



POSITION VACANCY

INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN FOR THE MINERAL RESOURCES AUTHORITY BOARD

The Mineral Resources Authority ('MRA') Board is seeking for an Independent Chairman.

MRA Background

The MRA is a statutory government institution established to undertake scientific research, administer, regulate and manage the sustenance of the mining industry to maximise the mineral/metal export revenue for the optimum benefit of Papua New Guinea, (PNG).

The MRA was established under the MRA Act 2018 to administer the regulatory functions in accordance with Mining Act, Mining (Safety) Act, Mining Development Agreements, Community development agreements and related agreements and legislations.

Furthermore, MRA conducts geoscientific surveys and research to improve the understanding of the geological framework and mineralization in PNG. It also holds over 15,000 exploration reports and over 90,000 mineral data points under its repository for public use by the exploration and mining sector.

The MRA continues to aspire to meet the challenges confronting the nation, in its 5-year Corporate Plan, to address declining exploration expenditures, depletion of mega deposits in the inventory, closure of mega mines within 5 decades and huge lead time required for mine development from discoveries. Furthermore, MRA continues to seek improvements in its service deliveries, management systems and retention of best human capital.

Functions of the Board & Chairman

The chairperson of the board will be charged with providing the board with leadership and strategic support to the MRA executive management in delivering its mandates. The Independent Board Chairman will be responsible for overseeing the affairs and governance of the MRA Board in accordance with the MRA Act 2018.

Qualifications of the Chairman

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

- Master's Degree from and recognized international or PNG Tertiary Institution.
- Minimum of 10 years working experience in the mining sector and serving as a Board Director or Chairman on other Boards.
- Member of the PNG Institute of Directors (PNGID) or Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).
- Sound knowledge of Director's duties and responsibilities of the role of the Board.
- Sound knowledge of good governance practises 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 can 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 recognized 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 and hand delivered to **Ms. Asha Awaita no later than 5:00pm of Friday 24th May 2024.**

- v. The applicants will be processed under the *Regulatory Statutory Authorities (Appointment to Certain Offices)* Act 2004.

Enquiries

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Asha Awaita on e-mail aawaita@mra.gov.pg or telephone (675) 2072250.

Authorised by:

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