



Media Release

Securities Commission and PNGX Sign MOU

Port Moresby, 25 August 2021: *The Securities Commission of Papua New Guinea and PNGX Markets Limited, Papua New Guinea's national stock exchange, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in relation to maintenance of an orderly market for listed securities.*

In the conduct of its roles and responsibilities the Securities Commission may, from time to time, make public statements about a listed company which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the listed company's securities. Making such statements during trading hours (10.00am to 4.00pm) may not be conducive to an orderly and fair market in those securities.

The MOU aims to promote cooperation between the Securities Commission and PNGX to facilitate the efficient discharge of their respective roles and responsibilities and the maintenance of orderly and fair markets in Papua New Guinea.

Under the MOU, the Securities Commission will, to the extent that it is reasonably practicable to do so, avoid making public statements about a listed company which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of a listed company's securities during trading hours. If making such public statements during trading hours is not avoidable:

- a) the SCPNG will notify PNGX prior to making the relevant public statement;
- b) PNGX will apply a trading halt to the securities of the relevant listed company; and
- c) SCPNG will provide PNGX with a copy of the relevant public statement for release to the market as soon as practicable.

"It is fundamental that regulatory governance systems are established to ensure a fair and orderly market." said Mr Robert Salmon-Minak, Acting Executive Chairman of the Securities Commission.

"This MOU recognizes and respects the differing but complementary roles of the Securities Commission and PNGX in achieving that outcome." he said.



“The capital market regulator in any country plays a critical function in the economy of that country” said PNGX Chairman, Mr David Lawrence. “We are pleased to be working with the Securities Commission to put in place processes that promote confidence in the PNG capital market.”

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About the Securities Commission of Papua New Guinea

The Securities Commission of Papua New Guinea (SCPNG) regulates the PNG Capital Market pursuant to mandate under the *Securities Commission Act 2015 & Capital Market Act 2015*. Its mandate is to protect the interests of investors in securities, promote and maintain a fair and orderly market, promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market in PNG. The main functions of the SCPNG include registration, regulation and supervision of intermediaries operating in the securities market, promoting and regulating self-regulatory organizations, and prohibiting fraudulent and unfair trade practices relating to the securities markets.

About PNGX Markets Limited

PNGX Markets is the national stock exchange of Papua New Guinea. PNGX is responsible for providing an orderly and fair market in relation to securities which are traded through its facilities and for acting in the public interest having regard to the need for protection of investors. PNGX is regulated and licensed by the Papua New Guinea Securities Commission. PNGX is the National Numbering Agency for Papua New Guinea.

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