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PNG AIC'S CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT ENDORSED BY THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION

The Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Mr. Hubert Namani announced today made an announcement referred to recent corporate developments of the AIC including the implementation of new strategic documents and the launching of the new AIC website.

In a ceremony conducted on AIC headquarters in Port Moresby, with the attendance of the Minister for Civil Aviation Hon. Jelta Wong, MP, his staff and important guests, the AIC officially presented a series of new strategic documents and launched its new website www.aic.gov.pg.

Mr. Namani said *"As part of the strategies for the continuous improvement of the AIC, a new corporate plan and a series of processes documented in manuals including Finance and Human Resources have been recently developed. The optimization of processes and procedures in the strategic areas of the organisation will allow the AIC to improve efficiency while maintaining high standards of compliance with national regulations and international obligations."*

Section 220 of the Civil Aviation Act 2000 (As Amended) establishes that the principal purpose of the AIC is to determine the circumstances and causes of accidents and incidents with a view to avoid similar occurrences in the future, rather than to ascribe blame to any person.

Mr. Namani explained that *"Even when it is not established in the Civil Aviation Act, it is a responsibility of the organisation to perform its functions in the most efficient manner, which is only achievable through the implementation of best practices of governance to effectively contribute to the development of the State."*

"The AIC has always shown high levels of integrity, professionalism and transparency while complying the national and international obligations related to aviation safety through accident and serious incident investigation. Being a Public Service completely funded by the State, optimization is key to ensure the resources are always allocated to the areas in which the highest benefit for the State can be obtained."

As part of the developments, a new AIC website has also been launched today. The site contains a number of resources including investigation reports, safety recommendations and statistics.

Mr. Namani said *"In an effort to provide safety related information to the public, the new AIC website has been structured to address the requirements of different types of users, with or without aviation background."*

"One of the key considerations for the development of the new website was the time a user may have to look for specific information. Time is the most valuable asset people have and as, conscious of that, it was one of the priorities for the development of the new website to include an intuitive user interface in which key contents are easy to access."

"To achieve it, powerful search engines were customized for the sections about Investigations and Safety Recommendations, and the key documents are accessible through digital paper, with the aim to provide the users with the best possible user experience when visiting our new website."

"The AIC website is an ambassador of PNG in the international community. As such, key elements of PNG, its culture and the role of the entire team of the AIC are represented across different sections of the website. This way, we expect users from overseas visiting our website while searching for information about accidents and serious incidents to know more about our State and the people who performs the role of making aviation safer through investigation."