



NEW ZEALAND PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
BUSINESS COUNCIL

15 June 2009

## NZPNG BUSINESS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

### Council News

#### NZPNGBC AGM

This years 2009 Annual General Meeting, held at the Northern Club in Auckland and was well represented by friends and members of the Council. After 3 years as Chairman, Keven Dent has made way for a new Chairman to take the reins and the Council warmly welcomes former Executive Stephen Eagle as our new Chair.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to Keven for his outstanding efforts as Council Chair and we're pleased to tell you that he remains on the Executive as Deputy Chair.



Minister Murray McCully spoke at the AGM and the message came through loud and clear that fostering "sustainable economic growth in the Pacific through an alignment of trade and aid policies" is high on the government agenda.

"The Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations, more commonly known as PACER-Plus, is the framework that will underpin the future developments of trade across the region" said the Minister. An agreement which requires a much greater trade agreement between Australia, New Zealand and Pacific nations.

To hear more on what the Minister had to say about PACER-Plus and the baseline increases to the governments ODA assistance contact Nada Young Ph 309 9932 or [info@nzpnzbc.org.nz](mailto:info@nzpnzbc.org.nz)

#### PNG Independence Day





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*Celebrate the 34th anniversary of PNG Independence with NZPNGBC*



Celebrate Papua New Guinea Independence Day us and commemorate 34 years of Independence and the unification of over 800 languages and more than 1000 different cultures into one of the world's most diverse democracies.

Date: Wednesday 16 September 2009

For details contact [info@nzpngbc.co.nz](mailto:info@nzpngbc.co.nz)

## Special Notices

### 2009 Chamber Seminars

*Mining and Petroleum Seminars 27 Oct to 30 Oct 2009*

The PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum will be hosting a series of seminars at the Crowne Plaza, Port Moresby. The Seminars will provide technical updates and provide a forum to meet all the players in PNG mining and petroleum, including government officials. A Trade Fair will support the Seminars.

For more information contact Melissa Obediah or Jacinta Towamwesi:  
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### Opportunity for joint venture in Lae

*Retailers, Stationary Providers and Printing Companies Take Note*





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Invitation to operate in a joint business venture in Lae, the industrial city of PNG that serves as a connection point for a number of large mining companies; Harmony, Hidden Valley, Wau Waffi Mining and Ramu Nickel.

If you are interested in this business opportunity contact Ken Mazi, PO Box 3989, Lae, Morobe Province, PNG.

## News from PNG

### **PNG Foreign Minister Invites Diplomats to Visit Mine**

*PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (The National)*

Australia's High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea and other diplomats were welcome to visit the mine site that is subject to accusations of murder, destruction of locals' homes and other violence, Foreign Minister Sam Abal said yesterday.

[Full Story](#)

### **PNG urges Pacific states to participate in reducing trade barriers in the region**

*Pacific Business Online*

Brisbane, Australia: Papua New Guinea (PNG) is encouraging Pacific Island states to take part in negotiations about reducing trade barriers in the region, reports Radio Australia.

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## PNG Plans \$3.8BN Investment in Education

*PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (PNG Post-Courier)*



To eliminate fees for elementary school by 2012 Universal education is to be implemented at a cost of K10 billion (US\$3.8 billion) in 2012.

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## PNG Plans to Buy Communications Satellite

*PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (The National)*

The Government aims to upgrade and improve PNG's communication standards to a new level using a new satellite system that will be PNG's very own.

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## PNG Landowners Wary of Big Oil Company

*PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (PNG Post-Courier, July 14, 2009)*



Central Province leaders have slammed developers of the multi-billion-kina LNG Gas project Exxon Mobil for allegedly confusing landowners of their province who belong to the project impact areas.

"Exxon Mobil is in the business of confusing the landowners and playing the divide and rule tactic," Mr. Aihi told a meeting held by landowners of Papa, Lealea, Porebada and Boera villages on Saturday.

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## Calling all Members

### Tell us your news!

*Share your news in the next newsletter*

Tell us about what's been happening with your business and let us celebrate your success in the next Newsletter.

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