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Dear Members,

Setting economic policy on tariff reduction is usually difficult. Millions of kinas are at stake. Some industries will benefit while some industries will suffer, at least in the short term. The end of the restructure which removes market distorting features and frees up growth is in the distant future. These matters are being touched on in sensitive discussions.

A lot is at stake for PNG industries. The worst situation appears to be the present. Which is that blanket all-encompassing matters based on economic assumptions made years ago have not been reviewed. Reviews being necessary to assess results and fine-tune where results are not to expectations.

PNGCCI is composed of a wide variety of members whose interests straddle both sides of the fence. We as a business organization want the dialogue with the government to remain open to input from real-life experiences. The country will suffer tremendously if this dialogue was to close up as appears to have been the case in recent times.

This will have to be addressed by the Somare government during 2006.

In a particularly relevant example of government insensitivity the commercial arm of the New Ireland provincial government has increased the burden on a famous supermarket which has led it to the decision to close the Kavieng branch. Excessive concentration on government demands for revenue led the commercial arm to ignore commercial levels of affordable rentals and provision of adequate funding for maintenance. The supermarket has made a commercial decision to close the branch after the latest demands for increased rentals.

Another example of business restructure to meet commercial requirements is the resizing of the Luship operations. An aging fleet, doubling of fuel costs and increasing demands has led it to take the decision to concentrate on core areas. Non-core areas will be left to other operators. Resulting rationalization could lead to longer intervals between services but that is the cost of not generating economic growth and commercial activity.

Fabian Chow
Hon. Secretary

Release of Land for Development

The Lands Minister Dr Puka Temu is setting up some committees to see about release of land for the needs of development. Increasing urbanization is making this an increasing necessity to provide for growth. Industrial land is also required. First committee set up has gotten off the ground in the National Capital District. Businesses will have to foresee how their town's urban development plans are catering to this. There may be a need to update any old plans to meet the anticipated future requirements. Bottlenecks are expected if this is not addressed in the near future.



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Port Moresby Redevelopment Issues

The first period of public consultation is now completed and NCD Regulatory Services have come up with what they feel is the preferred option by city residents. This is called MAP 13. One major issue which was raised and does not appear to have been addressed in this plan is the hope that there could be some future relocation of port facilities to allow access to a light commercial strip along the main waterfront which could cater for future development of recreational walkways, cafes, restaurants etc.

As happened when the WAIGANI CITY PLAN was gazetted this will mean large areas of Port Moresby may be re-zoned for usage different from current usage.

All property owners are therefore well-advised to carefully review any new land usages suggested. Once the Port Moresby Plan is gazetted this will be the document upon which all future Physical Planning and density decisions will be based. Property owners should be reviewing their titles against the proposed plan and the currency of that title. There is a legal process of appeal once the Plan is gazetted but it may be easier to raise issues now before the plan is finally approved. The onus for this is entirely on the owner of the land.

On 9th September, during the Port Moresby CCI Meeting on Boroko Town planning briefing for the proposed redevelopment of the TABARI / BOROKO SHOPPING PRECINCT, the NCDC Authority presented 3 different options to rejuvenate the area and make it a pedestrian friendly shopping area.

Also, these suggest amended traffic flows with the area in the centre of Tabari Place allocated for recreation and craft market type activities. These will allow traffic flows to accommodate one-way traffic and increased off-street parking in the heavily congested Turumu Street.

Majority of the participants chose option 2 as most effective among the other options (option 2 is subject for design improvement.).



PR Visa Requirement

Permanent Residence is available to the following people:

1. A person who is the majority owner of a business investment in a registered resident business for at least five years with funds and net assets in PNG totaling at least K1,000,000 as evidenced by certified documentation;
2. A person who is a skilled professional in an occupation requiring tertiary level education qualifications and has worked in that professional field in PNG for at least five years;
3. Nationals of other Melanesian Spearhead Group countries engaged in a registered resident business in PNG for at least five years;
4. A retired person over 55 years of age with access to income to sustain themselves and not be a burden on PNG Community resources and who has worked in PNG for at least five years;
5. The spouse of a PNG citizen where the relationship has been in place for at least five years; and
6. The child aged more than 19 years of a PNG citizen in the case where the child does not have PNG citizenship.

If you think you are eligible and would like further information and assistance with your application, please contact the Manpower office on 3215491/92/95, fax 321 5493, e-mail: manpower@daltron.com.pg.

Boom In Mobile Network

Starting from a small base the uptake of mobile phones is continuing to surprise. For a supposedly undeveloped country usage of mobile phones continues to exceed expectations. Mobile capacity has increased by 40% in the two months since August 2005 but this improvement has been taken up in reduction of congestion and increased usage again.

Update on Office Bearers from Local Chambers

West New Britain CCI

The WNB CCI has elected Mr. Ian O'Hanlon as the new President, and Mr. Rob Denney as the new Treasurer, both are from Kimbe Bay Shipping.

2005 Milne Bay CCI Officers

President : Mrs. Gretta Kwasnicka Toduwarai
 Vice President : Mr. Tim Seeto
 Secretary : Mr. John Mek
 Treasurer : Mr. Richard Yopo

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Metal Detector

Safeline Inc., the United States, is offering a micro-processor-based Powerphase metal detector. This system has been designed for enhanced sensitivity to stainless steel, especially when inspecting conductive products like marinated chicken. The unit can be programmed to indicate the frequency of manual testing necessary and when a performance check needs to be made, as well as stop line production if not checked.

The detector features Safeline's "Extreme" wash-down spec enclosure, which easily tolerates the rigorous sanitation routine at poultry processing facilities. Contact: Safeline Inc., 6005 Benjamin Road, Tampa, FL 33634, the United States.

Tel: +1 (813) 8899500; Fax: +1 (813) 8810840.

(Website: www.meatandpoultryonline.com)

Keeping Food Fresh

Ozone Manufacturing, Australia, is offering portable ozone generators as an effective tool to help maintain the freshness of food. The new device facilitates ozone to be introduced into the container at a controlled rate to ensure the freshness of the air inside. It is able to destroy bacteria, fungus, viruses, mould and pathogenic and non-pathogenic germs. In case of meat products, ozone destroys the bacteria responsible for decay and in the case of fruits, ethylene gas that causes early ripening and decay is eliminated. Ozone is specifically approved in Japan, Australia, the EEC and the United States for use as an appropriate food processing aid.

(Food and Pack, December 2000)

We Want To Hear From You

We would like the Local Chambers to contribute and send news to the PNGCCI.

Please send it via fax 3210566 or email: pngcci@global.net.pg

**The New Ireland CCI
will host
the PNGCCI Quarterly
Meeting at Kavieng
scheduled on
5-6 November 2005**

Proposed Program

5th November 2005 (Saturday)

Luncheon Meeting at the Malagan Beach Resort

Keynote speakers are:

**Mr. Michael Mayberry,
PNGCCI President**

**Mr. Leon Buskens
Transparency International**

Official Quarterly Meeting
of all Local Chamber Executives

Cocktail / Dinner with the Government Officials of Kavieng

6th November 2005 (Sunday)

Executives Tour at Kavieng and its environs

BBQ Lunch at Nusa Island Resort

Executive Leisure Activities

Note :

We encourage that you invite your respective Chamber member(s) that would be traveling to Kavieng during these days to attend and represent your Provincial Chamber.