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## Media Release

### **PNG Ports leads the way in promoting tourism in PNG**

*“PNG Ports Corporation Limited (“PNGPCL”) is a changed organization and as such is seriously focused in promoting tourism in PNG, more particularly in the facilitation of cruise shipping which is a growth industry”*, said Mr. Brian Riches, Chief Executive Officer of PNGPCL.

PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL), as part of its plans to tap into the tourism and cruise shipping industry in Papua New Guinea, is geared up and ready to welcome the tourist ship – Rhapsody of the Seas. The tourist cruise ship will be calling into PNGPCL’s Port Moresby main wharf as early as 8am (tomorrow) on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> this year and will depart on the same day at around 6pm.

The Company has circulated safety and information sheets to inform all its employees, the POM Port users (business partners) and the public of the visit by Rhapsody of the Seas with its passengers of more than 2000 tourists.

PNGPCL’s Pilotage department is also ready with its pilot boats to provide the necessary support for berthing and unberthing of the cruise ship and security has been also tightened at the wharf.

Chief Executive Officer, Brian Riches has urged PNGPCL employees to make “this cruise ship visit the best and most organised yet at our POM wharf.”

Mr Riches said PNG Ports need to be seen as promoting and taking the lead in cruise shipping and tourism. He said the purpose in publishing the safety information sheets is to let everyone know that “we (PNGPCL) are serious about safety.”

Tourism and especially cruise shipping is a growing industry and PNGPCL is serious and committed to promoting the industry. PNGPCL is seriously trying to let everyone know that the Company is a changed organisation. “We wish to have the public look at us with respect and envy in our effort to change our image and project a professional and confident perception of our organisation and our employees.”

“We are proud of ourselves and the organisation we represent,” Mr Riches said.

The information sheets are to make aware to all PNGPCL employees, business partners (port users), visitors and the general public of the changes in port traffics during the tourist ship’s visit, be aware to stay clear and away from the barricaded sites, and be responsible and respectful to the surrounding environment and to the visiting tourists.

In general PNGPCL does care for everyone's safety.

Security personnel will strictly man the gates and there will be police presence both inside and outside of the port areas.

Only buses to pick-up tourist, media and Tourist Promotion Authority vehicles will be allowed into the Port area with temporary gate passes and also minimum personal protection equipment is required.

Police personnel will also be on pilot boats to <sup>Keep</sup> do close surveillance on sea every 100 meters <sup>in compliance with</sup> prior to the ISPS code.

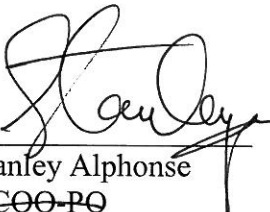
There will be security personnel also stationed in all barricaded sites.

The Rhapsody of the Seas is a premium quality cruise ship with every convenience and comfort built-in.

There are two pools, six spas, five bars and lounges and has plenty of space to relax on this big ship with a small ship feel, as it is so spacious.


There are waterfront tables where you can dine and a huge selection of choices including traditional fine dining, 24-hour room service and a sumptuous buffet restaurant.

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