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My Dear Secretary,

# TRANSFORMATIVE PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL FOR EMPOWERING CUSTOMARY LANDOWNERS THROUGH MINING LICENSES, FUNDING, AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT

With heartfelt urgency and unwavering commitment, I write to seek your esteemed support in connecting Asia Pacific Mining & Petroleum (APMP) with key government agencies, including the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA). Our goal is to secure mining licenses, access government funding, and attract international investment—critical steps in empowering Papua New Guinea's customary landowners to take charge of their land and resources.

## Introduction: My Journey and Commitment

I was born in the remote jungle village of Kansimei, in the Karawari Local Level Government (LLG) area, Angoram District, East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea. Adopted at eight years old by European Danish and Scottish parents, I was brought to Australia, where I was blessed with quality education and opportunities that shaped my professional journey. I hold an Associate Degree in Civil Engineering and Surveying from the University of Technology Sydney and have amassed over 30 years of experience working on landmark projects across Australia and Papua New Guinea with industry leaders such as Thiess, John Holland, CPB Contractors, Abi Group, Bielby, Origin Energy, Santos, Arrow Energy, QGC Gas Queensland, and MPC Kinetic.

Driven by an unyielding desire to uplift my people, I sold my home, cars, and personal belongings to personally fund APMP. This is more than a business—it is my life's mission to create opportunities and a brighter future for the people of Papua New Guinea.

### Academic and Career Expertise

My extensive background in construction and mining industries as an engineering and mining construction project surveyor positions me uniquely to contribute to Papua New Guinea's development through APMP. With over three decades of experience, I bring a wealth of technical knowledge spanning planning, exploration, mapping, design, and construction and mining surveying—ensuring precision and efficiency in every project I undertake.

Throughout my career, I have been privileged to work with leading companies, gaining invaluable insights and expertise in resource management and sustainable development practices. This foundation equips me to navigate complex projects while prioritizing the interests of customary landowners. My vision is not merely to create a company but to establish a movement that sets new standards for transparency, inclusivity, and economic empowerment in the mining and construction industry.

## Company Vision and Mission

Asia Pacific Mining & Petroleum (APMP) is a Papua New Guinea-registered company dedicated to ethical and sustainable mining and infrastructure development. Our core mission is to uplift and empower customary landowners, ensuring they are the primary beneficiaries of resource development. APMP stands for transparency, environmental responsibility, and inclusive economic growth.

As a proud customary landowner and the founder of APMP, I am committed to fostering sustainable resource development while empowering landowners. Part of our mission includes establishing local refineries to process resources, ensuring that the benefits of our land are retained within our communities.

To achieve this vision, we will:

- 1. **Secure PPLs and Tenements:** APMP must first obtain either Petroleum Prospecting Licenses (PPLs) or mining tenements, depending on legal prioritization, to establish a strong operational foothold.
- 2. Access Funding via the ASX: With licenses in place, APMP will raise funds through the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) to support operations.
- 3. **Mobilize Landowners:** Organize landowners into lease-leaseback arrangements for their customary land. These arrangements will offer landowners long-term partnerships with APMP, benefiting not just from royalties (which we aim to redefine) but as shareholders receiving dividends.
- 4. **Build Landowner Capacity:** Equip landowners with the knowledge and tools to become long-term owners of assets, enabling APMP to transfer operational ownership to landowners, leaving a sustainable legacy.
- 5. Create Gold and Gas Condensate Refineries: Build world-class refineries within Papua New Guinea to add value locally and retain economic benefits.

This model represents APMP's unique, innovative approach to long-term resource development, ensuring that customary landowners receive sustainable benefits and empowerment.

## **Proposal Objectives**

To achieve our mission, I am seeking your support and the Department's assistance in the following areas:

- Mining Licenses: Facilitate connections with the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) to expedite the acquisition of mining tenements and Petroleum Prospecting Licenses (PPLs).
- Government Funding: Assist in identifying and accessing government funding for infrastructure and resource development initiatives.
- 3. **International Investment:** Support the establishment of partnerships with global investors to finance sustainable development projects.

- 4. Community Development: Promote initiatives that prioritize education, healthcare, and infrastructure to directly benefit local communities.
- 5. **Stock Exchange Listing:** Enable APMP's listing on Papua New Guinea's, New Zealand's, Australia's, and Europe's stock exchanges to raise significant capital for development projects.

## The Importance of This Proposal

For too long, the wealth of Papua New Guinea's land has benefited others while leaving landowners in poverty. This must change. APMP aims to set a new standard by ensuring that the landowners are not just stakeholders but the primary beneficiaries of resource development.

I bring a unique combination of experience and passion to this effort, having worked on high-profile projects and witnessed firsthand the transformative power of responsible development. I am committed to using APMP as a vehicle for change that will uplift Papua New Guineans and provide them with opportunities to thrive on a global stage.

## **Why This Matters**

My academic and professional journey demonstrates a deliberate and focused path toward expertise in industries critical to Papua New Guinea's growth. This, coupled with my unwavering commitment to empowering local communities, ensures that APMP will be guided by a leader who understands the industry's demands and the aspirations of the people it serves.

By leveraging my experience, APMP is well-positioned to establish trust with stakeholders, attract international investors, and execute projects that deliver tangible benefits to Papua New Guinea. With your support, we can harness this expertise to create lasting economic and social impact for our communities.

# A Movement for Lasting Change

At APMP, we are more than just a company—we are a catalyst for transformation. Our vision goes far beyond construction and mining; it is about creating global opportunities and improving the quality of life for the people of Papua New Guinea. We are committed to:

- Introducing Work-Study Visas: Enabling professionals to gain valuable international experience and skills through specialized work-study programs.
- Expanding Educational Opportunities: Providing youth, young people, and schoolchildren with access to world-class schooling in Australia, New Zealand, and Europe, empowering them to build brighter futures.
- Establishing International Standard Schools: Developing high-quality educational
  infrastructure and facilities in Papua New Guinea, including online schools designed
  specifically for customary landowners. These initiatives will ensure that students can
  access world-class education without the need to travel far, while still offering
  opportunities to study abroad if they wish.
- Building a World-Class Healthcare System: Creating healthcare systems in Papua New Guinea modelled on the standards of Australia and Europe. This includes building hospitals, clinics, and health facilities equipped with modern technology, skilled professionals, and sustainable programs to improve health outcomes across the nation.
- Developing Basic Infrastructure: Constructing and upgrading essential infrastructure, such as roads, bridges, and transportation networks, to connect remote

- communities. These developments will improve access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities for all Papua New Guineans.
- **Building Global Networks**: Establishing connections that foster professional growth, community empowerment, and sustainable development.

Together, we are shaping a future where Papua New Guineans can thrive on a global stage, with access to education, healthcare, infrastructure, and opportunities that transform lives.

I am uniquely positioned to create opportunities abroad for Papua New Guineans because I am a New Zealand citizen, European citizen, and Australian permanent resident. This enables me to bridge international markets and create unparalleled pathways for PNG citizens. I plan to list the company on the stock exchanges of Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Europe, and Australia.

Furthermore, I will establish an umbrella company corporate office based in Brisbane Australia, with subsidiaries such as Asia Pacific Mining and Petroleum based in Port Moresby and expand to New Zealand and Europe. This structure ensures that Papua New Guinean professionals and workers can contribute to their own PNG landowner companies both domestically and overseas. Additionally, this framework will facilitate training programs for PNG workers in their own companies abroad. By setting up branches in Australia, New Zealand, and Europe, Papua New Guineans will have the flexibility to work in the country of their choice while strengthening their skills and contributing to our shared vision of sustainable development.

## Vision for Papua New Guinea

Despite 50 years of independence, many Papua New Guineans remain trapped in poverty and underdevelopment. APMP's mission is to reverse this by:

- Promoting self-reliance through fair and transparent resource management.
- Developing vital infrastructure to serve local communities.
- Creating sustainable education and employment opportunities.

## Call for Support

I respectfully call on you, Secretary, to assist in facilitating appropriate connections with key government agencies such as the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) and other relevant bodies to expedite the acquisition of mining tenements and Petroleum Prospecting Licenses (PPLs). Your guidance and support will be instrumental in streamlining this process, enabling APMP to contribute meaningfully to the nation's development.

## **Next Steps**

- Strategic Partnerships: Identify and engage with potential investors, technical advisors, and government stakeholders to build credibility.
- Legal and Financial Framework: APMP will develop a robust framework for the company's operations, including stock exchange listing, shareholder agreements, and compliance with PNG, New Zealand, European, and Australian laws.
- Pilot Projects: APMP will start with a manageable, impactful project (e.g., establishing a model school or small-scale refinery) to demonstrate the vision's viability and attract further investment.
- Marketing and Branding: Position the company as a leader in sustainable development and landowner advocacy, focusing on transparency and shared prosperity.

#### Conclusion

My dream is to uplift Papua New Guinea to a level where its citizens thrive on a global stage, benefiting from first-class education, healthcare, and infrastructure. I believe this vision aligns with the aspirations of many Papua New Guineans who yearn for a brighter future. With your leadership and the Department's support, I am confident that we can create lasting change. I welcome the opportunity to discuss these initiatives further and seek your guidance in making them a reality.

I am inclined, having shared the above, to make a formal appointment to meet with you in the month of February 2025. If the 20<sup>th of</sup> February 2025 at 10am is good, I would like to meet with you then, for a formal deliberation on my intensions and your support and guidance.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours Faithfully,

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