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## PNG Ports' support vital for PCPA growth



Participants at the recent 34th Pacific Countries Ports Association (PCPA) conference pose for a group photograph in Kiribati this year.

**P**NG Ports Corporation Limited's (PNGPCL) continued support to the Pacific Countries Ports Association (PCPA) will enhance regional participation by members at all port operations level.

This is in line with achieving the Company's mission. PNGPCL recently made a sponsorship donation of A\$10,000.00 (K23,000.00) to Kiribati to help host the 34th PCPA conference held on the 8th to 10th of July this year.

Chief Executive Officer of PNGPCL, Brian Riches said with "Kiribati being a small island nation, PNGPCL responded positively with the donation of promotional items, sponsorship donation of AUD10,000.00 and assistance with the coordinating of the conference."

The Kiribati conference was announced in May last year at the 33rd PCPA conference held in Port Moresby and at which the title of President of PCPA was given to Mr Riches.

Mr Riches' term as President is for

three years as amended at the executive meeting. Mr Riches said progress and conference preparations for the 34th PCPA conference at Kiribati were slow this year prompting his office as President to intervene and assist with the preparations.

"These included the sourcing of guest speakers, sourcing of funding assistance, securing support from members and coordinating of the conference program," he said.

Mr Riches said these arrangements are normally done by the host country in close consultation with the regional PNGPCL, Brian Riches said with "Kiribati being a small island nation, PNGPCL responded positively with the donation of promotional items, sponsorship donation of AUD10,000.00 and assistance with the coordinating of the conference."

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Mr Riches in his country report stated that PNGPCL's initiative from

the outset on the change management process has seen PNGPCL embarking on a new phase of growth and development.

These include moves to rehabilitate facilities, improve services, capacity building, embracing challenges and opportunities and what PNGPCL can offer to regional ports in terms of sharing information, knowledge and skills. The way forward for PCPA is to work in collaboration with the other regional maritime associations (RMA) for the integration in order to be a more recognized association.

The PNGPCL delegation to the 34th PCPA conference included Mr Riches, human resources development general manager, Mr Jerome Peniasi, deputy chief operating officer, Mr Stanley Alphonse and project officer, Mrs Leka Bogana.

The three day conference was attended by 23 participants from eight member countries which were Cook Islands, Federated State of Micronesia, Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Kiribati.

# PCPA members warned

**M**EMBERS of members who have not been associate members of PCPA (K5,505.10) for 100,000 TEUS the Pacific paying their subscriptions and which are Australian Reef and over, FJ600.00 (K825.76) the Countries participating with matters re- Pilots (Australia), SMEC PNG for less than 100,000 TEUS, Ports Association to PCPA will have their Ltd (PNG), Klein Systems associate members at FJ600.00 tion (PCPA) face been for- membership forfeited.” Group Ltd (Canada), Sarvo and individual members at feited from the association if He said eight resolutions Art, Riback Stevedores and FJ200.00 (K275.26). they do not pay their sub- were established at this confer- Nautilus Minerals Niugini Ltd from PNG. scription fees.

Chief Executive Officer of Mr Riches said that the 2009 Mr Riches said regular subscription fees should be by PNG Ports Corporation Lim- amended constitution of PCPA members with subscriptions telegraphic transferred (T/T) died (PNGPCL) and President and the By Laws were ap- over three months upon date of or using master cards; that the of PCPA, Brian Riches said proved by the Executives and issue of invoices and associate bad debt of \$21,268.00 for members who have not been its members; and the Associa- members with invoices over 2007 be written off; that the paying their subscriptions will tion of Pacific Ports old ac- six months upon date of issue finance sub-committee review have their membership for- count name and address to be of invoice will be deemed as the rest of the bad debts and fetted.

This was one of the resolu- name “Pacific Countries Ports inative members as such is- make recommendations ac- tions established at the 34<sup>th</sup> Association” and address to membership with the associa- sued notices of forfeiture of cordingly and that members PCPA conference held in Ki- the Regional Maritime Pro- tion. PCPA also resolved to apply maritime associations (RMA) ribati on the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of July gram (RMP) of the Secretariat new subscription fees effective and to further explore the op- of Pacific Community (SPC). immediately for regular tions available.

Mr Riches said: “It was also He said a resolution was resolved at this meeting that, established to accept six new members at FJ4000.00

## K11,000.00 sponsorship for triathlon team

**P**NG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) recently sponsored a team of three disabled athletes with K11,000.00 for the triathlon competition at Ela Beach.

The Company also made a sponsorship of K5000.00 for the triathlon event last year.

General Manager of Human Resources Development Department, Jerome Peniasi said this is part of PNGPCL’s corporate obligation to the community to sponsor a disable team to participate in the corporate triathlon event.

Mr Peniasi said “the reason to sponsor is because like every able athlete, this team had done PNG proud within and outside of the country.”

“We are proud of their successes following the Beijing Olympics and Aratūra games and therefore we want to give every effort to bring this code out and promote the games as well,” he said.

The K11,000.00 sponsorship covered transport fares and other support equipment for the athletes to travel to and from Port Moresby.

Accommodation expenses were part of PNGPCL’s assistance to make sure that the athletes in Kulu Verage (Cyclist) from Aroma Coast, Sprinter Elias Larry and Desmond Beng (Swimmer) were settled in well and also well prepared for the competition which included 20 other corporate disabled teams.

The three athletes went under an intensive training under coach and caretaker, Ripa Kalamo who is a devoted sports trainer and administrator.

Two of the athletes have been competing at the international scene as part of the PNG Para-

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**Pictured are from left: Sprinter, Elias Larry, coach Ripa Kalamo acknowledging the sponsorship by shaking hands with PNG Ports representative Jerome Peniasi as Desmond Beng (Swimmer) and PNGPCL Marketing Coordinator, Oa Aihl look on. Picture By FRANK ASAELLI**

lympics team and were looking forward to taking this as part of their training and preparations for international meetings as the 2012 London games.

The athletes have not looked at their physical disability as a disadvantage to play competitively at the International level.

They have set their minds to achieving their goals and have not looked back since they started competing in their respective codes.

The three athletes joined the other 20 corporate athletes in the event covering a 750 meters swim, 20 kilometers of cycling and a five kilometers sprint.