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Appointment of Director

The Board of Pacific Niugini Ltd are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Samuel Akoitai as an independent non-executive company director.

Mr Akoitai was a member of the national parliament of PNG from 1997 until mid 2007, serving firstly as Minister for Bougainville Affairs (1997-2000) and subsequently as Minister for Mining from 2002 until 2007. Mr Akoitai was responsible for establishment of PNG's Mineral Resources Authority, the statutory authority which now regulates the mining industry in that country, and has held numerous roles within the PNG resources industry.

Commenting on the appointment, Pacific Niugini's Managing Director, Paul Cmrlec, said "We are delighted to welcome Mr Akoitai to the Pacific Niugini Board. Pacific Niugini is unique in PNG in that operations are managed by a solely Melanesian team, and this appointment further enhances our in-country capacity."

"Given Mr Akoitai's intimate knowledge of the PNG mining industry and regulatory regime, along with his standing within the PNG community generally, he will contribute greatly to the advancement of our existing projects, and in the identification and acquisition of new opportunities in the region", he added.

Mr Akoitai is also a non-executive director of Marengo Mining (PNG) Limited the PNG operating subsidiary of Marengo Mining Limited (ASX & POMSoX Code: MGO).

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