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Thank you



**Truck capsized on Airways
Avenue last Thursday**

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Kamkumung Bridge to be closed

The Contractor FTM Construction Ltd, in the following message intends to close the Kamkumung Bridge for about one month, from this coming Sunday 2nd February.



PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS NOTICE SERVES TO ADVISE THE TRAVELLING
PUBLIC OF LAE CITY THAT **BUMBU BRIDGE WILL BE
CLOSED FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION.**

THE BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR AN APPROXIMATE
PERIOD OF ONE (1) MONTH COMMENCING SUNDAY,
2ND FEBRUARY, 2014.

**THE NOMINATED ROUTE FOR ALL AFFECTED
COMMUTORS SHALL BE THROUGH BUTIBAM
ROAD.**

**MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO ADHERE TO AND BE
SENSITIVE TO THE SPEED LIMITS THROUGH THE
BUTIBAM VILLAGE.**

THE MANAGEMENT OF FTM CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCES CAUSED
DURING THE BRIDGE CLOSURE.

FTM CONSTRUCTION LTD - MANAGEMENT

FTM Construction Limited in this adjoining notice has taken steps to address most of the concerns expressed by Lae Chamber of Commerce last week. The Company's Civil Engineer notified the Chamber that they have made temporary repairs to the Butibum Road, so that the extra volume of traffic will be able to flow better when the Kamkumung Bridge is closed. Also arrangements have been made to conduct appropriate awareness to the villagers, about safety and speeding aspects. A number of Butibum people were quite agitated by the fact that the plans to close the bridge and open the Butibum road to all the traffic, was being done without their knowledge. Our advice is for these discussions to be conducted without any deferral so that there won't be any further delays to the project. After all the closure of the bridge is to allow for the construction of a good quality road, which is in the best interests of the whole of Lae.

The FTM Civil Engineer said that even though bridge will be closed from Sunday, it will be opened at night for a few days until the cement is actually laid. So the schedule is:

- Sunday, 2nd February, 2014 – Tuesday, 4th February, 2014: Bridge Closure between 0900hrs – 1600hrs;
- Wednesday, 5th February, 2014: Bridge Full closure commencing 0900hrs (date tentative to approval on completed base preparations on road).
- Bridge to remain closed for the curing duration of the concrete slabs (about 28 days).

The use of Airways Avenue, as a diversion for traffic from the Busu/Markham Road junction that is blocked due to Road work by Shorncliffe, has caused huge problems. The traffic volume and the weights of some of the loads, has severely damaged the bypass road and caused more than just disruption to traffic. Because this road was not built to handle this type or volume of traffic, the road has been severely damaged. Hence trucks have run off the road, become stuck in the road and dragged down electricity and television lines (see adjoining photo). Residences have been more than inconvenienced, as they had no power for days following. Of course the idiot drivers particularly those on PMV buses, who consider this road a speed track don't help matters. Shorncliffe have put in a considerable amount of fill to alleviate the problem but the real cause is that the road was not maintained to a standard to put up with this traffic load. Now it will be very costly to return the road to a good usable state, when the road work is complete.

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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;
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RECENT FIRES LINKED TO POWER PROBLEMS

We are grateful to Bob Finall from Niugini Electrical who put together the following valuable information on what procedures you should take, what electrical equipment you should consider installing and how to check the fittings and wiring in your premises to prevent fires.



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Date: January 2014

Reference: RCD ADVICE

Fires Due to Electrical Causes

Due to the recent incidence of warehouse / wholesale building fires, which will probably be blamed on electrical wiring faults, I have been prompted to offer the following report.

Preventive Procedures

1. **Bad Earthing**
Can be detected by comprehensive continuity testing
2. **Electrical Thermal 'Hot Spots'**
These are created by –
 - a) **Under sizing of electrical cables, switchboards and existing equipment**
Commonly caused by occupier 'adding on' building extensions and additional equipment to an existing installation, thus overloading existing electrical infra structure

The 'overloading' can result in incoming cables becoming too small for applied new load, existing change-over switches being rated below actual load applied, and switchboards becoming overloaded and overheated.

All of above can be detected by infra-red imaging, and regular load testing.
 - b) **Bad connections**
Usually the result of overloading, bad connections from initial crimping, cable 'nestling' within a connection, causing a loose connection and arcing.

All of above can be detected by infra-red imaging.
3. **Distribution Boards and final sub-circuits**
Prior to 2007, the accepted way of protecting circuits to power points and lights, was to utilise standard circuit breakers in an appropriate distribution board. These circuit breakers are rated at, usually, 10 or 20 amperes, meaning that they will not disconnect a faulty circuit until the load exceeds this value.

RCCB and/or RCBO (see below for description), protection has been mandatory, since 2007 in all Australian and New Zealand new installations, are required under AS/NZS3000.2007 wiring rules (PNG standard for wiring is PNGS1022 and it refers back to the current AS/NZS3000 standard).

This requirement is also supposed to apply to all new electrical installations in PNG. Unfortunately, probably due to manpower problems, PNG Power has not been enforcing the regulation pertaining to RCCB/RCBO installations.

What are RCD's, RCCB's and RCBO's?

These are devices originally designed for personal safety and protection against electric shock. For your information we explain the various devices.

- **An RCD (Residual Current Device):** Is a device, which is designed to open an electrical circuit when there is a differential between the incoming, (line), current, and the return (neutral), current. If a differential exists, it is usually a result of current taking another path, i.e. through a person or an earth fault. When this differential exceeds a pre-set amount, (usually 30 milliamps or 0.030Amps for personal safety), the device open circuits and removes the power source back at the distribution board where the RCD is fitted. There are two principal types of device:

LUNCHEON

The Lae Chamber of Commerce luncheon with the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs Minister Hon. Julie Bishop MP, as our Guest Speaker is to be held this coming Thursday 6th February at the Lae Yacht Club.

The event looks like being a resounding success and is fully booked already.

The Yacht Club have given us a special price whilst promising an exceptional menu. Each table will have a free bottle of Red and White wine as well as a jug of orange juice.

The Morobe Governor Hon Kasiga Kelly Naru, the Member for Lae and Minister for Religion Hon Loujaya Kouza Youth & C/Devt and the Health Minister Hon Michael Malabag are among the invited guests.

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Advice on how to protect your property (cont)

- o RCCB's (Residual Current Circuit Breaker): This device is basically a combination of a switch and an RCD. It will ONLY trip when there is a leakage or earth fault event. It WILL NOT trip in the event of overcurrent.
- o RCBO's (Residual Current Circuit Breaker with Overload Protection): This device provides BOTH over current AND RCD protection. One device taking the place of a standard circuit breaker, as well as functioning as a RCD.
- o Under AS/NZS 3000, until 2007, RCD's were only required to protect standard power point circuits. People were protected against electric shock from faulty appliances and hand held portable tools etc. They proved to be so successful, the wiring rules now require that they now be fitted to lighting circuits and most electrical circuits in all installations.

Apart from their proven ability to save lives, these devices have another extremely useful side effect, being for fire protection. Following are a several scenarios applicable to PNG.

- A rat in the ceiling tries to eat, or bites, an electrically energised cable. The RCBO will probably save the rat, (for those that care), it will also automatically disconnect the supply at the switchboard (or wherever the RCBO is fitted). With the power disconnected, no bare conductor is left to create a spark and therefore start a fire. A normal circuit breaker will not necessarily trip in this situation (until the fault current exceeds the rated value of the circuit breaker, but an RCBO most certainly will).
- An employee boils a jug of water and forgets about it. The jug cut-off switch does not operate and the jug boils dry, with the element still energised. The element overheats and shorts out, creating an earth fault. The RCBO protecting that circuit, back in the distribution board, immediately disconnects the circuit when the earth fault is created, thus preventing a fire. A normal circuit breaker will probably not trip in this situation until after a spark has created a potential fire.

It is our belief that by installing these devices to existing or new distribution boards, the risk of a fire caused by an electrical circuit fault would be reduced by up to 90 to 95%.

Cost of installing RCBO's

Every installation is different, albeit residential, commercial or industrial. Generally, the cost of a RCBO is about 3-6 times the cost of a standard circuit breaker, depending on brand and quality.

Installation MUST only be carried out by personnel trained in these devices, as misconnection will result in no protection being available.

Niugini Electrical Co. is very experienced in the supply and installation of all types of RCD/RCBO's and only utilise top quality equipment. There are cheaper units available, but their quality is questionable, so we only support proven units of known quality.

We also have top of the line test equipment available to check wiring continuity, certified and calibrated thermal imaging cameras for switchboard and connection 'hot spots', plus a heap of expertise to produce quality professional reports.

Niugini Electrical Co will be pleased to offer a quotation for individual installations as required.

This report is offered in the interests of saving lives and maintaining the integrity of valuable assets.

If additional information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,
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Bob Finall

Bob Finall
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Papua New Guinea currency may fall another 10 per cent: ANZ

28 Jan 2014 by [Business Advantage](#) [Leave a Comment](#)

The value of the Papua New Guinea's currency, the kina, is expected to fall as much as ten per cent over the coming year, after stabilising for the last two months, according to Lead Pacific Economist at ANZ Bank, Daniel Wilson.

USD per 1 PGK

29 Jan 2009 00:00 UTC - 28 Jan 2014 02:01 UTC
PGK/USD close: 0.39650, low: 0.31035, high: 0.51162



The PNG kina's five-year progress against the US dollar, showing recent values still well above the long-term average.

As *Business Advantage PNG* [reported in early October](#), the September quarter of 2013 saw PNG's currency, the kina fall sharply in value, largely due to lower exports and sustained imports.

In spite of recent rallies, ANZ's Daniel Wilson says he expects the kina to fall a further 8 to 10 per cent by the end of calendar year 2014, bringing it closer to its long-term average of US\$0.37.



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- Your partnership in association with the Host Organizing Committee is vital and needed to successfully stage the 2014 PNG Games.
- Your contribution, effort and commitment will not go astray.
- You are part of Lae: Let's make it happen for Lae and Morobe Province.

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BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ARTICLE OF THE WEEK (Cont)

Strong GDP growth

Singapore-based Wilson told *Business Advantage PNG* he was expecting 'strong GDP growth figures over the next two years, largely driven by income from LNG production.

'However, whether a significant proportion of these foreign currency earnings enter into the market is yet to be determined.'

Wilson says he's concerned that the six-to-nine month time gap between the start of the LNG production and when the income from LNG sales begins may mean PNG continues to have a high current account deficit during 2014.

High current account deficit

In 2013, a high current account deficit of 20% was driven by [declines in key commodity prices](#) (30% for gold), [disruption of output at the Ok Tedi mine](#), naturally declining energy and soft commodity exports, amid sustained import demand for both goods and services.

Coupled with easing foreign direct investment, it led to 'a natural disequilibrium' of demand for the Kina and depreciation pressure, Wilson says.

Central bank minority closely

'Further out, if LNG exports do bring significant foreign currency flows onshore,' Wilson says, 'the Bank of Papua New Guinea will likely closely monitor the kina to avoid the 'Dutch Disease', which is a decline in manufacturing competitiveness as a result of strong currency appreciation due to income from natural resources'.

In its September *Quarterly Economic Bulletin*, released in December, the Bank's Governor Loi M Bakani reported the kina had stabilised at US\$0.413 cents in December, after the bank intervened, spending US\$140 million (K352 million) to ensure a measured fall during the September quarter.

'Consequently, the central bank's intervention in the foreign exchange market has eased and international reserve level has stabilised at around US\$2.8 billion (K7.04 billion), which is sufficient for around eight months of total and 13 months of non-mineral import cover,' he said.

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The 39TH NATIONAL GAME FISHING TITLES WILL BE HELD IN LAE IN 2014

The **Lae Game Fishing Club** is set to host the 39th National Titles in 2014 from 11th – 21st April. We only get the chance to showcase the rich fishing grounds here in the Morobe Province once every 4 years. It is expected that over 400 anglers and guests will attend from all over PNG and internationally.

The LGFC advises that this week is the last week for local and national businesses who wish to take up sponsorship to make this the biggest and best National Titles that PNG has ever seen! An information booklet can be provided if you email secretary@lgfcpng.com

POWER OUTAGES THIS WEEKEND

To:	The Manager Net Works
From:	❖ TARAKA FEEDER 2, TARAKA FDR1
Purpose of Outage:	Feeder ID: Taraka feeder 2-
Affected Areas:	UNITECH, EAST TARAKA, RESIDENCES ALONG IGAM & IGAM BARACKS, BUMAYONG, TENT CITY, WEST TARAKA, NCI, ATLAS STEEL, COLOUR PACK, WATER BOARD TREATMENT PLANT & PUMPS
Prepared By:	A/DIST. MGR LAE
Open Points	TRK FDR 1 & 2 CB-
Date of Outage:	Saturday 08 th & Sunday 9 th February 2014
Outage Time:	08:00hrs – 1700hrs
Outage Duration:	8 hours respectively

To:	The Manager Net Works
From:	❖ REPAIR IS 18.2 mile, ABS 17.5 mile, 9 mile ABS ❖ Line clearance Gabensis line
Purpose of Outage:	Feeder ID: Taraka 5.
Affected Areas:	PORTION 212, 2 MILE, BUGANDI, 3 mile to Yalu & Muya village, Wau Bulolo junction to Gabensis village
Prepared By:	A/DIST. MGR LAE ABS 35 & ABS 30
Open Points	
Date of Outage:	Saturday 01 st February 2014
Outage Time:	Saturday 08:00hrs – 1700hrs
Outage Duration:	8 hours respectively

PIPSO is the Pacific Private Sector Organisation, based in Suva, Fiji. Papua New Guinea has been on the Board of PIPSO since it was established in 2004. As a matter of fact Alan McLay was an inaugural Director of PIPSO representing PNGCCI and saw it through its formative years, and ensured it had a solid base to provide a good service to all Private Sector Organisations in the Pacific Forum aligned countries.

Initially PIPSO struggled with funding as some of the smaller Pacific Countries struggled to meet the annual membership fees. It is a fact that PNG and Fiji remain the largest contributors.

Funding has been relieved with more donor organisations coming on board over the past few years, notably UNDP, Australian Government and the EU amongst others.

PIPSO have provided a range of services to Private NPSO's including Project funding, Training courses, Workshops, Conferences and Strategic Planning courses, all of which have benefited many members of the PNG Chamber of Commerce, with LCCI getting a large bite of the cherry.

Check the new PIPSO revamped Website at www.pipso.org.

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To:	The Manager Net Works
From:	✧ LAE FDR 4. INSTALL NEW SWITCH ABS 4, REPAIR ABS 92, ABS 37 & ABS 173
Purpose of Outage:	Feeder ID: Lae feeder 4
Affected Areas:	Business houses along Milford haven road from Milford Power station to PNG Ports, Montoro st, Masina st, Erica s, Sletford street .Lae International Hospital.PNG PORTS. Malaita st ,Saw Dust ,China habour engineering.
Prepared By:	A/DIST .MGR LAE CB : LB2B9 Lae 4, ABS 40 ,ABS 13 ,ABS 154
Open Points	
Date of Outage:	Sunday 02 nd Febuary 2014
Outage Time:	Sunday 08:00hrs – 1700hrs
Outage Duration:	8hours respectively



PACIFIC ISLANDS PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATION

PRESS RELEASE

PIPSO launches newly revamped website

Monday, 27 January 2014

The Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation is delighted to announce the launch of its revamped website.

The design, structure and functionality have been optimized for enhanced user-friendliness. Our desire to stay on the cutting edge of communications advancements is what inspired the redesign of the website.

From design to content, the entire site has been reorganized to put the relevant private sector information front-and-center, providing a satisfying new experience for those that visit the www.pipso.org. The site's robust new web platform also makes it easier for visitors to interact and learn more about PIPSO's programmes and services.

The new website also places an increased emphasis on social media and the traffic that it will bring to the website. It also achieves one of PIPSO's strategic goals to promote and facilitate greater cooperation and information sharing with the private sector.

With our new website, viewers will be able to:

- Read about the latest news on pacific business issues and trends
- Read blogs by industry experts
- Obtain data and statistics on commodity prices
- Obtain recent and upcoming dates for regional and international trade shows and meetings
- View video and photo galleries documenting PIPSO's work through the years
- Training modules on trade, marketing, quality assurance and financing (for members login only)
- Read news articles profiling successful pacific entrepreneurs
- Access information on import and export requirements
- Access relevant links to Pacific investment agencies, regional organisations and donor agencies
- Download PIPSO's latest publications and promotional material

The website was developed by Fiji based company Webmedia who crafted the website on the needs identified by PIPSO and from the feedback and input received from PIPSO's members at last year's Annual General Meeting.

PIPSO's CEO Ms Mereia Volavola encourages all PIPSO members to make use of the revamped website where various training modules have been made available to assist them in the development of the private sector in their countries.

PIPSO welcomes any feedback on the new website that will assist the Secretariat in provide relevant and up to date information.



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TO MARKAHAM/BUTIBUM ROAD
Traffic Management Plan – Detouring Traffic on Aircorps Road (Dunlop to Papindo)

The Contractor submits a traffic plan to redirect and manage the traffic flow as the work progresses to the section of the road between Dunlop and Papindo. Attached herewith is the schematic outlining the Traffic Management Plan.

- One lane of Aircorps Road on the lane adjacent to Papindo Head Office will be blocked off to traffic at 300m starting from Dunlop, allowing only vehicles entering through to Papindo Head Office.
- According to the traffic plan, the opposite lane, the Left lane facing the market, will still be opened to traffic entering and leaving commercial areas including the Laurabada Avenue.
- Through traffic entering the roundabout (Freddies) will maintain the Detouring routes as implemented.





PUBLIC NOTICE

Australian Visa Medical Requirements

We wish to advise that Lae International Hospital (LIH) is now a fully accredited hospital approved by the Australian Government Immigration and Border Protection authorities, to carry out all medical requirements in connection with all visa applications for Australia.

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