

**BUSINESS COUNCIL OF PNG**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**8<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
(03/06)**

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

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

3. **OPENING OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting commenced at 8:35 am and was chaired by Winifred Kamit. Mr. Ian Stephens from Goodman Fielder International was also welcomed to the February Meeting.

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

The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes of the January Meeting, and being a said and true document, were moved by Ernie Gangloff and seconded by Jonathan Seeto.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

5.1 **MINISTERIAL FORUM - 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:**

Executive Officer has obtained a brief outcome document prepared by APNGBC. Document to be posted on BCPNG's website.

6. **NWG COMMITTEE MEETING - 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2006:**

The Executive Committee reviewed a copy of the draft version from the Minutes of the January Meeting. The President elaborated on the various items that had been reported by the Secretariat. This included the current status of Telecommunications within PNG, the Telikom Board and tender process, and the establishment of a Sub - Committee to review the 'export' permit approval process, to be chaired by Wayne Golding.

**7. TELIKOM MEETING:**

Agenda item 6 refers.

**8. PACIFIC TRADE EXPO - PNG EXHIBITORS/FUNDING:**

It was reported that Metals Refining Operations were to be PNG's sole exhibitor at the March 2006 Trade Expo. Executive Officer has exhausted all avenues of funding for PNG to attend the Expo. This includes one - on - one discussion with Department of Trade & Industry, Investment Promotion Authority and telephone calls and letters of requests to CDE, Forum Secretariat and the New Zealand High Commission.

**9. ABV - STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Ms. Jane Lea's engagement for the joint PNGID and BCPNG 'Strategic Plan' has been confirmed. Ms. Lea will arrive, 5<sup>th</sup> March for a seven (7) week period. All associated costs i.e. airfares/accommodation and daily allowance will be shared with PNGID.

**10. NEW ZEALAND PACIFIC BUSINESS COUNCIL/BUSINESS COUNCIL OF PNG RELATIONSHIP:**

The details of the two associations have been exchanged and communication channels have been established. The NZ Pacific Business Council will also advise BCPNG of any expos/meetings of importance that will occur within the Pacific region.

**11. MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION AUTHORITY:**

Executive Officer provided a brief overview of the various meetings that had been held between the Government bodies. The Department of Trade & Industry welcomed BCPNG's role as a linkage to the Private Sector. The areas in which Department of Trade and Industry are seeking support are; Trade Facilitation; MSG; ACP - EU Negotiations and the QLD/PNG Business Council Group Meeting.

Investment Promotion Authority will also support the role of the BCPNG and will ensure communication channels are improved. The President instructed the Executive Officer to contact Lucy Bogari at Department of Foreign Affairs & Immigration.

**12. PNGIVET UPDATE:**

Report on PNGIVET's current status to be presented at the March Executive Committee Meeting.

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

Tabled by Maryanne McDonald.

**14. INWARD/OUTWARD CORREPENDENCE:**

Duly noted.

**15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (AOB):**

**15.1 BCPNG MEMBERSHIP:**

The Executive Officer is to approach other PNG Associations to become members of the BCPNG.

**16. NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the BCPNG will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

**17. CLOSURE OF MEETING:**

The meeting was declared closed by the President - Winifred Kamit at 9:30 am

Signed as a true and correct document:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_