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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **PNG Ports CEO to attend Regional Maritime Workshop in Brisbane, Australia**

PNG Ports Corporation's Chief Executive Officer Brian Riches will attend a Pacific Region Maritime Trade Logistic and Facilitation workshop from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2009 in Brisbane Australia at the invitation of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Mr. Riches will be representing Papua New Guinea with other representatives from Kiribati, Cook Island, Solomon Island and Vanuatu.

The workshop is being organised at the request of the Regional Maritime Programme (RMP) of the Secretariat of South Pacific Community's (SPC) to assist with a study on shipping and maritime trade in the region.

Papua New Guinea is one of the 26 member countries to the SPC – its Headquarters is based in Suva, Fiji.

The study will look at two issues; to identify the means of improving intra-regional sea trade and increasing the port operations and efficiency of the Commonwealth Pacific Island State (CPIS).

The workshop will also develop a work plan for project consultants to visit five selected countries.

All relevant costs relating to Mr. Riches participation at this meeting will be met by the Commonwealth Secretariat.

**Authorised by:**

**BRIAN RICHES**  
Chief Executive Officer