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Immigration and Citizenship Authority and Investment Promotion Authority signs MOU on cooperation and information sharing.

The Chief Migration Officer Mr. Stanis Hulahau and Investment Promotion Authority, Managing Director Mr. Clarence Hoot signs a milestone Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today to strengthen the ongoing cooperation between Immigration and IPA.

The MOU will solidify the relationship between the two State Agencies to share information, improve compliance in the area of doing business in Papua New Guinea and cooperation on operational matters of mutual interests and for the country.

“The IPA plays a significant role to attract foreign businesses to do business in and with PNG and issuing the businesses the appropriate registration certificates that enables them to obtain other permits and licences that should allow the businesses to operate in the country. On the other hand, ICA gives foreign business owners the entry permit to live and work in the country. In any case, both the IPA and ICA operations must be independent but both their operations must be seen to be working together in areas where we need each other’s support so this MOU binds that relationship,” says CMO Mr Hulahau.

The Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) is a border security agency responsible for facilitating international travels, issuing travel documents, citizenship, Work Permit and generates revenue for the Government.

Mr Hulahau says the partnership is necessary as it enables both agencies to exchange information on a person of interest or to seek information on company ownership and registration. The MOU also enables IPA to request ICA to impose travel alerts on owners of non-compliant foreign companies.

The Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) is a statutory body mandated to promote and facilitate investment in Papua New Guinea by national, citizen and foreign enterprises and ensure of compliance of the laws that IPA administers through the certification and registration of such enterprises.

Mr. Hoot said that the partnership has been in place for quite a while. We recognize the importance of the relationship and wish to strengthen the relationship further through the provision of timely, effective, and efficient exchange of information arrangements.

The signing ceremony of this MOU took place at the Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICSA) Headquarters in Port Moresby and was witnessed by the Senior Management staff of both Agencies.

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Stanis Hulahau
Chief Migration Officer, ICA

A blue ink signature of Clarence Hoot, written in a cursive style.

Clarence Hoot
Managing Director, IPA