

**BUSINESS COUNCIL OF PNG**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2005**

**(09/05)**

**HELD AT**

**BUSINESS COUNCIL OF PNG'S OFFICE  
DEFENSE HAUS, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, POM**

- 1. ATTENDANCE:** Winifred Kamit  
Ernie Gangloff  
Syd Yates  
Vincent Bull  
Maryanne McDonald
  
- 2. APOLOGIES:** Henry Kila  
Mel Togolo  
David Wong  
Kee Lim  
Mike Manning  
Andrew Yauiieb  
Gerea Aopi  
Jonathan Seeto

**3. OPENING OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting commenced at 8:55 and was chaired by the President – Winifred Kamit.

**4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the August Meeting, and being a said and true document were moved by Vincent Bull and seconded by Ernie Gangloff.

**5. MATTERS ARISING:**

The Executive Officer provided a brief update on the action items that were noted in the May minutes.

**5.1 TOURISM WORKSHOP:**

TIA has formally requested that the proposed Tourism workshop, scheduled for November be deferred until early 2006. It was suggested, during the course of the discussion, that the workshop may be incorporated into the agenda at the conclusion of the APNGBC/BCPNG Forum for 2006. This would attract interested parties and guest speakers from Australia and PNG to attend and actively participate in the Forum (2 days) and the Tourism Workshop (1 day). Alternatively, the BCPNG will seek to engage the services of ABV to secure a volunteer to assist with the setting up of the workshop.

**5.2 DECEMBER MINISTERIAL FORUM**

APNGBC representative – Mr. Frank Yourn will be in Port Moresby the week commencing the 7<sup>th</sup> of November to discuss the format and joint delivery of matters by the BCPNG and the APNGBC Presidents. The **Ministerial Forum for 2005** will be held at Twin Waters – Sunshine Coast on the **16<sup>th</sup> of December**. BCPNG members will be advised accordingly.

### **5.3 TELIKOM:**

The on going concerns surrounding the delivery of telecommunications within PNG was discussed in detail.

The BCPNG is seeking a meeting with the Prime Minister to discuss the above.

### **5.4 DLIR AND PNG INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT:**

It was agreed that the proposed arrangement between DLIR and the PNG Institute of Management would be formally noted at the October Impediments Meeting with the Chief Secretary.

### **5.5 AUSTRALIAN ABROAD VOLUNTEERS (ABV):**

Ms. Andrea Overall will be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October to assist with the setting up of a BCPNG website and will assist in developing appropriate marketing tools. This will support the Council in expanding its network and delivery of services within PNG and overseas.

### **5.6 PNGIVET:**

The next meeting has been scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> October at which time the stakeholders will finalise the operational procedures of PNGIVET and approve a range of new courses for delivery to the Private Sector. The BCPNG will advise its members accordingly.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **6.1 CACC – COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN:**

Transparency International and the Media Council of PNG have distributed documentation to oppose two amendments that have been proposed by private Members of the National Parliament. The first proposed amendment seeks to exempt MPs from being dismissed from office for breaching the Leadership Code and secondly, to raise the provincial and district support grant 'slush' funds from K500, 000 to K 1,500,000. The proposed amendments were gazetted in the National Gazette in August.

The BCPNG is supporting the efforts of TI and the Media Council and have distributed the petitions to its members in order to gather as many signatures as possible by concerned citizens who oppose the proposed amendments. A copy has also been sent to the Secretariat of the APNGBC for circulation to its members. The BCPNG is exploring alternative means to encourage the citizens of PNG to support the efforts of the business community.

### **6.2 AusAIDs STEERING GROUP FOR 2005/6 – HIV/AIDS:**

The current National HIV/AIDS Support Project will conclude in 2006, however in light of AusAIDS commitment to continue working with PNG on its HIV and AIDS responses, they are developing a new strategy framework and program for future support.

A Steering Group has been established within PNG which includes membership from the private sector, NGO's and Government representation.

### **6.3 ENTRY PERMIT FOR PERMANENT RESIDENTS:**

It has been announced that under new arrangements, non citizens who have resided in PNG for more than five years will be eligible to apply for permanent residency. Under the new arrangement, holders of a Permanent Residency entry permit will no longer be required to hold work permit issued by the Department of Labour and Employment Department.

A copy of the application form and procedures are to be secured by the BCPNG and are to be distributed to members upon receipt.

It was noted by the Committee that the Business Associations need to urgently revisit the procedures surrounding the issuance of short-term business visas.

**7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

**Tabled by M. McDonald.**

The following comments were noted for consideration:

- **Treasury Bill secured for 28 day period only and proceeds are currently placed on Term Deposit with Kina Securities at a rate of 1.5%. Unable to secure additional Treasury Bills.**
- **Treasurer and Executive Officer to prepare an Assets Register and Budget for 2006.**

It was noted that the current BCPNG membership is 73. The new members for August/September are as follows:

**Interoil Products Limited  
Goodman Fielder International Limited, and  
Prosec Security Limited.**

**REVIEW OF BCPNG CONSTITUTION:**

The Executive Officer is to examine the current arrangement and will put forward recommendations to the Committee for consideration.

**7. INWARD CORRESPONDENCE:**

Duly noted

**8. OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:**

Duly noted

**9. NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the BCPNG will be held at BCPNG's office at the **POMSOX, Defens Haus, 4th Floor on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m**

**11. CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

The meeting closed at 9:35 a.m.

**Signed as a true and correct document:**

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**Chairperson**

**Date:**

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