



CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

MEDIA STATEMENT

The National Executive Council has appointed **Mr. Hubert Hanjause Namani LLB** as the new Chairman of the Board of the Civil Aviation Safety of Papua New Guinea (CASA PNG).

CASAPNG is a PNG Government statutory body with a legal mandate to promote aviation safety and security through effective safety regulation of the civil aviation industry, with particular emphasis on preventing aviation accidents and incidents.

Mr Namani said “in announcing my appointment on 19th October 2022, the Minister for Civil Aviation Hon. Walter Schnaubelt MP demonstrated the important obligation for the Government to ensure that CASAPNG Board was led by a Chairman with a strong record of achieving good governance and providing an organisational leadership team that oversees aviation safety regulation that is ethical, has integrity of the highest order and is functional, disciplined and always supported.”

The Government is responsible for managing the civil aviation sector in PNG within the framework of the National governing law, which is the Civil Aviation Act, and PNG’s obligation as a signatory State to the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*. This requires compliance with the *International Civil Aviation Organization Standards and Recommended Practices* contained in the *Annexes* to the Convention.

Mr. Namani said “I thank the Minister and the Government for their confidence in appointing me as Chairman of the CASAPNG Board.

“It is a privilege to be given this opportunity to work with a great regulators team in PNG under the operational leadership of Director and CEO Mr. Benedict Oraka and his management team. As we move into this second decade of the 21st century and beyond, I also look forward to overseeing the development of a new generation of young men and women experienced aviators and administration professionals in the ranks of CASAPNG. In developing an ethical agile corporate culture, having highest levels of integrity, I aim to see CASAPNG meeting and indeed exceeding world best practice standards.

“This role will include ensuring CASAPNG diligently pursues excellence in all its mandated roles, including meeting the challenges of independent regulatory oversight of the National Airports Corporation (NAC) and the air traffic management provider Niusky Pacific Limited (NSPL) and the aviation industry.

“I bring to this organisation more than 20 years’ experience in law being the Principal Lawyer of Namani & Associates, my past role as Chairman of Water PNG and the Chief Commissioner of the independent PNG Accident Investigation Commission (PNGAIC).

“During my 5-year tenure as Chairman of the PNGAIC I oversaw a significant transformation the AIC gaining world recognition especially as a compliant independent aircraft accident investigation organisation in the region.

“I look forward to working with the CASA team to ensure that by CASAPNG meeting its mandated responsibilities and obligations, the Government, aviation industry and the citizens of PNG and travellers to and from and within PNG will have confidence that PNG aviation safety and security are of the highest standards.

In accepting the new challenges, I will ensure that CASAPNG performs to best practices and standards in the world.”

