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MRA Special Procurement Committee Sworn-In

A Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) Special Procurement Committee of the National Procurement Commission (NPC) was sworn-in on Friday Oct 25, at the NPC office in Port Moresby.

The establishment of the committee is a requirement under the NPC Act 2021 that provides for such a set-up for all government statutory bodies and agencies that have the capacity to procure assets and services internally.

The committee comprises of the MRA Managing Director Jerry Garry as the Chairman, Samson Metofa First Assistant Secretary Financial Reporting & Compliance Division (FAS-FRCD) of the Department of Finance as the Deputy Chairman, committee members Lilian Vevara of the Office of the State Solicitor, Frank Hare of NPC and six senior staff of the MRA.

The six are:

- Nathan Mosusu – Executive Manager Corporate Services
- Stanley Nekitel – Executive Manager Regulatory Operations Division
- Thomas Vutun – Manager Finance
- Jerry Naime – Officer-In-Charge (OIC) Development Coordination Division
- Sharon Haihavu – Acting Manager Legal
- Saki Beka – Acting Manager Special Projects Unit.

The committee, which was sworn in by Counsel Barry Mol, will be responsible for MRA's internal procurement of goods & services and has a financial threshold of up to K5m. The committee will provide regular reports to the NPC.

As the Chairman of the newly sworn-in committee and MD of the MRA, Mr Garry said the MRA had been facing challenges in procuring important assets and services for the authority. He said the establishment of this committee was an important step in the right direction that will make the authority's work easier and ensure effective procurement process hence service delivery. He said the committee would do its best in ensuring compliance to national procurement guidelines and ensure that it would maintain the integrity of the process.



Photo: The MRA Special Procurement Committee.



Photo: Committee Chairman and MRA MD Mr Garry (right) with Counsel Mol and NPC's Executive Manager for Procurement Operations Geoffrey Kinibo.



Photo: The committee members at the swearing-in ceremony on Friday.



Photo: Chairman Mr Garry and committee members Messrs Mosusu and Naime.



Photo: (R-L) Committee members Messrs Beka, Vutun and Metofa.



Photo: Mr Garry



Photo: Chairman Garry signing official documents pertaining to his Chairmanship of the committee.



Photo: Counsel Mol officiating at the swearing-in ceremony on Friday.