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PRESS RELEASE

MRA Management, Staff Welcome New Mining Minister

PORT MORESBY: The Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) management and staff yesterday officially welcomed the newly appointed Mining Minister, Hon Wake Goi MP, to the MRA.

Hon Goi who is the Member of Parliament for Jimi electorate in Jiwaka Province, and a People's Party member, visited the Mining Haus where he was welcomed by the Managing Director of the MRA, Jerry Garry, his management team and staff.

The Minister was accompanied by his wife Mrs Goi, his First Secretary Reuben Daniel, People's Party member and former Governor for Jiwaka, Dr William Tongamp, other party executives and Jimi District officials.

In his welcome remarks, Mr Garry said Minister Goi brought to the Ministry, and the sector integrity, maturity and experience.

The MD said: "Minister, I want to assure you that the MRA team has a pool of mining expertise that you require, to give you advice and appropriately position you and I so that we can drive the industry forward."

Mr Garry said the mining industry was the biggest contributor to the national purse annually. However, he said the industry was also the most challenging industry that comes with a lot of complexities. He gave the Minister an overview of the MRA and the mining sector, including exports revenue statistics and the challenges faced by the sector amongst others.

When addressing the staff, Hon Goi encouraged cooperation between his office and the MRA to ensure that the government's agenda of "Take back PNG" is achieved. He said it was the government's wish to see that the country gets a fair share from the exploitation of its resources, and at the same time ensure that investors get Returns on Investments (RoI). The Minister said that he would provide the necessary political support and leadership to the MRA and the sector, to ensure that all stakeholders are adequately serviced.

After the formalities, the Minister was given a tour of the country's Mineral Production Data Monitoring Hub & data Repository.



Photo: MD Garry welcoming Minister Goi to the MRA office



Photo: Mr Garry providing an overview of MRA and the mining sector



Photo: MRA Staff at the welcoming ceremony



Photo: Minister Goi with Mrs Goi, Mr Garry, Mr Daniel, MRA Management team, PP party and Jimi district officials.



Photo: Minister Goi speaking at the welcome ceremony



Photo: MRA staff



Photo: The parties and stakeholders.