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# **NiuSky Pacific and Skykraft Sign Landmark Collaboration on Space-Based Air Traffic Management**

NiuSky Pacific and Skykraft have officially signed a strategic collaboration agreement to introduce space-based Air Traffic Management (ATM) services across Papua New Guinea.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Michael Frater, Chief Executive Officer of Skykraft, and Mr. Graham Blythe, Managing Director of NiuSky Pacific. The signing was witnessed by the Minister for Civil Aviation, Hon. Wake Goi, and Mr. Reuben Daniel, First Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

This partnership positions Papua New Guinea as the first country in the world to implement a comprehensive space-based Air Traffic Management capability across its national airspace. The initiative marks a significant milestone in enhancing aviation safety, connectivity, operational efficiency, and air traffic management services, particularly across PNG's vast remote, mountainous, and oceanic regions.

The deployment of innovative space-based communications and surveillance technologies will strengthen situational awareness, improve air navigation services, and support safer and more efficient aircraft operations throughout the country.

In a further demonstration of its commitment to aviation innovation, NiuSky Pacific also signed a Letter of Intent with ENAV Group during Airspace World 2026. The agreement establishes a framework for strategic cooperation in air navigation services and aviation innovation.

The collaboration with ENAV Group will explore several key areas, including:

- Air Traffic Management (ATM)
- Unmanned Traffic Management (UTM)
- Drone ecosystem development
- Flight procedure design
- Aeronautical Information Services (AIS) and Aeronautical Information Management (AIM) digital transformation
- Training and capacity building
- Digital and remote tower technologies

Through these partnerships, NiuSky Pacific aims to access next-generation aviation technologies from globally recognised industry leaders and technology providers. The collaborations will combine technical expertise, operational experience, and innovation

capabilities to develop joint initiatives and explore new opportunities at both regional and international levels.

These agreements reflect Papua New Guinea's commitment to modernising its aviation sector, strengthening air navigation services, and positioning itself as a leader in the adoption of emerging aviation technologies within the Asia-Pacific region.

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