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PNG PORTS IS THE HARBOUR AUTHORITY
Seeks support from stakeholders & ports users

PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL), formerly PNG Harbours Board, is seeking support from its stakeholders and port users in its efforts to ensure all harbours under its management are safe, secure and environmentally friendly.

The executive management on behalf of the Board of PNGPCL would like to advise the general public that PNGPCL is the authority vested with powers through an instrument of delegation from the Secretary of the Department of Transport (DOT) to manage all activities within the declared and non declared ports.

PNGPCL, given this mandate, is responsible for the management of the ports and harbours to ensure that any navigational, technical, operational and development activities in the ports are done consistent with the requirements of the Harbours Act.

Chief Executive Officer of PNGPCL, Mr. Brian Riches said the Company is committed to ensuring that all activities including new construction and development of existing facilities and infrastructure within the port area are coordinated properly.

Mr Riches said individuals or companies wishing to carry out any development must initially seek endorsement from PNGPCL before construction work of any type is done within the harbour or waterfront.

Endorsement from PNGPCL should be sought prior to seeking necessary approvals and after all formalities are met from line agencies, final approval should be sought from PNGPCL before any development takes place.

PNGPCL's Chief Maritime Compliance Officer, Mr. Paul Unas also said PNGPCL is obliged to promote safety of navigation within the ports and is working on strategies to ensure the movements, mooring and berthing of vessels are coordinated properly.

Mr. Unas said stakeholders will be advised in due course when the processes for managing these functions are finalised.

"PNGPCL seeks the support of all its valued customers, clients, stakeholders and the general public in its endeavour in ensuring that all the ports and harbours that fall under its management are safe, secure and environmentally friendly," he said.

Any person who wishes to discuss any aspect of this should direct their queries to the Chief Executive Officer on 3084275, email: ceo@pngports.com.pg or alternatively to the Chief Maritime Compliance Officer on 3084324, email: paul.unas@pngports.com.pg or fax to 3211546.

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