



POSITION VACANCY

INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN

FOR MINERAL RESOURCES AUTHORITY BOARD

The Mineral Resources Authority ('MRA') is principally a Government institution established to regulate, grow, and sustainably manage the mining (minerals) industry to promote exploration investments and maximise mineral export revenue for Papua New Guinea. The MRA as a Regulatory Statutory Authority was established under the *Mineral Resources Authority Act 2018*, providing regulatory services to companies holding exploration and mining tenements in Papua New Guinea. It is the custodian of over 15,000 geoscientific reports and over 900,000 data sets pertaining to minerals. It is the first point of contact for any businesses in the mining sector.

Mining can be a highly risky but profitable business, and people in Papua New Guinea may have high expectations on the benefits it may bring. MRA prides itself in managing these expectations effectively since its conception in 2005. Apart from these services, MRA conducts geoscientific surveys and exploration to improve the understanding of the geology and mineralisation trends in Papua New Guinea. In doing so, the MRA strives to attract investment in the minerals sector from both within and abroad. It is the custodian of all mineral and other earth sciences data in Papua New Guinea.

The functions of the MRA are administered through the MRA Board. To maintain, strengthen and improve MRA Board's strategic outlook, stakeholder experience with the mining industry and political leadership, the Board seeks to recruit a suitable person pursuant to the *Mineral Resources Authority Act 2018* and the *Regulatory Statutory Authorities (Appointments to Certain Offices) Act 2004* for the position of Independent Chairman. The Independent Chairman will be responsible for overseeing the affairs and governance of the MRA Board in accordance with the MRA Act 2018.

The suitable candidate should possess the relevant qualification and experience with minimum requirements set out for the position as follows:

- Masters Degree from a recognised international or PNG Tertiary Institution;
- Minimum of 10 years working experience in the Mining Sector and serving as a Board Director on other Boards;
- Member to the Papua New Guinea Institute of Directors and Australian Institute of Company Directors;
- Sound knowledge of Director's duties and responsibilities of the role of the Board;
- Sound knowledge of good governance practices and due diligence in the Public Service and Corporate sector;
- Demonstrate ability to analyse and interpret financial information and reports;
- Experience or expertise in matters relevant to the functions of the Authority including mining, mineral exploration, financial management, corporate governance, accounting or law; and
- Excellent communication and people management skills and have the ability to work effectively and collaboratively with the Board and Management of the Authority.

Application Process:

All applications must include as part of the requirements, the following documents;

- (i) Letter of Application and Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- (ii) Police clearance obtained from the National Criminal Records & Intelligence Office (must be within the last 6 months and up to date).
- (iii) Medical clearance obtained from recognised medical practitioners authorised by the Secretary for the Department of Health.
- (iv) Three (3) Character References and three (3) Professional References from previous employers confirming managerial competence and achievements (must be within the last 2 years).

All applications are to be signed off by the applicant, qualifications/documents to be commissioned and hand delivered to our **Board Secretary, Miss Freda Kitum**, no later than **5:00pm on Friday 7th July, 2023**. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Board Secretary on email fkitem@mra.gov.pg or telephone **3091505**.

Authorised by:

MR. WINTERFORD IRIOHE EKO
Interim Board Chairman
(Deputy Board Chairman)