

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

20TH - 21ST APRIL 2009
HELD AT
ELA BEACH HOTEL
PORT MORESBY

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING - MONDAY, 20TH APRIL 2009.

Mr Nigel R. Agonia, OBE	Chairman
Fr. Philip Gibbs	NGO - Melanesian Institute for Pastoral & Socio Economic Services
Prof. Barry Hart	Technical Advisor - Water Science Pty Ltd
Dr. Benedict Imbun	Technical Advisor - University of West Sydney
Mr Ila Temu	Director, Corporate Affairs - Barrick (PNG) Ltd, Australia-Pacific Region
Mr Roy Banka	Program Manager, Forest Biology Program - PNG Forest Research Institute
Dr Dagwin Luang-Suarkia	Senior Scientific Research Officer, Head of Molecular Microbiology & Virology, PNG Institute of Medical Research
Dr Martha Macintyre	Senior Lecturer, Medical Anthropology - University of Melbourne
Ms Melanie Aube	Senior Operations Officer - The Foundation for Development Cooperation
Mr Wakasa Mecksane	Enga Provincial Administration
Mr Lasark Joseph	Senior Economic Geologist - Dept. of Mineral Policy & Geohazards
Ms Mellie Kaiulo	Supervisor, HIV/AIDS Secretariat-PJV - Porgera District Womens Association (PDWA)
Mr Tim Omundsen	PJV Manager - Communities & Environment
Mr Augustine Mungkaje	Senior Lecturer, Marine & Fish Ecology - UPNG
Ms Nadia Peni	Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Mark Ernest; Kay Kalim; and Craig Wilson who appointed Melanie Aube to attend in his place.

The Chairman welcomed the Committee to the first meeting of PEAK for 2009, and briefly outlined the agenda for the extended two-day Meeting, including the Annual General Meeting.

PJV REPRESENTATIVES: Mark Fisher and Geoff Callister.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PEAK COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The Chairman welcomed new PEAK Committee Member to the April meeting: Ms Winnie William. Ms William, as a representative of the NGO's and FBO's as per Peak Association Inc. Constitution/Terms of Reference, subject to the approval of the Peak Committee Members.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 OVERVIEW OF THE PORGERA MINE - PRESENTED BY MR MARK FISHER, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PORGERA MINE

Mr Mark Fisher, General Manager - Porgera Mine, presented a positive summary for 2008, with the first quarter of 2009 looking optimistic.

In summary, the operation has been performing reliably, the upside to Mine Life in the UG Mine, the Social and Law and Order issues represent the greatest risks to the operation, the opportunity for Government to address Law and Order issues and the need to develop longer-term closure strategies that address issues of community dependency.

A copy of Mr Mark Fisher's presentation was tabled at the meeting.

3.2 PRESENTATION FROM TIM OMUNDSEN, MANAGER - COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT

Mr Tim Omundsen, Manager - Communities & Environment, presented a detailed overview, outlining the call-out of Police/Defence Force, Landowner Partnership Initiative, Restoring Justice Initiative and the Apalaka Relocation.

PEAK indicated concern in the escalating law and order problems, tribal fighting and the proposed fencing project.

A copy of Mr Tim Omundsen's presentation was tabled at the meeting.

3.3 PRESENTATION FROM MR GEOFF CALLISTER, MANAGER - COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Mr Geoff Callister, Manager - Community Planning & Development, presented a thorough summary, highlighting Porgera's Business Development, Institutional Strengthening and Planning, Community Development and Networking.

PEAK recognised the importance of having a bank or financial institution in Porgera to assist business and reduce the security risk as the community is trading in large amounts of cash.

A copy of Mr Geoff Callister's presentation was tabled at the meeting.

3.4 PRESENTATION FROM MR TIM OMUNDSEN (FOR MR SCOTT WHITNEY, MANAGER - ENVIRONMENT)

Mr Tim Omundsen, on behalf of Mr Scott Whitney, Manager - Environment provided an update of the environment, highlighting Land Rehabilitation and projects such as the Environmental Managements System, Compliance Based Environmental Inspection Program, Environmental Awareness Program, Paste Backfill Project, which is to commence in 2009, and the Metals Bioavailability Study which is being undertaken in partnership with CSIRO and Hydrobiology.

A copy of Mr Scott Whitney's presentation was tabled at the meeting.

3.5 DISCUSSION ON COMMUNITY CONDITIONS WITHIN THE SML - PRESENTED BY FR. PHILIP GIBBS

Fr. Philip Gibbs presented an overview of community conditions within the SML, emphasising Economic Change, Social Change, Environmental Change, Cultural Change, including income stratification, which depended on four intersecting factors such as geography, leadership, gender and residential status.

PEAK raised concerns, and the importance in drawing attention to these issues/problems, ie; law and order, maternal deaths etc.

Furthermore, it was decided the paper would be used as PEAK's working document. PEAK requested four key issues to be identified for PEAK to focus on in the document and to go into the Annual Workplan, 2010.

Moved: Prof. Barry Hart

Seconded: Dr. Martha Macintyre

Agreed: Unanimously

4. CLOSURE OF THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS

The Chairman thanked the PJV Representatives and Speakers for their valuable and informative updates. Day one of the PEAK Meeting closed at 17:00.

5. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Deputy Chairman opened day two of the October PEAK Meeting - 2008 at 08:35.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 STATE OF THE RIVER REPORT CARD - PRESENTED BY PROF. BARRY HART

Prof. Barry Hart, Water Science Pty Ltd delivered a detailed presentation on the completion of the draft State of the River Report Card, in relation to the operation of the Porgera Mine.

Recommendations made were:-

- i. PEAK supports the draft Report Card, but requests the Sub-Committee to hold additional talks with PEAK's consultants (IWC - Stuart Bunn, Eva Abal) and PJV's consultants (Graeme Batley, Ross Smith) to clarify a number of issues raised and to resolve the issues if possible.
 - Note - the issues arose largely from a letter from Dr. Graeme Batley to the PEAK Chairman that was tabled at the PEAK Meeting.
- ii. In particular, the suggested meeting needs to discuss:
 - The WCS Thresholds/ANZECC Guidelines/PNG Guidelines, and specifically: Tissue Metal and Sediment Metal Guidelines;
 - The biota-data and what is needed to allow it to be included in the next Report Card.
- iii. Subject to the recommendations of the Sub-Committee, consisting of Barry Hart, Martha Macintyre and Augustine Mungkaje, and to be signed off by the Chairman.

Moved: Prof. Barry Hart

Seconded: Dr. Martha Macintyre

Agreed: Unanimously

7. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as a true and correct record.

Minor alterations were made to the minutes.

Moved: Fr. Philip Gibbs

Seconded: Ila Temu

Agreed: Unanimously

8. ADMINISTRATION & PROCEDURES

8.1 GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A copy of quotation slip from South Pacific Insurance Advisors Ltd, was presented at the meeting.

SPIA confirmed accordingly that the nominated members covered under the policy applies whilst the nominated member is traveling on the authorized business of PEAK ONLY.

Additional members to be added to the policy are A. Mungkaje and D. Luang-Suarkia. This will be subject to an extra premium charge as advised by SPIA.

Furthermore, as Dr. M. Macintyre is on a separate insurance cover in Australia, it was proposed that her PNG insurance be covered by PEAK.

Moved: Dr. Benedict Imbun

Seconded: Mellie Kaiulo
Agreed: Unanimously

8.2 REVIEW OF PEAK WEBSITE

It was noted that current information provided at this meeting be uploaded on PEAK's website.

It was noted that Peak's website is current at time of this meeting, except for the October 2008 meeting minutes and the correct contact details of the Executive Officer, which are yet to be uploaded.

It was further noted to remove the Placer link currently on Peak's website. Mr Tim Omundsen is to follow this up with Barrick in Perth, Australia.

8.3 OFFICE SPACE

Potential office space was located at Armani's, in the vicinity of the Gordons Industrial area. It consists of two offices, a reception and is in a secure location. Leasing at K4,000 per month, negotiable.

PEAK is to wait for the re-design and proposed renovation plans before presenting to the Executive Committee.

The second potential office space inspected in the past was through the Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry, to lease a cubicle at K4,000 per month. The proposed location was at the Tribal Den, Downtown Port Moresby, which is currently undergoing renovation and refurbishing.

9. PROJECTS & PROGRAMS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2009

9.1 REVIEW OF PEAK ANNUAL WORK PLAN PROGRESS-TO-DATE - 2009

PEAK reviewed the current work plan for 2009 and updated the status of each strategic focus.

Members familiarised themselves with each objective and outcome in relation to the nominated time frame and reports. An update from each of the Sub-Committee Chairs followed.

9.2 LAW & ORDER (As per TOR Strategic Focus: Advisory Services)

PEAK proposed the following:-

- i. The Chairman to draft a letter to the Provincial Health Advisor, Mr Tom Moses and Porgera Health, Mr Jerry Maku and Dr Rananda, expressing concern over the escalating law and order, and to request logistics report outlining the outcome of the exercise;
- ii. For a PJV representative to provide a detailed report on the relocation exercise at the next PEAK meeting, and to monitor the task as PEAK's.

Moved: Fr. Philip Gibbs
Seconded: Prof. Barry Hart
Agreed: Unanimously

9.3 INTEGRATED APPROACH TO HIV/AIDS (As per TOR Strategic Focus: Advisory Services)

Dr. Martha Macintyre provided a brief description of proposed research into the social risks associated with HIV/AIDS in Porgera, targeting a study on 15-35 year olds for PNG participants. The Nossall Institute for Global Health is currently applying for funding for the study, with Dr. Martha Macintyre and Prof. Nicholas Crofts as chief investigators. It was agreed that if the basic funding application was successful, PEAK would support the project by providing funding for training local research assistants, probably at a cost of AUD 10,000 for twelve months. This was an agreement in principle, subject to a formal application from the Nossall Institute.

Moved: Dr. Benedict Imbun
Seconded: Mellie Kaiulo
Agreed: Unanimously

9.4 STUDY ON WOMEN'S CONDITIONS WITHIN THE SML

It was proposed to form a Sub-committee, concentrating on a Study on Women's Conditions within the SML. M. Kaiulo to head the sub-committee as mediator, due to her contacts and cultural awareness. Dr Ame (PJV) is to be requested to assist the committee.

Moved: Dr. Benedict Imbun

Seconded: Tim Omundsen

Agreed: Unanimously

9.5 KNOWLEDGE OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS & FINANCIAL SERVICES

M. Aube suggested integrating local "Financial Sector Service Analysis" (FSSA) or an **assessment of business models for financial services** potentially viable in Porgera.

9.6 REQUEST TO PJV TO PRESENT A STUDY ON PJV'S SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS IN PORGERA

Dr. B. Imbun mentioned that the "Sustainability Research Node" at the University of Western Sydney (UWS) had expressed interest in carrying out such a study. Dr. Imbun further advocated the concept that such a study would respond to the 'PJV Sustainability Report' demands within PEAK. The study, subject to the decision of the Executive Committee would involve UWS/UPNG partnership. Dr. Imbun also mentioned there would be a possibility later for the work to elevate to a ARC research grant proposal to be submitted by the research team.

The UWS team comprises of Prof. Bobby Banerjee, Dr. Fernanda Duarte and Dr. Benedict Imbun. Whilst the UPNG team is made up of Prof. Albert Mellam and Mr Peter Kanaparo.

The request was acknowledged in principle whilst pending a research proposal on which a decision was to be made. The proposal is to be sent to PJV and a copy to PEAK.

Moved: Prof. Barry Hart

Seconded: Dr. Martha Macintyre

Agreed: Unanimously

9.7 PROPOSAL TO PJV TO PRESENT NATIONAL STAFF CAPACITY BUILDING

In view of high loss of technical staff and shortage of senior supervisory/management staff, PEAK requested a report on why this may be so; how this could be improved to retain staff; and in view of natural capacity building, what the company's policy is on training/skill transfer to national staff and in particular with reference to training of national staff to intermediate and senior technical and administrative positions, PEAK request that this be presented at the October, 2009 meeting.

PEAK supported the proposal in principle, subject to the decision of the Executive Committee.

Moved: Prof. Barry Hart

Seconded: Dr. Martha Macintyre

Agreed: Unanimously

10. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 2009 MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that PEAK would extract the following highlights from the April, 2009 Meeting:-

- i. Brief update on the State of the River Report Card;
- ii. Community Conditions Within the SML - identify four key points for PEAK to focus on, as a working document.
- iii. 2009 Work Plan work-in-progress to date.

11. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman provided a brief overview of the proceedings and led a round table discussion, inviting the Committee Members to elaborate on any of the outcomes from the presentations. The PEAK Meeting closed at 16:45pm.

12. OPENING OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chairman opened the Annual General Meeting of PEAK - 2009 at 16.46pm.

13. PROXIES

One (1) proxy vote had been received from Mr Craig Wilson.

14. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes from the 15th - 17th April 2008, Annual General Meeting were reviewed and accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Prof. Barry Hart

Seconded: Ila Temu

Agreed: Unanimously

15. ADMINISTRATION & PROCEDURES:

15.1 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman presented the 2008 Annual Report, outlining PJV Management Briefings, the Work Plan, PEAK Membership and how the resignation of the previous Executive Officer had heavily impacted on the performance of PEAK for the remainder of 2008.

Moved: Ila Temu

Seconded: Prof. Barry Hart

Agreed: Unanimously

15.2 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Executive Officer presented the current financial standing of PEAK's operations as at 31st December 2008, including various expenses that had occurred. The Financial Reports were available for general viewing.

15.3 RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

PEAK acknowledged and thanked Fr. Philip Gibbs profusely for his immense contribution to the Porgeran community and to PEAK.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation for Fr. Gibbs support as PEAK's Deputy Chairman.

PEAK accepted Fr. Philip Gibbs resignation.

A copy of Fr. Gibbs resignation letter was available for general viewing.

Moved: Prof. Barry Hart

Seconded: Dr. Martha Macintyre

Agreed: Unanimously

15.4 ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

It was proposed for Ms Winnie William, as a representative of the NGO's and FBO's, as per Peak Association Inc.'s Constitution/Terms of Reference, be a member of PEAK replacing Fr. Philip Gibbs.

Moved: Dr. Martha Macintyre

Seconded: Mellie Kaiulo

Agreed: Unanimously

15.5 **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

It was proposed to retain DFK Hill Mayberry as PEAK's auditors for 2009.

Moved: Dr Benedict Imbun

Seconded: Ila Temu

Agreed: Unanimously

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

16.1 **ELECTION OF DEPUTY-CHAIRMAN**

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Dr Dagwin Luang-Suarkia and Dr Benedict Imbun were **nominated**.

Dr Luang-Suarkia turned down the position due to the uncertainty of his future plans.

It was moved that Dr Benedict Imbun be appointed as Peak Association Inc.'s Deputy Chairman replacing Fr. Philip Gibbs.

Moved: Dr. Dagwin Luang-Suarkia

Seconded: Lasark Joseph

Agreed: Unanimously

Two positions remain vacant. This includes a representative from the Porgera Community and a representative from the Department of Environment and Conservation. Nominations for the two positions are to be considered at the next PEAK Meeting.

With the exception of the Deputy Chairman and NGO's/FBO's election, all members of the Committee remain unchanged for 2009.

17. **2009 MEETING: PORGERA**

The second PEAK Meeting for 2009, subject to confirmation with PJV Management, will be held at the Porgera Mine Site during the week commencing the **5th October 2009**.

18. **CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman acknowledged the attendance by the Committee Members and thanked them for their time and valuable contribution to the April PEAK Meeting. PJV's assistance in facilitating the attendance of Guest Speakers to deliver critical updates on the Mine Site and its activities to-date was also noted.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 17:30.

Signed as a true and correct document

Nigel R. Agonia, OBE / /
Chairman