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MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF TWO NEW AIC COMMISSIONERS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Hon. Alfred Manase, MP, Minister for Civil Aviation today announced the appointment of two new AIC Commissioners and a new Chief Executive Officer.

At a media conference at the Accident Investigation Commission, Mr. Manase said "As Minister responsible for Civil Aviation it gives me great pleasure to announce that on 6th November 2018 the National Executive Council approved the appointment of Captain Aria Bouraga as a Commissioner and Deputy Chairman of the PNG AIC Board, and Captain Andui M Koralyo as a Commissioner and Member of the Board. Both are highly experienced pilots."

In announcing their appointment Mr. Manase paid tribute to the long and outstanding service to the PNG AIC and the State of PNG of retiring Commissioner and Board member Captain Minson Peni OBE, MBE.

Mr Manase also announced the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer and said "I am pleased to also announce the appointment by the National Executive Council on 27th November 2018 of Mr. Dean Kuri as Chief Executive Officer of the PNG AIC. Mr. Kuri brings a wealth of Corporate management experience to the AIC.

"The new Commissioners and CEO join the AIC at an exciting time with a number of new investigators and investigation support staff also recently joining the team, and the introduction of state of the art technology.

"Chief Commissioner, Mr. Hubert Namani, and his Executive Management team have shown strong leadership and the strength of commitment of the AIC team of investigators and support staff is obvious to me, and I congratulate all members of the AIC for the service they are performing on behalf of the Nation.

"The AIC is well placed as a leader in aircraft accident and serious incident investigations in the South Pacific Region with recognition of the AIC's investigation capability throughout the Region.

"I am confident that under the leadership of Mr. Kuri, and the strengthened Board to support Chief Commissioner Namani in the high-level oversight of the Commission, the AIC will grow in stature in the Region.

"The people of our great nation can have confidence that the AIC, as the Nation's lead agency in conducting independent no-blame aircraft accident investigations, will ensure that every effort is made to determine why an accident or serious incident happened and make findings and recommendations for preventing similar accidents or serious incidents in the future.

"The AIC Board, CEO and the whole AIC team can be assured that I am committed to ensuring the AIC is able to meet its International obligations and its legislated mandate.


Hon. Alfred Manase, MP
Minister for Civil Aviation