

BUSINESS COUNCIL OF PNG

JULY 12TH 2006 (08/06)
HELD AT
BUSINESS COUNCIL OF PNG'S OFFICE
DEFENS HAUS, 4TH FLOOR, POM

1. ATTENDANCE:

NAME	ORGANIZATION
Mr. Henry Kila	PRESIDENT/SPIA
Mr. David Wong	W.H. Industries
Mr. Gereia Aopi	Oil Search Ltd
Mr. Peter Maiden	POST PNG Ltd
Mr. Syd Yates	Kina Group of Companies Ltd
Ms. Winifred Kamit	Gadens Lawyers
Mrs. Maryanne McDonald	Executive Officer

2. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Mel Togolo, Vincent Bull, Ernie Gangloff, Kee Lim, Mike Manning, David Toua, Jonathan Seeto and Nigel Yeo.

3. OPENING OF THE MEETING:

The meeting commenced at 8:35 and was chaired by Mr. Henry Kila.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The Executive Committee reviewed the minutes of the June Meeting. Being a said and true document, the June Minutes of the BCPNG were passed by Winifred Kamit and seconded by Henry Kila.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

5.1 June AGM Business Breakfast:

The ExOff provided a brief update on the Telikom Business Breakfast and suggested that PNG Power - Mr. Patrick Mara be invited to deliver a presentation at an August Business Breakfast.

5.2 MRA Board Nominations:

The BCPNG has re-submitted its nominations to the MRA Board. Copies of the nominees CV's have been lodged with the Ministry of Mining.

5.3 Spread of interest and exchange rates offered by Commercial Banks:

Mike Manning has been engaged by the BCPNG to prepare an overview of the spread of interest and exchange rates that are currently being offered by the Commercial Banks.

5.4 Fiji Trade Mission to PNG:

Henry Kila, David Wong and the ExOff meet with the FIJI High Commissioner to discuss the inter country relationship and the resurrection of the PNG/FIJI Business Council. In an endeavour to develop the relationship between the two countries FIJI is exploring a seven- day program from the 10 - 16th September. The program would include a joint FIJI/PNG Trade Show, sporting competitions and an exchange of cultural activities. The details are to be forwarded to the BCPNG upon receipt from FIJI. It was recognised that the PNG/FIJI Business Council needs to play an active role in the Trade Mission.

5.5 PNG/Indonesian "Friendship Seminar":

The ExOff is to continue with her efforts in securing a copy of the final program and itinerary from the event organiser.

5.6 PNG/China Business Council:

A delegation of several representatives from Mainland China were in PNG on an exploratory visit from the 4 - 7th July.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS:

6.1 Strategic Business Plan Update:

The ExOff provided a brief update on the short term objectives of the BCPNG SBP, of which all Tactical Plans are continually being monitored and addressed by the BCPNG. ABV representative, Jane Lea will be in POM from the 13th - 16th July and in conjunction with the ExOff will re - visit the final version of the SBP, protocols and document and control procedures.

6.2 Meeting with the APNGBC - 13th July:

A meeting has been scheduled for the BCPNG and the APNGBC to meet and discuss a number of matters. This includes the 2006 Business Forum, the proposed 2007 Forum, the forthcoming Joint Executive Meeting and the forthcoming Ministerial Forum

6.3 Consumer Product Consultative Committee:

The meeting was well attended by the BCPNG and representatives from the Private Sector. It was recognised that not enough was being done by IRC to combat the importation of counterfeit products, and that the BCPNG should play a more active role in working with IRC, ICCC and the Department of Health to address a wide range of concerns.

The ExOff has been tasked to contact the private sector representatives at the CPCC meeting to secure some feedback as to how the BCPNG can work with ICCC.

An organisation chart is to be prepared which reflects the responsibilities of ICCC, IRC and the Department of Health. An informal meeting is to be arranged between IRC - David Sode and the BCPNG (Henry Kila and Peter Maiden), and consideration by the BCPNG to address this matter through DFAT (Sir Rabbie Namalieu and John Hickey).

6.4 NWG Import Export Monitoring Sub Committee:

A copy of the TOR has been prepared by the MCPNG and circulated to the ExCom. The first meeting will be held on the 12th July to set up the framework to carry out the task allotted to the sub committee. Henry Kila and David Wong are to attend.

6.5 HIV Awareness in the Private Sector:

Nasfund has formally requested that the BCPNG place on the agenda with the NWG, a proposal that Treasury covers HIV training and information dissemination to the workforce as a legitimate deduction under the 2% Training Levy.

6.6 National Development Forum - 29th - 31st August:

The theme for the forum is 'Opening up the Budget: Effective Budget Implementation". The BCPNG will play an active role in delivering a number of key note speeches for the CIMC Sub Committees. The President encouraged the BCPNG to play a more active role in the sectoral sub committees for 2006/07.

CIMC has also extended an invitation for the BCPNG to attend the Regional Forums as part of an awareness campaign. This proposal was supported by the ExCom.

6.7 PACIFIC 2020 Forum - 26th July 2006:

A seminar will be held on July 26th to inform the PNG Government and the business community about the Pacific 2020 process and will deal with the four key issues discussed in the Pacific 2020: Investment and Business Development, Governance, Agriculture and Land. Information is to be circulated to BCPNG Members.

6.8 GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT - DLIR Discussion Paper:

All submissions from the Private Sector were lodged with DLIR on the 7th July. At the June NWG meeting, the BCPNG expressed its concern about not being involved in the working group which consisted of representatives from DLIR, PNG Chamber of Mines & Petroleum, PNGCCI and the MCPNG.

It was agreed that the ExOff would contact Dr Rona Nadile at DLIR and set up a suitable time to meet and discuss the work permit process with the BCPNG.

6.9 MSG Trade Directory:

A brief overview of a proposed MSG Trade Directory was presented to the ExCom for their consideration. It was agreed that given the matter in which the proposal was submitted to the BCPNG that the Council would decline any involvement in securing sponsorship for the project.

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

- The financial standing of the BCPNG was noted.
- Total number of members as of the 12th July : 109
- Marketing and 2006 Budget to be finalised.
- ExOff to work with PWC to formulate a more informative financial presentation at ExCom Meetings.
- New Members include: *Bank of Papua New Guinea, Constantinou Group, Kwila Insurance Corporation Ltd, Loloata Resort Ltd, Marine and Business Protection Limited, POST PNG Ltd, and Teachers Savings & Loans Society Ltd.*
- Mist in the Mountains CD has been purchased and will be distributed to members along with their 2006 Membership Certificate.
- Introduced an 'Attendance Register' for ExCom meetings.
- ExOff to prepare a 2006/07 work plan for the ExCom.
- P.A - Ms. Asi Geno to commence employment as from the 17th July.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

8.1 ExCom Meetings:

It was unanimously agreed that all future ExCom meetings will commence at 8:30 and will conclude at 9:45. The November/December meeting will also be combined as the nominated date of the 6th December will coincide with the Mines & Petroleum Meeting in Sydney. The date proposed is the 29th November.

9. **INWARD/OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:**

Noted.

10. **NEXT MEETING:**

The August Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th and will commence at 8:30 a.m.

11. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING:**

The Meeting was declared closed by Mr. Henry Kila at 10:15 a.m.

Signed as true and correct document

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