



# Opportunity

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## MD's INBOX



**CLARENCE M HOOT**  
Managing Director

Dear Readers, welcome to the 6th edition of the IPA **"Opportunity Newsletter"**.

I hope our newsletters have been useful and enjoyable to read for you all thus far. We are well into the sixth month of the year and as usual, the past couple of months have been deserving with expectations of more work to be done into the remaining months of the year.

On the upgrade of the new IPA Online Registrations System, I take this time to announce that much of the data from

the old system has now been migrated to the new system. As we continue with the re-registration exercise, company owners are once again urged to do their re-registration before the year ends.

Business name owners whose business names already expired, have been given now until the 31st of August, 2023 to renew their business names in order to avoid being struck off from the registry system. Read more from our notice board in this issue.

On the investment promotion front, we have just signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Enga Provincial Government for the extension of our work to the province and District levels. The MOU will pave way for the establishment of an IPA Help Desk that will be housed within the Enga Provincial Administration's Commerce Division at Ipatas Centre in Wabag.

This help desk will be providing IPA services to the business population in the Enga province. Please read more on this story in this issue.

Meanwhile the review of the Reserved Activities List (RAL) is in progress. The IPA is consulting with various respective agencies before venturing into public and regional consultations.

Finally, following our legislative reforms and technical alterations within our systems and processes, we will now proceed to undertake a restructure exercise to ensure we are prepared for future challenges. Another important piece of work that is expected to have started is the development of our new 3-year strategic plan for the Authority for years 2024 to 2026 as our current Strategic Plan for 2021 to 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. As usual, if you have any comment or wish to make a contribution to our newsletter, you are most welcomed to contact [beverlyp@ipa.gov.pg](mailto:beverlyp@ipa.gov.pg) or [nlurang@ipa.gov.pg](mailto:nlurang@ipa.gov.pg)

Thank you and happy reading!!

**Clarence M Hoot**  
Managing Director

## IN THE NEWS

### Investment Promotion Authority and Enga Provincial Administration Sign MoU



The Investment Promotion Authority and the Enga Provincial Administration recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding intended to promote the smoother exchange of information on business regulation and compliance and investment promotion and business opportunities.

The MoU was signed at the Enga Provincial Government's official complex in Wabag on 7th June 2023.

In signing the MOU, IPA Managing Director Mr Clarence Hoot expressed delight in partnering with the Enga Provincial Administration and pledged the IPA's commitment and support in terms of implementing the signed MOU. "Training will be provided to the Provincial Commerce officers to run the IPA Help Desk at the Enga Provincial Administration office and the IPA will also provide a computer and three-in-one printer to assist in the set-up of the IPA Help desk within the Enga Provincial Administration office at Ipatas Centre," he said.

Enga Provincial Administrator, Mr. Sandis Tsaka, highlighted the administration's strategy to decentralize key government services for the people of Enga for ease of doing business and align itself with national agencies, and said that they were important development partners in promoting commerce and business at the provincial level.

Enga's District Administrators, LLG Presidents, members of the press, business owners, Agri-business community witnessed the MOU signing ceremony at the Take Anda Enga Museum in Wabag

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Amphitheatre. The MOU signing was one of the new priorities of Governor Sir Peter Ipatas and his government. After the closure of Pogera, cashflow into the province has drastically reduced and so the importance of partnership through such MoUs was relevant to the SME development plan to revamp and diversify investment into other industrial sectors to sustain the province, economically.

“The key focus of the Enga Provincial Government is economic development and revenue generation and IPA is one of the key partners to work with on this”.



Enga Provincial Administrator Sandis Tsaka signs MOU with IPA's Managing Director, Clarence Hoot.

Enga Provincial Administrator, Mr. Sandis Tsaka, also highlighted the need for more collaboration and consultation between the IPA and the Enga Provincial Government for business and investment in the province. The MoU signing was a result of an awareness event conducted by the IPA previously to enable the Provincial Commerce Office to establish an IPA Help Desk within its operations to assist with business registration, investment information and for the IPA to promote Enga's downstream processing and access for Agri-products into other markets.

There has been a significant increase in business registrations nationwide, and the IPA has recognised it is necessary to collaborate with Provincial Commerce offices to inform them of recent changes in laws that the IPA administers, business entity registration processes and the types of services IPA offers.

The MoU was signed by Mr Clarence Hoot, Managing Director of the IPA and Mr Mr Sandis Tsaka, Provincial Administrator of Enga Province and the signing was endorsed by Enga Governor Sir Peter Ipatas.

## World Bank supports Pacific Island countries on investment promotion



Participants from various Pacific Island countries who attended the week-long training workshop.

The World Bank Group has undertaken a new initiative to support Pacific Island Countries (PICs) in building their capacities for investment promotion.

Various Pacific Island countries attended a week-long training workshop held in Suva, Fiji from the 1st to the 6th of May, 2023 which was initiated by the World Bank.

The training workshop was designed to impart international good practice techniques in investment promotion and caveats associated with combining trade promotion mandates within the same agency. PNG's Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) was among other Pacific Island countries that attended which was in line with IPA's promotional functions. The IPA in a report revealed that this capacity strengthening program for investment promotion in

the Pacific is a unique opportunity for the PNG IPA to not only gain insights into the global investment trends and good practice, but to also learn from other investment promotion agencies in the region on how they implement their programs and the challenges they encounter.

The interactions with other Pacific Island colleagues during the workshop gave a practical dimension to complement the theoretical presentations by the World Bank Group facilitators.

The selected participants received world-class in-person training from 1st-6th May 2023 on the fundamentals on Investment Promotion, which included the fundamentals of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and latest trends and the Investment Life-cycle, Investment Policy basics, and the 3 pillars of effective Investment Promotion amongst others.

This capacity strengthening program will be implemented in two phases. The first phase was delivered in-person in Suva, Fiji, from 1-6 May 2023, with all the participants while the second phase will be done virtually between each participating country and the World Bank Group facilitators.

### U.S. Commercial Service meet with PNG Investment Promotion Authority



Senior Regional Commercial Officer for the U.S. Commercial Service, Mark Russell and Managing Director for the Investment Promotion Authority, Mr Clarence Hoot in the company of Mellissa Imar of the U.S. Commercial Service International Trade Administration | U.S. Department of Commerce \ U.S. Embassy | Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

IPA's Managing Director, Clarence Hoot was invited for an introductory meeting with Senior Regional Commercial Officer for the U.S. Commercial Service, Mark Russell in Port Moresby last month. The U.S. Commercial Service is the trade promotion agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration. The agency supports U.S. companies looking to enter new markets.

The meeting was an opportunity to discuss the role of the U.S. Commercial Service, Trade and Investment climate in PNG, and other opportunities for sharing and collaboration between the two organizations.

It was also an opportunity to explain the core responsibilities of the IPA and how both agencies can collaborate to promote investment and trade opportunities between the two countries. IPA and the U.S. Commercial Service look forward to future engagements and working together to support each of their mandated roles.


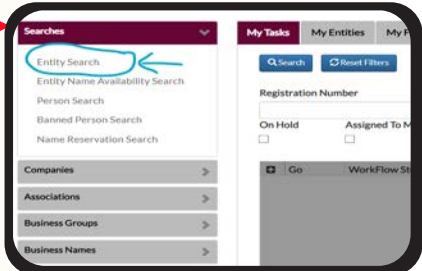
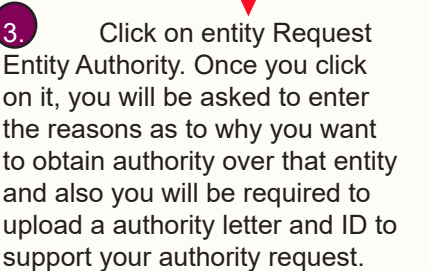
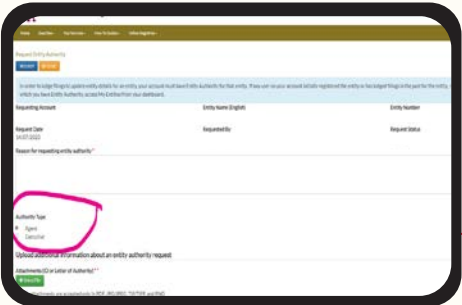
### Difference between an executive and an agent authority

There two (2) different entity authority.

1. Executive
2. Agent

Owners of business entities will apply for an executive authority whilst agents acting on a business entity's behalf will apply for authority as an agent.

If you already have an online account and you want to obtain authority over your business entity these are the steps to take

1. Log into Online account.
 
2. Click on entity search and type your business entity's name and click on search. All information about your entity will show.
 
3. Click on entity Request Entity Authority. Once you click on it, you will be asked to enter the reasons as to why you want to obtain authority over that entity and also you will be required to upload a authority letter and ID to support your authority request.
 
4. Fill in the appropriate information and select the relevant authority, whether it be an agent or a executive.
 

Once you fill all the required information, you click on REQUEST to submit the request.



## Review of Reserved Activities List to begin soon

The review of the Reserved Activities List or RAL is set to begin soon.

The Investment Promotion Authority was tasked by the Government to undertake the review of the RAL in accordance with the amended Investment Promotion Act (IP Act)

The National Parliament passed the Investment Promotion (Amendment) Act 2023 on 11th of January 2023 which was certified on the 29th May 2023. The amendments, among other reforms, introduced a more structured approach to the determination of the Reserved Activities List (RAL) and introduces the new concept of the Restricted Activities List.

The Investment Promotion Authority undertook a rapid review of the prior Cottage Business Activities List (CBAL) in late 2021 and a revised RAL was promulgated in the Investment Promotion (Amendment) Regulation 2021.

Reserved Activities List (RAL) is essentially a total exclusion of foreign participation in defined economic activities. It should be noted that reserving economic activities should not be a primary tool used by governments; however, if they are to be used they should be done so judiciously, preferably with a strong policy justification and criteria for periodically determining whether the reservation has achieved the intended purposes.

The Minister for Commerce and Industry is the primary political authority for the review of the RAL. The Minister's powers in relation to the review are identified in the amendments to the IP Act.

Given the crosscutting nature of foreign investment in the PNG economy, the IPA is in the process of creating a broad-based Investment Policy Reference Group (IPRG) to be constituted to assist with investment policy generally which will provide advice regarding the compilation of the long list of the RAL, consulta-

tion on the application of the exclusion factors, and management of consultation inputs from their respective organisations.

The IPRG has no official status under the review process mandated by the IP Act and, accordingly, its functions would be strictly advisory. To strike a balance between inclusiveness and workability, the proposed IPRG will consist of permanent members and consultation members. Permanent members would be expected to attend all meetings whereas consultation members would be included on an 'as needs' basis. IPA would provide secretariat services to the IPRG.

The day-to-day running and management of the RAL review will be undertaken by IPA RAL Review Project Team responsible for investment policy, certification, and investment promotion. The project team would have the following responsibilities; secretariat for IPRG; compilation of long list, including gathering of necessary data and application of the exclusion criteria in consultation with the IPRG; organisation, presentation, and management of in-person and offline consultation activities, including necessary consultation materials; compilation of consultation feedback; and application of review principles in consultation with the IPRG and finalisation of draft report for consideration by the IPA Board.

The IPA Project team had its first meeting on the 23rd June 2023 to start the process of the formation of the Investment Policy Reference Group (IPRG) and the IPA RAL Review Project team. After the formation of the IPRG and the IPA team the consultation process will begin in the coming months.

For now, any contributions on proposed activities to be reserved should be communicated to the IPA including justification/reasoning as to why a particular business activity must be reserved can be emailed to [ipa@ipa.gov.pg](mailto:ipa@ipa.gov.pg) or [cedrickp@ipa.gov.pg](mailto:cedrickp@ipa.gov.pg)

## PTI-Australia announces freight assistance package

Pacific Trade Invest (PTI) Australia has announced a freight package assistance for businesses from Pacific Island countries who are exporting to or importing from Australia.

PTI conducted an export survey and found out that freight costs are one of the top three barriers to export faced by businesses in the Pacific.

According to PTI- Australia, the initiative to support pacific exporters came in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The freight assistance package aims to grow the demand for pacific goods and services in international markets and support the development of e-commerce in the Blue Pacific.

The freight assistance package will offer eligible businesses assistance towards freight costs incurred in the prior 12 months from application.

Grants of up to a maximum of 2,500 Australia dollars (AU\$ 2,500) per enterprise on a 50/50 cost share basis will be awarded to successful applicants.

The eligibility criteria include having a registered business in one of the Pacific Islands Forum countries and either be currently exporting to Australia or utilising e-Commerce to ship globally. Be

an Australian based importer importing products from a registered Pacific Island business.

Be operating for a minimum of one year and have confirmed buyers in the Australian market or e-Commerce sales.

Eligible businesses must provide documentary proof of paid freight costs to Australia over the past 9 months which includes Bills of Lading, Airway bills, Freight company invoices and or statements. Documentary proof provided will be in the name of the applicant /business listed on the application form. Businesses must also demonstrate a business growth strategy.

Eligible Pacific Islands countries include, Papua New Guinea, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Niue and Palau.

## PNG to Focus on Trade and Investment With UK



*Trade Ministers from Commonwealth countries*

There are untapped mutual gains and opportunities in strengthening the bilateral trade and investment relationship with the United Kingdom (UK), says the Minister for International Trade and Investment, Hon. Richard Maru.

Minister Maru said this during his bilateral meeting with his UK counterpart, Hon. Nigel Huddleston at the margins of the recently concluded Commonwealth Trade Ministers meeting in London this month.

Both Ministers agreed on the importance of the bilateral trade relationship and building a two-way trade and investment.

“UK has very little investment in Papua New Guinea (PNG) compared to the post-independence era where there were a few notable businesses operating in PNG. We need to change that especially after the signing of the UK- Pacific Trade Agreement in 2019. This agreement must be put in operation and PNG has offered to host the first trade committee meeting before the end of this year,” said Minister Maru.

Minister Maru said PNG currently exports most of its oil palm to the UK with some coffee and other commodities in negligible volumes.

He said the Government needs to bring the UK back into PNG and expand the current trade and investment relationship to include new areas such as investments in energy, petroleum refining, and commercial agriculture,” said Minister Maru.



*UK Trade Minister Hon. Nigel Huddleston and Minister for International Trade and Investment, Richard Maru.*



Minister Maru added that beside trade and investment, strengthening people to people links especially through partnerships between educational institutions was an area that PNG was keen on exploring.

“The UK education system is one of the best in the world with many foreign students flocking to UK. I hope for PNG to partner a UK institution to increase the number of spaces for students from PNG to gain a tertiary education,” said Minister Maru.

*Source: Press Release-Ministry of International Trade & Investment*

# Companies Act

The companies Act 1997 also has been reviewed recently. The Act underwent significant policy-based amendments in 2014 which included simplifying the lengthy and cumbersome process of registering a company, streamlining the filing of annual returns and keeping information on companies current.

The implementation of these important changes was all facilitated by the introduction of an electronic online company registry administered by the IPA. The reform was done to conform to current international best practices.

It has been 8 years since the last amendments were done in 2014. In that time, international mandates regarding anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing have grown more stringent and the Companies Act 1997 does not adequately address these issues. The amendments will bring into compliance this law related to this entity type.

The Companies Act amendments were passed on 10th January 2022, and certified by the Speaker of Parliament on 29th May 2023. The amended law will come into effect after Gazettal.



## What is a PATENT?

Patent is the term used to describe the protection over an invention. Such a protection is only limited to the “technical function” of an invention and does not extend to any other external feature.

### What constitutes an invention?

An invention is the term used to describe a device or a machine or a process that is created by an individual or a group for use to solve an existing technical problem.

A technical problem refers to shortfalls in performance of a device, machine or a process but not all types of creations can be considered an invention. There are some that are considered as “Non-Patentable Inventions”.

If you are an SME owner who has created or invented a product, you can protect your invention.

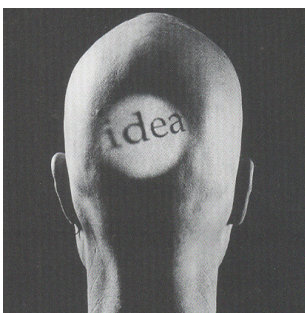
It is important to protect your invention by obtaining a registration from the Intellectual Property Office-PNG (IPOPNG). The main purpose is to provide the owner of a patent, the legal title to having exclusive use of his/her invention, and to protect against unauthorized use of the patent. Example a newly invented donut making machine can be is legally protected and cannot used by anyone else.

For more information, please contact:

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Source: PNG Intellectual Property Office website.



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# Lume Uas Cove Retreat



The beauty of Papua New Guinea's kept secret is very much alive and stylized when you travel outside of Port Moresby to Lume Uas Cove Retreat, seeing is believing.

Looking for an exotic island getaway or want to experience Lume Uas Cove Retreat, you can contact, Leah Usurup or Jethro Usurup on Mobile: (675) 72136861 or (675) 71691146.

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Kavieng,  
New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea

Located on Tsoi island which is an hour ride by boat from Kavieng, New Ireland Province is the Lume Uas Cove Retreat. Lume Uas in the local dialect means an ancestral resting place for warriors.

This beautiful island getaway boasts of its white sandy beach and pristine blue waters with untouched coral reef and beautiful sceneries that will take your breath away. Guests who visit Lume Uas Cove will be treated to a variety of local seafood menus which will feature crayfish, fish, crabs, squid, octopus and other mouth-watering seafood cooked in different ways. Lume Uas Cove is locally owned and has been described as a hidden paradise tucked away behind a line of beautiful islands and the blue ocean.

It is an island paradise getaway with four (4) beach bungalows currently in operation and one (1) big houseman that can cater for twenty (20) people. The setup is currently receiving few guests/visitors who visit the island on tours and holidays. It also provides its own boat tours.

The retreat boasts of a number of tourism products including snorkelling, fishing trips, surfing adventures, local tours around the island and to neighbouring islands, bird watching, camping and experiencing the local food and culture.

The bungalows at the Retreat is constructed using a mix of PNG hardwoods and local 'bush material' to create traditionally styled bungalows with an island vernacular, designed to blend in with the natural environment. Accommodation is in the form of simple yet high-quality free-standing bungalows. The rooms boast of comfortable furnishings and beautiful ocean views.

Being a relatively small facility, it can cater for limited numbers but you will experience a private, relaxed holiday environment with personalised service. Whilst all rooms are of similar construction and standard, we offer two grades of accommodation including bungalows and homes stay rooms. The Bungalows are at K160 per night and the home stay rooms are K110 per night.

The business' main vision is to make Lume Uas Cove bungalows to be the model center for eco-tourism in New Ireland, Papua New Guinea.

The project is now seeking interested potential investors or partners to come and assist to construct additional bungalows and built extensions to its current facilities such as the kitchen area for renovation and extension, reception counter, common room, and entertainment area for extension, and also build a new administration office. Other areas that will also be considered are the changing rooms and toilet facilities to be upgraded and the possibility of building its jetty and purchasing an additional boat.

This project is supporting the local community by providing job opportunities.



## 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



# Asaro New Avocado Cultivation Development Project

The Asaro Avocado project is to commercially produce commercial avocado variety for the local and export market. Secondly, it will sell cleaned commercial avocado seedlings from its accredited nursery.

The proposed project will operate on a Nucleus Agro Estate Model where it will have a farm (orchard), accredited nursery on site, office, laboratory, and processing facilities.

Interested Foreign Investors are expected to fund the initial costs of the project which will be spread over one (1) to five (5) years. The costs will cover the establishment of the orchard which includes farm mechanization, plant and machinery, water reservoir and irrigation system, administration, and miscellaneous.

Eastern Highlands Agricultural Society will provide land and labor to the proposed Asaro Avocado project and where possible seek the assistance of the Government of Papua New Guinea and other local stakeholders to fund the local component of the project. This will be pursued through the Private Public Partnership arrangement locally.

## Project Strengths



The strengths of the proposed Asaro Avocado project include innovation and drive by skilled local and technical people who want to see a difference in their communities.

The proposed project will be the first of its kind in Papua New Guinea therefore will not have competition in the establishment into the foreseeable future. The site of the proposed project has ideal altitude, soil, and climatic conditions for the cultivation of commercial avocado varieties compared to other parts of the country.

The Stop and Shop chain of retail supermarkets operated by the City Pharmacy Limited Group has indicated to provide the market for locally grown avocados. Further, as a pioneer project, it is receiving attention from the State entities such as the Department of Agriculture and Livestock (DAL), National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI), and Fresh Produce Development Agency (FPDA) including the Eastern Highlands Provincial Government. The site is accessible to electricity, road, telecommunications, nearby township and airport, and a road link to the seaport.

The project is currently looking for a total investment funding of 8.1 Million EURO (8.1M EUR).

For more information, please contact the Investment Promotion Authority (PNG) -Mr Lauari Ikavape on 3084501/4400 or email [likavape@ipa.gov.pg](mailto:likavape@ipa.gov.pg) or below

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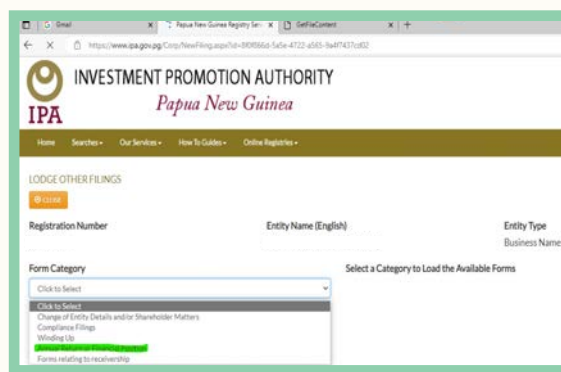
# How To Renew Your Business Name Using The New Online Registry System.

Under the new online registry system, you are required to update your business name before you do your renewal. This will only be done after you get authority over your entity. Once you update your business name, you will then follow the steps as shown in the screen shots below to renew your business name.

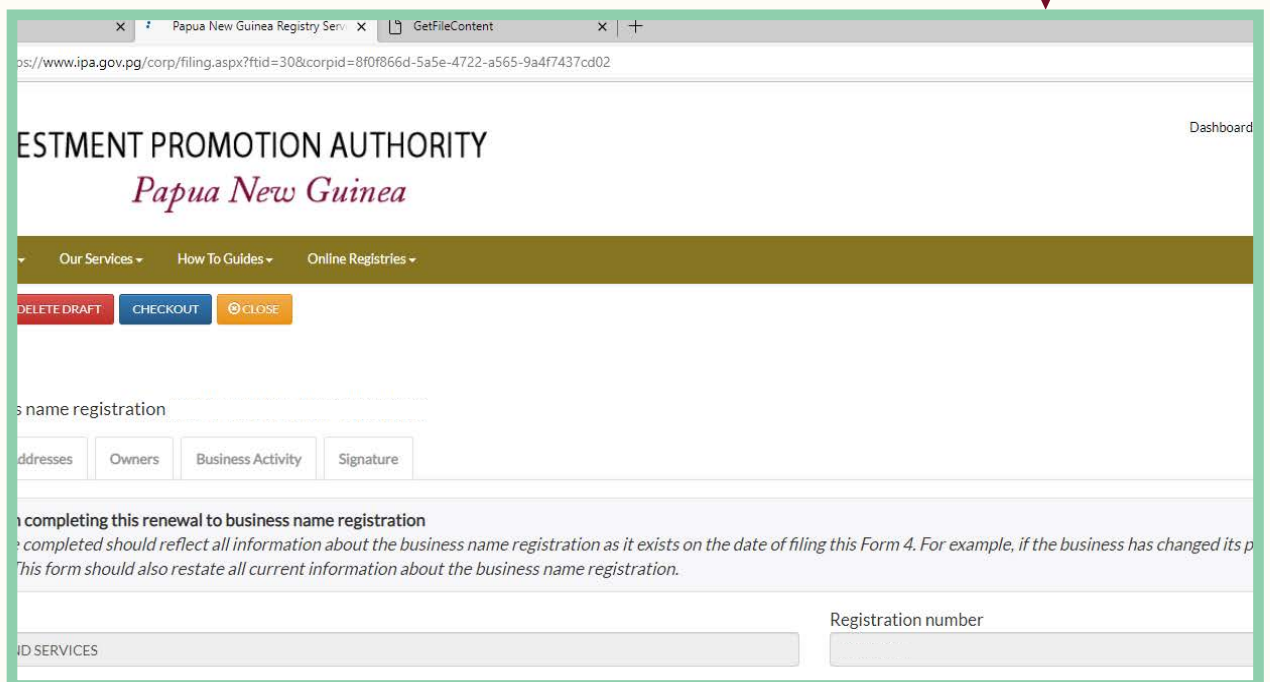
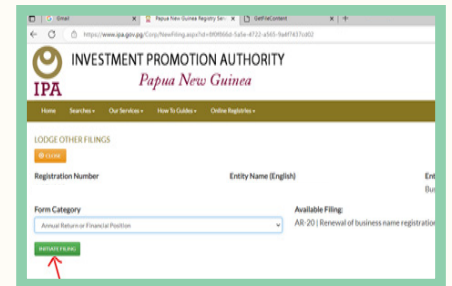
1. Firstly, search for your business name and click on it
2. The screen shot below shows the page that you will be taken to once you successfully search your business name.
3. Click on NEW FILING



4. Once you click on new filing, you will be taken to the option shown in the screen shot below. Select Annual Return or Financial Position.



5. Click on where it says initiate filing and start entering all the necessary data. Your application will be completed once you click on checkout and into the payment option. After you make your payment, your application will now be subjected for review and approval.



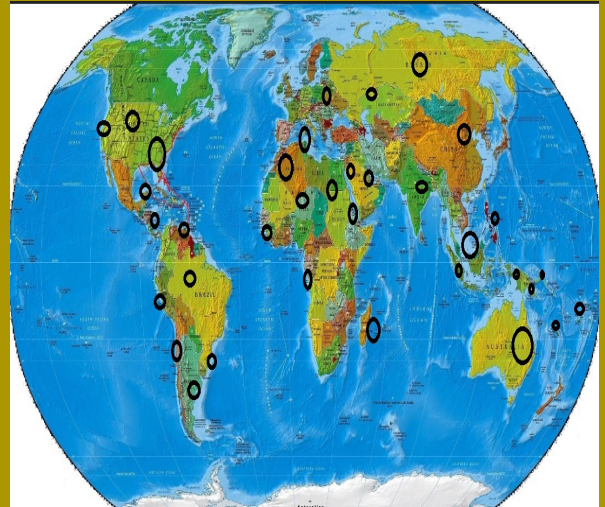
Do you have a general question about the regulatory side of running a business or have a query on investment promotion or Intellectual Property rights?

If so, email your question to: [click](mailto:nlurang@ipa.gov.pg)

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

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