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MEDIA RELEASE

Prof. Mellam joins Chamber as new Executive Director

Port Moresby: Professor Albert Mellam has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum replacing Mr Greg Anderson.

The Chamber Council announced today the appointment of the former University of Papua New Guinea Vice Chancellor to replace Mr Anderson who has been at the helm of the resource industry association for 28 years.

President of the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum Mr Gereia Aopi welcomed Prof. Mellam's appointment and thanked Mr Anderson for his tireless service to the Chamber and the PNG resource industry.

Professor Albert Mellam brings to the Chamber a wealth of experience having worked as a senior academic and Vice Chancellor for more than 29 years at the University of Papua New Guinea.

He also holds adjunct Professorial positions in a number of Australasian Universities. As well as having a vast public sector experience, he is also well placed to draw on his private sector exposure as a director of Nambawan Super Limited, Credit Corporation (PNG), Brian Bell & Co Ltd, and the Investment Promotion Authority Board. His distinguished career includes serving as a key advisor to the PNG Vision 2050, and other Government projects such as the PNG LNG project. His applied research areas have included the extractive industry, for example, research on Mine Closure arrangements and involvement in the Misima Mines Closure project.

"The Board is confident Prof. Mellam will continue the good work Mr Anderson has done in developing the Chamber into a highly respected peak industry body that has served the interest of its members with distinction. We would also like to sincerely thank Mr Anderson for his contribution, not only to the industry but to the country as a whole," Mr Aopi said.

Mr Anderson was first appointed as Executive Director of the Chamber in 1989 and since then he has been involved in numerous consultations on Government policies and legislation which have underwritten PNG's world-class resource industry.

"Through his role at the Chamber, Mr Anderson was also instrumental in fostering investment and growth in the mining and petroleum sectors through Chamber-organised international and domestic investment conferences, and the commissioning of a wide range of studies and reports that have benefited many projects and industry stakeholders. He also played a pivotal role in advancing developments in the areas of taxation, education and training, health and community development," Mr Aopi said.

Mr Anderson first arrived in PNG in 1975 to work with the Geological Survey of PNG. He held a number of positions in the PNG Geological Survey and was appointed Director of the Survey in 1986 and was responsible for the overall management of mining and petroleum exploration in PNG during a period of intense activity. In 1989, he was appointed to the position of Executive Director of the newly established PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum.

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Caption: *Professor Albert Mellam, the new Executive Director of the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum.*

About Us:

The PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum (Chamber) is a non-profit, peak industry association that represents the interests of the mining and petroleum industry and associated industries in Papua New Guinea. The Chamber has a current membership of over 220 companies. This includes most of the mining and petroleum companies active in PNG who comprise the Full Members. Associate and Service members make up the balance of the membership and these are companies with business connections to the mining and petroleum sectors in PNG.

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