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One More Tuna Cannery For Lae



• Seated: (L-R) Minister Semri, Mr Jie and Hon. Luther Wenge signing the MOA while NFA representatives including Mr Pokajam watch the signing.

Papua New Guinea will continue to benefit from mega tuna investments through the National Fisheries Authority. The fourth tuna cannery to be established in Lae, Morobe Province, will cost this US\$20 million (K55 million). This on-shore tuna processing facility will be the first for any Chinese company investing in local fishing industry.

Mr Liyong Jie, General Manager, of Zhoushan Zhenyang Deep - Sea Fishing Co, a subsidiary of Zhejiang Hailisheng Group Co has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the government of Papua New Guinea on 27 May 2009.

The new plant will provide 3,000 local employment and produce 250mt -

300mt of tuna a day. Fisheries Minister, Hon. Ben Semri assured the investor that choosing PNG was not a mistake, as PNG has an abundance of fisheries and marine resources. "Having invested in PNG would not be a regret for you", Mr Semri assured the investor. He thanked the company on behalf of the government for having confidence to invest in the country.

Mr Sylvester Pokajam, Managing Director of National Fisheries Authority said the project will go through NFA Board's endorsement and then over to various line agencies and department for compliance with national laws before the National Executive Council endorses it for construction.

From the Managing Director's Desk

Papua New Guinea through the National Fisheries Authority has attended couple of meetings in relation to fisheries. The Ministers responsible for fisheries around the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) had a meeting in Brussels, capital of Belgium from 2nd - 5th June this year. PNG contingent was led by Minister for Fisheries, Hon Ben Semri. Prior to the meeting, the technical and senior officials attending the meeting had put together text of the Draft of Ministers Declaration in which NFA Officials provided brief to our Minister.

During the Ministerial session Minister Semri led the PNG delegation, including, the PNG Ambassador to Brussels. His Excellency Peter Maginde. Issues discussed were related to Fisheries governance followed by issues on Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing then on to the market access conditions of the EU and challenges from the ACP States point of view. More discussions touched on mutually beneficial trade arrangements for the development of national economies and entrepreneurship.

Papua New Guinea maintained its position on the adoption and implementation of the EC Regulation 1005/2008 on IUU Fishing in order to achieve competitive advantage. However, issues of capacity of port states, flag states and regional fisheries management organizations were raised for the smooth implementation of the regulation.

The meeting concluded on a high note with a Ministerial Declaration on 5th June. A press release was finally organized to cover issues of importance to the environmental, social and economic development

of the member states of the ACP for the information of the general public. PNG was represented by the Minister for Fisheries, Hon Ben Semri, MP to raise issues of national interest to the ACP Secretariat as well as the European Union which was well captured in a country statement he delivered to the media.

We also had Annual meetings for Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA) and Federal State of Micronesia Agreement (FSMA) in Alofi, Niue in May 2009. During this meeting PNG through the National Fisheries Authority brought forward pressing issues during the course of the meeting as follows:

- Incorporation and implementation of PNA third implementation agreement
- Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission outcomes
- Concerns of the US multilateral treaty
- Implementation of the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) and the issue of allocation of days
- PNA secretariat concept
- Amendment to the FSM Agreement Criteria

To tie up on the breaking news for the 1st half of the year, Papua New Guinea will possibly have three new processing plants. These plants could be established towards the end of this year or most probably next year. Two processing plants will be established in Lae and one in Madang. This will provide 12,000 direct employment to PNG locals once these operations are fully operational.

Sylvester Pokajam
Managing Director

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"We are content to come to PNG because we have seen that PNG got some best laws that protect and safeguard companies", Mr Jie said. He said they have no doubt investing in PNG because they have already seen good response from the PNG government.

Morobe Governor, Hon. Luther Wenge thanked the National Fisheries Authority for choosing Morobe Province as one of the leading tuna producing provinces in Papua New Guinea. He said he had many land in his province and is

looking forward to more investment for Morobe Province.

H1N1 Influenza Immunization for NFA Staff



• David Karis, Coordinator VMS gets his H1N1 Influenza Immunization shot from Sr. Sevua of Ela Medical Centre. The program is fully endorsed by Mr. Sylvester Pokajam, NFA Managing Director for all NFA staff.

Coming Event

ANNOUNCING

PACIFIC TUNA FORUM 2009 2nd Pacific Tuna Industry and Trade Conference

2-3 September 2009, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Jointly organized by INFOFISH and the National Fisheries Authority of Papua New Guinea (NFA), and supported by key regional organizations, PACIFIC TUNA FORUM, is the major international tuna industry event in the Pacific.

As the largest tuna producer, the Pacific Ocean holds the future of the global tuna industry. Thus the forum is not only important for the tuna industry and fleet operators in the Pacific, but also for the tuna industry and other ancillary industries all over the world, which depend on tuna supplies from the region.

The conference will look closely at the:

- Current economic downturn and its impacts on the global tuna industry;
- Tuna stock levels and resources in the region;
- Investment opportunities not only in tuna fishing but also in processing and marketing;
- Resource management and its impact on the industry;
- Tuna industry status and prospects in the Pacific countries;
- Trends and outlook in major markets;
- International trade and trade barriers;
- Quality and new product developments; and
- Prospects for the future and many other topics of interest.

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Port Moresby
Registration Fee: K1, 320.00 per person

Sponsorship opportunities for the event are available to companies interested in supporting the 2nd Pacific Tuna Forum.

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Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)
Papua New Guinea Fishing Industry Association (PNG FIA)

DPF Fisheries Projects



• This is one of the project funded from DPF Funds in 2008.

The National Fisheries Authority will continue to support and develop fisheries sector through aquaculture or inland fish farming and mariculture fisheries activities whilst at the same time promoting and managing Papua New Guinean's fisheries and marine resources for sustainable benefit.

Mr. Sylvester Pokajam Managing Director of National Fisheries Authority stressed that the fisheries sector is booming as more and more investors come into the country to invest. This is because they have confidence in fisheries resources in PNG.

He said investors have the confidence because PNG through the National Fisheries Authority has got the best management and conservation practices in the world today. "PNG is the only country in the world that attracts investors in fisheries to invest onshore in tuna processing", Mr Pokajam said.

NFA has worked very closely with most of the line agencies of government and other corporate entities to foster fisheries development through partnership agreement both domestically and regionally. Aquaculture or inland fish farming was introduced during colonial times but it has been aborted due to lack of government's support and now NFA has already revitalized mariculture, aquaculture and other inland fisheries development.

Mr Pokajam said that NFA has already commissioned a lot of huge projects that will support our local fishermen and fish farmers. Just to name only few; NFA has established Nago Island Research Facility in Kavieng for visiting researchers to work in our pristine environment on a series of aquaculture, mariculture and research activities.

NFA Signs MOA with PNG Defense Force



• From L-R Mr. Pokajam and Commodore Ilau signing the MOA.

The National Fisheries Authority and Papua New Guinea Defense Force's Maritime Unit have signed an ongoing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to carry out surveillance work. Mr. Sylvester Pokajam, Managing Director of National Fisheries Authority and Defense Force Commodore Peter Ilau signed the MOA on 27th April 2009. During the MOA signing NFA also donated a brand new Toyota Land Cruiser to the Maritime Unit at the Naval Base in Port Moresby. This MOA was aimed at meeting new challenges and establishing a strategic partnership to deal with maritime surveillance needs and emergencies.

Mr Pokajam said that a close relationship between the two departments was vital to carry out delegated tasks or responsibilities. He said the PNGDF has done tremendous job when it comes to surveillance and he thanked them for their assistance.

Commodore Ilau thanked Mr Pokajam and his officers for reviewing the MOA and the donation of the vehicle. He said this MOA is important because such relationship will pave way for development in the fisheries sector through surveillance work on their part.

NFA & Hagara School Participate in 2009 Corruption Walk



• NFA Teamed up with Hagara Primary School and took part in the 2009 Walk Against Corruption organised by Transparency International on 14th June, 2009.

NFA Participates in Agricultural Innovative Show



• Students around Morobe Province collecting information from NFA stall.

National Fisheries Authority has participated in the Agricultural Innovative Show that was organised by National Agricultural Research Institute at Sir Alkan Tololo Research Centre in Lae, Morobe Province. The show was held on 5th of May 2009.

NFA displayed information materials such as, pamphlets, brochures, newsletters, Provincial Development Fund (PDF) information, posters, leaflets, company profiles, provincial fisheries profiles, Fisheries Act 1998, Fisheries Regulations and many more conservation and management plans. Researchers, scholars, lecturers, school teachers and student were anxious to know more about fisheries and collected as many information as they could from the fisheries stall.

PNG's education system has incorporated fisheries and marine studies into its teaching curriculum and this has attracted many teachers from Morobe Province to collect as much information as they could because this will support them in their teaching lessons.

A local fish farmer from Pourtsy Village outside of Lae city was asked to exhibit his inland fish farming activities by displaying his fingerlings and this also attracted large number of interested fish farmers in Morobe and other parts of PNG.

Morobe Provincial Fisheries, Project Coordinator Mr. John Joseph said that fishing industry is booming and promotion and awareness activities should be done effectively during similar provincial shows. He urged NFA to participate in the Morobe Show which will be held toward the end of the year so that more information can be accessed by public about NFA and the fisheries sector.

PNG Seafood on European Seafood Show



• PNG Fishing Industry representatives showing ACP Secretary General, Sir John Kaputin, Fisheries Minister, Hon. Ben Semri and PNG Ambassador to Brussels, H.E. Peter Maginde the PNG products on display.

Papua New Guinea through the National Fisheries Authority has showcased PNG seafood products at the 2009 European Seafood Exposition for the fourth time since the inception of NFA in 2001. This was held from 28th-30th April 2009.

About 500 countries all over the world especially those countries that specialized in seafood products have participated in this show and PNG was privileged to be one of them.

Hon. Ben Semri, Minister for Fisheries led the PNG contingent to this show. National Fisheries Authority has engaged PNG Media especially EMTV and National Broadcasting Commission to give a wider coverage on the roles of National Fisheries Authority as the competent authority in certifying PNG seafood products into EU markets as well as the role of PNG Embassy in Brussels.

This Exposition has secured more markets in Europe for the tuna industry.

The PNG booth consisted of informative materials such as pamphlets, brochures and various company profiles. A video showing PNG seafood fishing industry was also played at the booth. Furthermore the fishing industry booth displayed some of their products including canned products which were the major attraction.

NFA Presents Framed PNG Currency to PNG Embassy in Brussels



• Ms Welete Wararu of NFA presenting a framed PNG currency to Ms Joyce Geno of PNG Brussels Embassy during PNG's/NFA's participation in the 2009 European Seafood Expo in Brussels.