly and damaging behaviour.

Withdrawal of Buses

The business houses have all suffered this week due to this conflict. The withdrawal of all buses meant that many workers could not come to work and a lot of customers were left stranded with no means to get to the city. All retail stores lost customers – and will never pick up the lost sales again.

One of the demands from the Morobe petitioners is to take the bus PMV licenses from the hands of the Highlands group, expressly the Western Highlanders. They claim that the Western Highlanders dominate the buses in Lae, and that the population is at the mercy of these bus owners, every time they are involved in a clash. The petitioners demanded the PMV licenses be issued to Morobe people only.

The Governor said his Government would issue instructions to the Morobe Land Transport Board consider a "Quota Allocation" system, whereby 60% of the PMV licenses would be reserved for Morobeans.



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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 that current businesses will grow and new ones will be



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ETHNIC PROBLEMS (Cont) – PMV Quota System

I can see the reason behind the Governors thinking, but the trouble is that a quota system guarantees the ownership will lay with people from one Province, which means that if this group is responsible for trouble in the future, buses may again be withdrawn from service.

It may be better to return to a Public Bus Service again as was operated in the 1970's, to be operated by the Province or the Urban Authority, or under a Public Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement, where shares are held by various private companies or individuals. Whichever way the Government decides to go, the move away from individual ownership by one group of people is possibly the best. A series of buses operated under proper central management control could ensure that all the worst things that we see with the bus operators at the moment can be addressed:

- Operation of Road worthy buses in good mechanical condition
- Buses cleaned each day
- Properly trained drivers, who know the road rules
- Drivers and crew who are clean and tidy, and in uniforms
- Appropriate Insurances for 3rd party accidents or passenger injuries
- No chewing betel nut, spitting or throwing items from windows
- etc

Other Issues

As far as I can see there are still unresolved issues in the city that were highlighted when the first violence occurred 18 months ago:

- The street gangs are still operating in shopping areas and bus stops, especially at Eriku. The public, in particular women are being harassed and threatened by thugs, stealing bags, mobile phones and other personal belongings as well as being sexually harassed. This can be prevented if there is more of a presence of the City Community Police at the hot spots in the city
- Street sellers who very aggressively flog goods which are obviously stolen, should be removed or arrested
- The Lae City Market has become overrun with illegal street sellers and gangs of bag snatchers. The City Authority must take control of the market again to make it a safer place for the public and the produce sellers.
- The seemingly unresolvable problem associated with settlements & squatter camps

We are to sit down with the Governor at a working lunch soon and will be highlighting our concern over this current clash and other unresolved problems, in consideration to the disruption of business in the city.

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LCCI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday this week at the Lae International Hotel Bulolo Room. For the first time, the normal Councillors monthly meeting for April was carried out immediately prior to the AGM, so that the attendees and prospective councillors could see for themselves how the monthly meetings are conducted, and some of the pertinent important issues that were under discussion, could be understood.

The roll up of just under forty members was very pleasing, and they observed the President and the Treasurer make their reports, and the office bearers duly elected into office.

The elected and re-elected councillors were:

Executive:

POSITION	NAME	COMPANY
1. PRESIDENT:	ALAN McLAY	MBC Consultancy
2. SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	NIGEL MERRICK	Warner Shand Lawyer
3. JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	ROBERT HOWDEN	Express Freight Management
4. TREASURER:	STEPHEN BEACH	PricewaterhouseCooper
5. IMMEDIATE PAST PRES:	PHIL FRANKLIN	Dalgar Consultants

Councillor:

NAME	COMPANY	SECTOR
6. ANDREW GUNN	Dulux	Manufacturing
7. KAITY BLUETT	Attic Holdings	Property Management
8. MIKE QUINN	the Professional	Real Estate
9. PETER DIEZMANN	Interoil Products Ltd	Retailing Fuel
10. DENNIS BREWSTER	BSP Bank	Financial Services
11. TERRY FUERY	Consort Shipping	Shipping
12. DANNY KEPI	Regional Engineering	Engineering
13. VANESSA CHAN-PELGEN	Vanco	Tourism
14. BOB HANSEN	Mainland Holdings Ltd	Agri Business
14. BEUNDA EDWARDS	Lae Travellers Inn	Tourism & Hospitality

The evening concluded with a few pleasant drinks over a cheese platter. Those who attended used this occasion to network with fellow members.



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Public Notices



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RAMU URGENT OUTAGE NOTICE

An urgent power outage will occur on the Ramu Systems on Sunday 28 April, 2013 from 6am till 6pm.

Generation from Pauanda, Baiune and all diesel power stations will supplement the system demand during the outage.

Load shedding schedule for the Ramu

Substation	Location area details	Time
LAE	PNGWB, Unitech Admin,	6am - 6pm
	PNGWB, East/West Taraka, Igam, PTC, Uni	10am - 12pm, 4pm - 6pm
	Uni Res, Buimo Rd, Eriku	10am - 12pm, 4pm - 6pm
	Uni Admin, Kamkumu, Lae Tech, Butibum, Ampo	8am - 10am, 2pm - 4pm
	Bundi Camp, Police Brks, Huon Rd, Bugandi	6am - 8am, 12pm - 2pm
	Nadzab, Erap, 40 Mile, Mutzing	6am - 8am, 12pm - 2pm
	Market' Ela Motors, Hella Cement, SP/Bank	6am - 8am, 12pm - 2pm
	Air Corps Rd, Shell, SP Brewery, Stadium	10am - 12pm, 4pm - 6pm
	Abel Tasman St, Milford Rd, Main Wharf	8am - 10am, 2pm - 4pm
	Top Town, Telikom, Huon Rd, China Town	10am - 12pm, 4pm - 6pm
	Highway, Morobe Ave, Papua Compound	8am - 10am, 2pm - 4pm

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A FOCUS ON THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA RESOURCE SECTOR

PNGREPORT

APRIL 2013

Last week we published a letter from the Department of Labour that advised of Compulsory worker's compensation inspections!

Department of Labour Inspectors will commence inspections on 19th April through to 19th November 2013.

Business Advantage article of the week!

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YOUR GATEWAY TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE REGION

Vodafone Bemobile: the work begins

Success has many fathers. Back row (from left): Acting MD Michael Ah Koy, Company Secretary Chris Allen, Aisake Taito (FNP CEO), Pradeep Lal (Vodafone), Fiji PM Voreqe Bainimarama, PNG PM Peter O'Neill, Wasantha Kumarasiri (PBC), Public Enterprises Minister Ben Micah

Front row (from left): Incoming Chairman Andrew Johnson, Ajith Kodagoda (FNP Chairman), outgoing Chairman Syd Yates, PBC Chairman Thomas Webster



24 Apr 2013 by [Business Advantage](#)

The transformation of the Bemobile mobile phone company following last week's reported restructure has begun, with Bemobile's Regional CEO for Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, Pradeep Lal, already in PNG to take the reins.

The company's new CEO has hit the ground running, already identifying the key priorities.

'There are some business imperatives for operating a mobile telecommunications business, which is no secret,' Pradeep Lal told *Business Advantage PNG*. 'These include network infrastructure, coverage and capacity issues. These are some immediate priority areas for the business we have identified which need urgent attention.'

The new ownership structure will also see the company rebranded.

'Re-branding will commence as soon as the intricacies have been worked out. Branding is not an everyday exercise and therefore we will take a very measured and practical approach to re-branding,' said Lal, who could not confirm how the new branding would look, except to confirm that 'Bemobile will remain part of any new re-branding exercise given the local peoples' affinity and love for the brand.'

A review of Bemobile's current products and services is also under way.

'We are reviewing the existing suite of products and services being offered to identify our strengths and also new opportunities available to the business,' he told *Business Advantage PNG*. 'Based on these findings, we will be offering more customized and tailor made products to suit the market needs.'

Lal also said the company was currently interviewing 'some very qualified and experienced telecommunications executives' for senior management roles, a process expected to be completed over the next few days.

A new board for the company is also being put in place, with Andrew Johnson replacing Syd Yates as Chairman, Wasantha Kumarasiri and Paul Komboi representing the PNG Government's Independent Public Business Corporation and Ajith Kodagoda and Jaqji Koroi representing the Fiji National Provident Fund.



UNICRI and ICC BASCAP release new report on Proceeds of Crime legislation

Istanbul, 25 April 2013

The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) and ICC Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy (BASCAP) released a new report advocating the confiscation of the proceeds of crime as an effective tool which governments can implement against the infiltration of transnational organized crime into the illicit business of counterfeiting and piracy.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2013/UNICRI-and-ICC-BASCAP-release-new-report-on-Proceeds-of-Crime-legislation/>

Certificate of Origin experts meet to strengthen trade documentation

Doha 24 April 2013

Chambertrade experts from more than 28 countries have met to continue a series of dialogues on electronic certificates of origin (eCOs), preferential certificates of origin (PCOs) issuance and self-certification. Strengthening trade documentation ties among the chamber network and reinforcing its central role in global trade facilitation, discussions took place in Doha at a Certificate of Origin Council meeting in Doha.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/News/Articles/2013/Certificate-of-Origin-experts-meet-to-strengthen-trade-documentation/>

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**AUSTRALIA LEADING
THE FIGHT AGAINST
HIV/AIDS**

Australia strengthens leadership role in global HIV/AIDS fight

24 April, 2013

Australia will help spearhead the global fight against HIV and AIDS following its appointment to a key leadership role on the United Nations body that aims to unite the world against AIDS.

Australia's Ambassador for HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis, Mr James Gilling, said Australia had been appointed Vice Chair of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) in 2013.

'This is a key leadership role in the global response to HIV and AIDS, which ensures Australia is at the forefront of UNAIDS' efforts to achieve zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths,' Mr Gilling said.

Mr Peter Woolcott, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Geneva, will represent Australia in the role of Vice Chair.

Mr Gilling also said that Australia would increase its influence through a second seat at the Programme Coordinating Board during 2013 and 2014, representing our constituency of five countries—Australia, Canada, Greece, New Zealand and Turkey.

These developments come as a senior delegation from UNAIDS visits Australia this week meeting AusAID and organisers of AIDS 2014, the 20th International AIDS Conference, being held in Melbourne in July next year.

'AIDS 2014 will be the largest medical conference to be held in Australia and will bring together around 18,000 of the world's leading scientists, healthcare providers, public health experts, political, community and business leaders as well as the HIV-affected community,' Mr Gilling said. 'Australia is a strong supporter of the work of UNAIDS both globally and in the Asia Pacific region.'

TIPNG

Have assisted the establishment of the committee to oversee the Walk against Corruption in Lae

Last week we published a letter from the fund raisers for the 49th Medical Symposium. If you would like to BE PART OF THE Official Launching of the 49TH MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM?

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WALK AGAINST CORRUPTION COMMITTEE

TIPNG has set up a committee who are organizing to bring the annual Walk Against Corruption in Lae.

The executives are:

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

The Lae Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption (SASWAC) will be having its 2nd TIPNG MEETING of the Lae Committee

Date: Sunday 28th April, 2013

Venue: Lae Christian Academy Chapel

Time: 3pm - 4pm

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 73837005/763 22905.

Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption

Time for Change

Sunday 26th May, 2013, Lae



The Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) is bringing to Lae for the first time the Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption. The theme of the 2013 Walk is: "Time for Change".

Registration fees

- * Corporate teams - K2000 per team of 10
- * Civil Society teams - K500 per team of 10
- * School teams - K200 per team of 12 (10 students plus 2 teachers)
- * Family teams - K200 per team of 10
- * Individuals - K30 per person



To participate, please register your interest with the TIPNG Lae Committee Secretary, Mrs Evah Banige on Ph: 472 6818, Mobile 763222905/73837005 Email: ekbanige@works.gov.pg.

CHIKUNGUNYA

Two Months ago we displayed a message on this dangerous disease.

We are displaying this new fact sheet on this disease.

The information is very relevant and should be taken notice of – useful against Malaria and Dengue Fever as well!



CHIKUNGUNYA – FACT SHEET

“CHICKEN MALARIA OR TIGER MALARIA”

Chikungunya virus (CHIKV) is carried by infected mosquitoes. The virus causes high fever and severe joint pain that start suddenly. It can also cause headache, muscle pain and rash. Chikungunya (CHIK) does not often result in death, but the symptoms can be disabling, and some people may get severe complications.

Avoiding mosquito bites is the key to avoid chikungunya fever (CHIK).

HOW IS CHIKV SPREAD?

The virus is spread by bites from infected Aedes mosquitoes. If a person is infected and bitten by a mosquito, that mosquito may later spread the virus by biting another person.

Aedes aegypti



Aedes albopictus



These mosquitoes can be identified by the white stripes on their black bodies and legs. They are aggressive daytime biters, with peak feeding activity at dawn and dusk.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms appear on average 3 to 7 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Most patients feel better after a few days or weeks. Some people may develop longer-term joint pain.

- Sudden onset of fever ($>39^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Severe joint pain in arms and legs
- Headache
- Muscle pain
- Nausea
- Rash



TREATMENT

- No specific medication available
 - No vaccine available
 - Treat with anti-pyretics (e.g. Panadol)
- DO NOT TREAT WITH ASPRIN

HOW CAN I AVOID BECOMING INFECTED?

Avoid mosquito bites!

The following will help to reduce your chances of being bitten:

- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Use mosquito repellent on exposed skin
- Install window screens on houses
- Also, a person with chikungunya fever should limit their exposure to mosquito bites to avoid further spreading the infection. The person should use repellents when outdoors or stay indoors in areas with screens or under a mosquito net.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MY COMMUNITY?

Aedes mosquitoes live in a wide range of habitats. Standing water is needed for mosquito eggs to develop into adults. Preventing standing water prevents Aedes mosquitoes. Standing water can collect in tires, flower pots, cans, drain pipes, and any other open containers.

Aedes breeding sites



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