

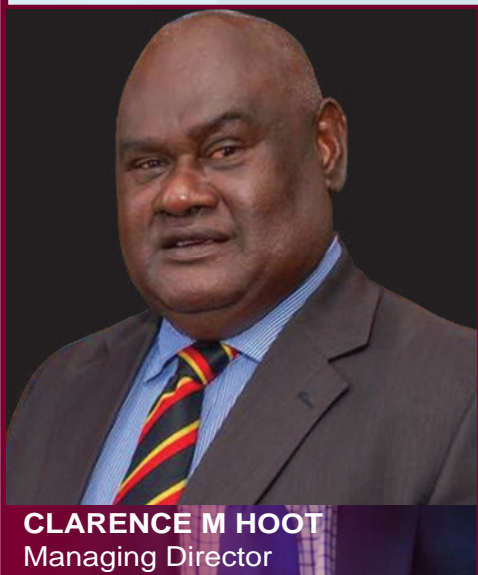


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## MD's INBOX



**CLARENCE M HOOT**  
Managing Director

**D**ear Readers, welcome to the fifth edition of the IPA *"Opportunity Newsletter"*.

I hope you have been enjoying our newsletters so far. We are now into the fifth month of the year and as usual it has been a deserving couple of months with expectations of more work to be done into the remaining months.

Let me at this juncture announce that much of the data from our old Online Registry system has now been migrated to the new system. We now expect all lodgements to be done online by clients after creating their online accounts.

A kind reminder again that all business entities are required to do re-registrations and/or update their records/files before this year ends. For existing companies that have outstanding annual returns, you will be expected to pay a one-off fee of K500 when re-registering your company irrespective of the number of years of outstanding annual returns. In terms of ensuring that IPA extends its services to the provincial level, we have set up help desks in a number of provinces through the signing of MOUs with the provincial administrations of these provinces.

IPA is preparing to sign MOUs with the Enga Province Government, Simbu and Jiwaka among others. Plans are on foot for the setting up of IPA Help Desks in these Highlands Provinces within their Commerce Divisions. The respective Commerce Divisions will administer the Help Desks with training by IPA and ensure it provides IPA services to our peo-

ple.

On the investment promotion front, we participated in the first ever Special Economic Zone summit and the annual Australia-PNG Business Forum and Trade Expo. You can read more on these in this issue.

In terms of the Reserve Activities List (RAL), the IPA is continuing its review of the RAL and consultations are ongoing with respective agencies before we enter into public consultations.

The IPA is now working on the development of its new 3-year Strategic Plan for the years 2024 to 2026 as our current 3-year Strategic Plan for 2021-2023 concludes at the end of this year.

I'm happy with the achievements in the current plan and we look forward to formulating future strategies going forward in the new plan. For now, I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

Thank you and happy reading!!

**Clarence M Hoot**  
Managing Director

## IN THE NEWS

### Investment Promotion Authority co-hosts the 38<sup>th</sup> Australia-PNG Business Forum

**T**he 38th Australia-PNG Business Forum and Trade Expo which was hosted at the Hilton Hotel in Port Moresby ended on a high note.

The Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) was a sponsor of the event and we were given the opportunity to set up a booth to showcase our products and services. The Trade Exhibition Display was officiated by the Assistant Trade Minister, Hon Tim Ayers and the Investment Promotion Authority Managing Director, Clarence Hoot.

The three (3) days event which was hosted from the 15th to the 17th of May, 2023 is an annual event which brings together businesses, government officials

and other interested parties active in Australia-PNG business.

The theme of the Forum is "Advancing Smart Investments between Papua New Guinea and Australia". Companies exhibiting at the Trade Expo had the opportunity to present their goods and services to participating delegates. The event featured a speaker program, trade expo, dinner, networking events and more.

Over fifty (50) participants who visited the IPA booth had queries in relation to business registrations. Client queries and information on how to venture into the export level were disseminated during the exposition. Most of the queries were to do with the new Online Registry sys-

tem and how to register a foreign entity in Papua New Guinea.



**Manager Marketing & Export Promotion, Ms Daure Kiromat (LEFT) and Assistant Public Relations Officer, Ms Nasayau Lurang at the expo booth.**

# Maru on Australia- PNG Trade Relations

The country- country trade and investment relationship between Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Australia is skewed in Australia’s favour and Australia has not done enough to support PNG to increase its exports, according to the Minister for International Trade and Investment, Hon. Richard Maru, in his keynote address during the 38th PNG-Australia Business Forum and Trade Expo held at the Hilton Hotel in Port Moresby, May. “For the last 47 years, trade has been in favour of Australia; that has been the status quo. PNG’s exports to Australia are gold and other precious metals, which comprise over 98% of total exports. This means less than 2% are from the non-extractive sector and are valued at about K50 million per annum,” he said.



Minister for International Trade and Investment, Hon. Richard Maru,

Australia’s total exports to PNG are estimated at over K1.5 billion, which translates to a ratio of 1 to 10 - a very huge trade imbalance. In terms of investment, Australia has invested AU\$24 billion in PNG, while PNG invested AU\$ 4 billion in real estate,” said Minister Maru.

“Australia has been using its very stringent technical barriers and biosecurity to make it very difficult for PNG to export its taro, sweet potato, fish, and other

food products to the Australian market. So as far I as the Minister for International Trade and Investment is concerned; there is no need for us to talk about a trade agreement,” he added.

“There is no need to talk about Placer Plus or even a study on a Free Trade Agreement between our countries. There is no point when the trade and investment imbalance is so big and so skewed to Australia and unlikely to be reduced in the foreseeable future,” said Minister Maru.

The minister encouraged Australian businesses to seriously canvas more new and emerging business opportunities in PNG and seek to partner with local SMEs and PNG-owned companies in their business endeavours.

On the other hand, Australian Senator the Hon. Tim Ayers, Assistant Minister for Trade and Assistant Minister for Manufacturing, in his keynote address said Australia is proud to be Papua New Guinea’s largest economic, security, and development partner, with two-way trade reaching \$5 billion in 2021-2022.

“Trade isn’t just about commercial benefits, it’s also about dealing with big challenges, building capacity to meet international market standards, and creating businesses that deliver good local jobs,” he said.

“Australia is proud to support Papua New Guinean companies and reach their potential by elevating the quality of production to meet international market standards and establish commercial links with Australia and New Zealand,” said Senator Ayres.

A testament to Australia’s commit-

ment is the PHARMA Plus program, where the Queen Emma Chocolate Factory received expert training and technical expertise in producing international-standard products certified to the Australian and New Zealand Markets as outlined by Senator Ayers.

Regarding trade, Ms. Jane Ravusiro, Advocate for Sustainable & Inclusive Agriculture Growth & Livelihoods for Abt Associates Australia, commented that the Papua New Guinea market was not viable with strict security protocols, and that the Australian market was structured differently.

An example of this barrier of trade put into picture was a presentation made by Mr. Navin Raju, Chief Executive Officer for City Pharmacy Limited, who gave an account of CPL’s work in Papua New Guinea, especially in engaging local farmers in the agriculture sector to better equip them in selling their produce.

He explained there was no proper market access available from the farmers’ end to the buyers and that relevant stakeholders and authorities should work together in making sure Papua New Guinea’s agriculture produce does reach Australia.

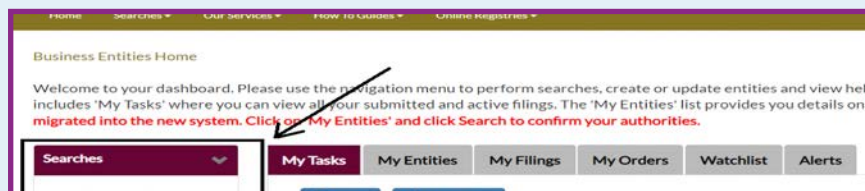
“When I go to the Australian markets, I usually see taro from Tonga or Fiji. How about PNG and why can’t our taro reach Australian Markets?” said Mr. Raju.

The forum showed Papua New Guinea and Australia’s perspective on how each country had a different type of business environment and a dire need to address outstanding technical and political issues regarding trade.

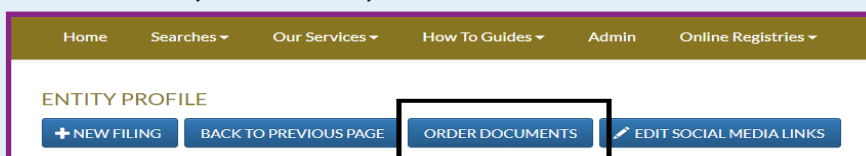
## Tips & Traps

# How to view, access or order Certificate of Good Standing

1. Create an online account (if you still don’t have one).
2. From the dashboard of your online account, conduct an Entity Search.



3. Type in the name of the business entity you are after and click on Search. Locate the business entity name and click on it.
4. This should take you to the Entity’s Profile. Click on “Order Documents”.



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5. Select document you want to order and make payment.  
**Note:** Full Entity Profile Access for 24 hours costs K10, COGS short form costs K20 and COGS long form costs K50.
6. If payment is successful, go back to your **Dashboard** click on **My Order**, type in the name of your business entity in the appropriate box and click on **Search**.

If a business entity has been reregistered or updated:

For Business Names- If your business name has expired and you have done your renewal, you will only get the Certificate of Incorporation and not the Certificate of Good Standing (COGS). You will NOW have to order the updated Certificate of Good Standing (COGS).

For the other business entities, you will get both documents including the Certificate of Incorporation and the Certificate of Good Standing.

## IN THE NEWS

# Investment Promotion Authority participates in the Special Economic Zone Summit



**Executive Secretary to Managing Director's Office, Ms Annie Garo (Left) and Manager Marketing & Export Promotion, Ms Daure Kiromat at the booth.**

The Investment Promotion Authority participated in a three (3) day Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Summit which was held in Port Moresby from 7th to 9th of May, 2023.

At the organiser's invitation, a booth was set up at the summit to showcase the work that IPA does in terms of contributing to the empowerment of the growth of

SMEs and MSMEs in the country.

Those who visited the IPA booth were privileged to have been given advice on how they can venture into the formal business sector by registering their businesses.

The SEZ summit was officially opened by the Prime Minister Hon. James Marape.

In his opening remarks, PM Marape said SEZ establishment in PNG was a work in progress with promising developments ahead.

He said the government has been pushing hard for the establishment of SEZs in PNG since 2019, and he commended hardworking International Trade and Investment Minister Hon. Richard Maru, for playing a leading role.

"Last September, while in Tokyo, Japan, Minister Maru and I held discussions with international SEZ leader, Japan Development Institute (JDI), and I am pleased to say that JDI was immediately engaged by Government to check out potential SEZ sites around the country and I look forward to JDI's report at the summit," he said.

Mr Marape said SEZs can transform the economy of a country after visiting Gabon in Central Africa in March this year.

"The Gabon SEZ has created 16,000 direct and indirect jobs; exported US\$265 million worth of products exported annually; processed 820,000 cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>) of

timber in 2020; and generated US\$1.7 billion in direct foreign investments.

"This is the path I have been envisaging since I took office, switch to downstream processing of our natural resources and in my various meetings with world leaders, I have been inviting them to invest in this space," said Prime Minister Marape.

PM Marape was also in remote Kurindal in Lasul-Baining Local Level Government (LLG), Gazelle, East New Britain where he recently launched a brand-new KKC Veneer Mill.

"This is the second veneer plant in the country after Angoram in East Sepik, which are types of businesses we want in SEZs and the mill is very much in line with my government's push for downstream processing of logs and other resources," he added.



**Prime Minister Hon. James Marape**

# Bankai Group enters Papua New Guinea, secures business deal with Telikom PNG Ltd



**The Bankai Group makes courtesy call on IPA MD, Mr Clarence Hoot seen shaking hands with a representative from Bankai Group.**

Founded in 1989 and headquartered in New York, Bankai Group is a global leader in the Fintech, Information Communication Technology (ICT) and services domains. The company deals with financial, telecom, voice technology, retails and wholesale voice, SMS and carrier services for the last three decades.

The Investment Promotion Authority facilitated and introduced Bankai Group to the Telikom PNG Ltd through the Pacific Trade and Invest Office in Auckland, New Zealand. This is one of the many positive outcomes of close collaborations with our international network partners in delivering meaningful investments for the country.

The Bankai Group led by its Chief Business Development Executive for Asia, Middle East and Oceania, Mr. Aayush Barot, were in the country from 27th May to 03rd June to attend the Pacific Islands Telecommunication Association Conference held at the Hilton Hotel. During their engagements, the Group made a courtesy call on the IPA Managing Director and made presentation on their entire business outlook and also outlined their global footprints.

The Bankai Group signed a business and investment partnership with Telikom PNG on 1st of June 2023 through an MOU establishing businesses on multiple fronts of improving their (Telikom PNG) quality of voice/SMS & roaming services along with establishing OSS/BSS & Fintech solutions. The Bankai Group will be investing under this MOU into Telikom PNG's voice & sms network along by providing quality improvement to the subscribers.

# Papua New Guinea signs defence agreement with United States government



**P**apua New Guinea signed a Defence agreement with the United States of America.

“The defence cooperation was drafted by the United States and Papua New Guinea as equals and sovereign partners,” US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said during the signing ceremony.

Mr Blinken said the US would deepen its partnership across the board with PNG. Prime Minister James Marape and Mr Blinken discussed economic development, the climate crisis, and the importance of continuing US engagement with the Pacific. “The pact will expand PNG’s defence capabilities to enhance humanitarian assistance and disaster response, and make it easy for US and PNG forces to train together,” Blinken said.

He described it as fully transparent. A separate agreement would increase maritime surveillance of PNG’s exclusive economic zone through US Coast Guard patrols, protecting its economy from illegal fishing.

Blinken said partnerships with businesses would bring investment worth tens of billions of dollars to Papua New Guinea. Meanwhile Prime Minister Marape said the agreement would boost economic security by giving PNG’s defence force “the ability to know what is happening in its waters – something PNG have never had since 1975”.

Despite the number of protests against the signing, the Prime Minister came out to clear the air saying the US defence agreement was an extension of an existing agreement and is similar to that signed between Australia.

Marape said the defence agreement would also see an increase in US military presence over the next decade.

Washington will provide \$45m in new funds as it worked with PNG to strengthen economic and security cooperation, including protective equipment for the PNG defence force, climate change mitigation and tackling transnational crime, and HIV/AIDS.

## INDIA'S PRIME MINISTER VISITS PNG FOR INDIA-PACIFIC ISLANDS COOPERATION FORUM.



The 3rd summit of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation was successfully held in the nation's capital, Port Moresby this month.

The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was here in the country for that summit. His attendance is part of his second leg of a three-nation tour during which he first attended the Group of Seven (G7) summit in Japan and then go on to Australia.

Modi's visit to Papua New Guinea is aimed at soaring up India's outreach to Pacific Island countries, with an eye on countering China's growing footprint in the Pacific.

The first visit by an Indian prime minister to the largest of the Pacific Island nations comes as New Delhi's hostilities with Beijing have prompted it to work more closely with countries such as the United States, Japan and Australia in the Indo-Pacific region.

A total of 14 Pacific Island countries attended this summit which was hosted by PNG's Prime Minister, James Marape and the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi.

The summit, which is being held eight years after India hosted the last one in 2015, could give fresh momentum to New Delhi's bid to establish a presence in the Pacific Island countries. India began its outreach in 2014, but it has been slow to get off the ground.

The 14 Pacific Island countries include Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Samoa, Vanuatu, Niue, Micronesia, Marshall

Islands, Cook Islands, Palau and Nauru. Papua New Guinea has longstanding ties and a trade relationship with India.



Modi and Marape met on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May and the two sides signed pacts that include cooperation in micro- and small to medium enterprises and visa arrangements. That includes issuing visas on arrival.

The issue about the impacts on climate changes affecting small island nations was also among the agendas that were discussed during the summit. This is an area where India can play an important role by offering affordable partnerships in areas like solar energy.

Papua New Guinea also wants to shift its economy from export of primary materials such as natural gas and minerals to downstream processing.

Analysts say India hopes to partner with the Pacific Island countries with development initiatives in areas such as clean energy, technology and community development projects such as solar electrification and supply of agricultural equipment.

## Chamber of Mines & Petroleum confirms council for new term



The PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum ("The Chamber") has confirmed its council and executives for its next term at its 35th Annual General Meeting held at the Hilton Hotel in Port Moresby last week. President for the Chamber Mr.

Anthony Smaré and Senior Vice President- Mr. Richard Kassman (Total Energies) were re-elected unopposed. Vice President Philip Samar (K92 Mining) was elected as Vice President, and Mr. Harold Duigu (Ok Tedi Mining Limited), Hitesh Lal (Exxon Mobil), Stanley Komunt (Newcrest Mining Limited (Lihir) were elected as Councillors. Also returning to the Chamber unopposed is Associated Council Member Mr. Mark McMonagle, CEO of Sun Engineering.

In his address, President of the Chamber, Mr. Anthony Smaré welcomed the new councilors saying another busy year lies ahead for the Chamber with key events including the 2023 PNG Community Affairs & National Content Conference and Exhibition in August in Lae, the Asia PNG Investment Conference planned for Hong Kong in October followed by the PNG Energy and Resources Investment Conference in December, amongst other policy matters the Chamber is working on with all its members and stakeholders. Mr Smaré also flagged the special resolutions which will be put to the membership for approval in the next few months for the change of the Chamber's name to PNG Chamber of Resources and Energy (PNG-CORE) and changes to the constitution to update the Chamber's governance, structure, and operations to better serve its members and achieve its objectives.

The Chambers' Chief Operating Officer, Mrs. Pansy Taueni-Sialis in her presentation on Repositioning the Chamber also emphasized that national events like the upcoming Community Affairs & National Content Conference expands robust dialogue between all stakeholders and just like its Investment Conferences, it aims to build the platform between government and other stakeholders to identify investment ability and restore financial stability in the PNG Economy." Such engagements between government and stakeholders only become fruitful when policies are friendly and conducive for our stakeholders and investors."

The Chambers' Policy Manager Ms. Gretel Orake in making clear the Chambers' stance on policy matters, stressed the importance of Member input as being critical for the industry in terms of the narrative surrounding policy matters. "Member input is critical as it yields mutual benefits for all involved. And since the Chamber is uniquely positioned within the industry, the Chamber and its members have a role to play by sharpening the language it uses when it comes to policy matters. The narrative we use must harness, represent, advocate, and enhance the interests of the industry."

# Associations Incorporation Act 2023

The Associations Incorporation Act is another legal review work undertaken by the Investment Promotion Authority (IPA). This legislation has not changed since its passage in 1966 and it is simply outdated. The passing of the new Act replaces/repeals the old Act altogether.

The IPA has proposed major changes that would update the Act to meet the modern online electronic registry system and other Government development plans. The review of the Act will also address issues that have been identified as problematic for local associations and to bring the Act into compliance with international Anti-Money Laundering (AML) mandates which is aimed at bringing a higher level of transparency and accountability to this entity type.

The Associations Incorporation Act of 2023 was passed by Parliament in January this year and certified by Parliament on 29th May 2023.



## Why do I need to register my Trade Mark?

A Trade Mark is a sign used or proposed to be used in relation to goods or services to differentiate these goods or services of one entity/ business from other entities in the course of trade.

Generally, a sign can be anything from a visible distinctive word or words, letter (s), numeral (number), drawing, picture, shape, color, logotype, label or a combination of one or all of these things.

It is important to protect a trade mark by obtaining a registration from the Intellectual Property Office-PNG (IPOPNG). The main purpose is to provide the owner of a trade mark, the legal title to having exclusive use of its trade mark for the goods and services for which it is registered, and to protect against unauthorized use of the

trade mark.

Examples of the logos or trademarks are displayed below. They are legally protected and cannot be used by anyone else.

**For more Information on Intellectual Property, Contact:**

Tel: (675) 321 7311 / 308 4432 / 321 3900

Email: [registrar.ipopng@ipa.gov.pg](mailto:registrar.ipopng@ipa.gov.pg)

Website: [www.ipopng.gov.pg](http://www.ipopng.gov.pg)

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## A1 LINKS LIMITED SUPPORTS SCHOOLS

*There is no substitute for quality*

A1 Links Limited, a 100 percent nationally owned company is one among many local companies that has been supporting disadvantaged schools in the National Capital District and Central Province with much needed office equipment like printers, copiers, ink and stationeries.

The company was incorporated in 2017 and has been supplying total office equipment solutions ranging from office consumables, multi-functional printers to computers.

It has a branch in Lae, Morobe Province and here in Port Moresby. It is anticipating on expanding to other provincial centres as well.

It has the motto "there is no substitute for quality".

From humble beginnings, owner of A1 Links Limited, Helen Soh who hails from Mendi in the Southern Highlands Province rose to where she is now.

It takes guts and sweat for someone, especially a woman to get to a point in life and that was what local business woman, Helen did. Juggling family life as a mother and a business owner.

Challenges are faced everyday and one must be thick-skinned to overcome these challenges.

A1 Link's mission is to equip clients with high quality products and services while maintaining honesty, integrity and providing excellent customer service. The products that the company currently supply include Ink and Toners, multi-functional printers, computers, paper and stationeries.

The company has a Corporate and Social Responsibility strategy in place where they also give support to disadvantaged schools and have been supporting local initiatives and events in various communities. The company also provides sustainable benefits to its stakeholders and suppliers.

In 2019, the company embarked on a school roll out program where it gives support to disadvantaged schools by supplying them with office equipment that will help schools with their administration work.

Laloki Secondary School in Central Province and Evadanah and Ward Strip Primary Schools were among the beneficiaries of this support. The schools roll out program is an annual event where lucky schools receive free donations of office equipment.

The company also embraces the initiative to look after the environment and is committed to continue to contribute to the development of the country by working in partnership with State owned enterprises, NGOs, corporate bodies and other business houses and development partners.

A1 Links Limited is also a member of the PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry and with the owner being an aspiring local business woman, the company donated office equipment (Desk-top Computer, Printer, A4 paper realms and start-up toners cartridges) to the Office of PNG Women's Chamber of Commerce valued at K6, 240.00.

## Office of the Registrar of Companies

# NOTICE FOR BUSINESS NAMES OWNERS

**This is a notice to all Business Names (BN) owners to renew your business names if it has expired.**

You may have noticed the status of several BNs that should have expired but are still appearing as “registered” in the old online registry system. Upon data migration from the old online registry system to the current new registry system, their status now appears as “Not Yet”. This is because the Registrar of Companies Office (ROC) has given opportunity for a certain grace period for BN owners to update their records and apply for renewal of the BNs at no cost except for the normal payment of K150 for the renewal application.

As per our notice on the website at [www.ipa.gov.pg](http://www.ipa.gov.pg), the grace period will end on **31st August 2023** and all BNs with an old expiry date will be expired on 1 September 2023; and their status will be shown as “**Cancelled**”. The owners of these businesses can apply for “Revocation of Cancellation”, pay a penalty fee of K250 and then proceed to update the records (free) and apply for renewal at the usual fee of K150. The benefit of this process is that BNs will maintain the same registration number.

Please note that by law since 2014, a penalty fee of K250 is applicable for BN owners who fail to renew their BNs. However, this was not applied in the previous Online Registry System (ORS) and the current ORS has now been corrected to apply the penalty fee.

**Important reminder** is that these penalty fees are not applicable if the business owners renew their BN on time. It’s also important to make sure the requirements under the BN Act are complied with at all times to avoid any inconveniences.

**To make sure that business owners are not inconvenienced, the ROC will issue timely notices for business owners to make sure they file their renewal application on time.** Business owners must ensure your emails are active and regularly monitored as notices will be sent to your registered email addresses.

**To avoid any inconvenience, do apply now to renew your BN to avoid any inconvenience.**

### HOW TO RENEW YOUR BUSINESS NAME

1. You must CREATE an Online Account if you don’t have one.
2. Go to [www.ipa.gov.pg](http://www.ipa.gov.pg) then go to *Online Registries* and click on *Business Entities*
3. Click on CREATE on top right corner of the page you are in and fill details.
4. You will be issued with your own dashboard.
5. From that dashboard do ENTITY Search on your business name – check left side of your dashboard.
6. Once you retrieve your correct business name click on **Request Authority**. Located on top right of your dashboard. Fill in details and submit. An authorized user must be the business owner(s) or anyone the owner(s) consents to in writing.
7. The request will be sent for review by the Registrar and if successful you will receive a notification via email.
8. Once you have authority it is compulsory for you to do a Transitional Update. This will allow you to update the records and provide any missing information. This is free.
9. If transitional update is complete you can proceed to renew your business name.
10. Click on NEW FILING on your dashboard.
11. Select annual return or Financial Position and initiate filings by submitting AR-20 (Renewal of Business Name registration).
12. You will receive a Registration certificate and an extract now known as the Certificate of Good Standing (COGS) on your email and on your dashboard.

For further information, please do not hesitate to call our team on telephone numbers 308 4439 or 308 4443 or email [ipaonline@ipa.gov.pg](mailto:ipaonline@ipa.gov.pg)

Thank you

HARRIET KOKIVA  
Acting Registrar of Companies



# KOLOLOBE COCOA DEALERS

*Kololobe Cocoa Dealers, is a project located at Ratavul 2, Toma-Vunadidir Local Level Government, Gazelle District of East New Britain Province.*

**The project is currently looking at establishing a Joint Venture partnership with an overseas investor.**

The project is looking at a total investment of **22.2K EUR (15.4K EUR).**

**Total Investment Opportunity Type- Joint Venture**

**Projected Annual Sales- 1.1K EUR**

The project was initiated on the 1st of June 2021 to participate in the Papua New Guinea and East New Britain Province Development Projects using the Public and Private Partnership or (PPP) concept to boost the local cash flow into the economy of the province and the country.

The business is currently participating in a string of business activities. The current business activity is cocoa buying from locals and is now looking at exporting to overseas markets. The business' main

interest is seeking an investor to export directly to the main source (manufacturers) overseas.

Also, the joint venture partnership with any interested investor will lead towards the expansion of the project's current set up. The project is also looking at venturing into Downstream processing in the long run.

The current production volume is 2,800 plus of cocoa bags. The project is looking at increasing its production volume in the coming months.

The project currently plays significant roles in alleviating poverty, encouraging social welfare, encouraging gender equality, and promoting peace and harmony with the local wards, LLGs, districts, and the entire province. The project also establishes partnerships, networks, and linkages with the development partners to create a workable environment for our local cocoa farmers and smallholders.

**For more information please contact the IPA office to get through the local contact- Anthony Kove KARANI**



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# Can I use my old online account to do lodgements???

## Yes, you can.

If you **had an online account** in the **Old Registry System**, your account will now be migrated to the new system. All you have to do now is to create a new password and confirm your account details.

## Migrating an Existing Account

Please follow the steps below to update your existing account.

1. Click the Log In button at the top of the Registry Home Page.
  2. In the dialog that appears, click the Reset my Password link.
  3. Enter either your Username or Email on record with the old registry and then click Submit.
  4. Monitor your email for the password reset message and follow the instructions provided. You will be directed to reset your password and then do data refresh on your account.
- Data Refresh

In order to ensure that the data migrated into the new system is accurate and correct, you will be required to review your Client Account and User Account details after you reset your password. This process will only occur on your first login to the new system.

Your Client Account information will be displayed, and you will have the ability to correct any errors and otherwise update any information. Click Save to verify the changes to your account. Your User Account information will then be displayed, which can be revised if as necessary in the same manner as the Client Account. When you are satisfied with your account details please click Save to proceed into the Registry.

**Do you have a general question about the regulatory side of running a business or have a query on investment promotion or Intellectual Property rights?**

If so, email your question to: *click*



[nlurang@ipa.gov.pg](mailto:nlurang@ipa.gov.pg)

**We will publish a selection of questions and our answers in each issue of Opportunity.**

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