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NNA INC. INTERIM PRESIDENT'S WELCOME SPEECH AT THE INAUGRAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NNA INC, 20 MAY 2023

It gives me the greatest pleasure to welcome you all as the Interim President to the first ever annual general meeting of Namatanai Nudahat Association Incorporated (**NNA Inc.**). Since the inception of the association in August 2022, we are privilege to have educated individuals and friends of Namatanai joining the group for a hands-on worthy course.

I have outlined the initial stages of the association on the NNA website: <u>https://nnapng.org/presidents-desk/</u> should you wish to have a read.

During the course of the interim period, the Interim Executive comprising of myself as the Interim President, Mr Mikael Herry as the Interim Vice President/Interim Treasurer and Mr. Richmond Nongkas as the Interim Secretary, we have managed to facilitate and incorporate NNA Inc. with the Investment Promotion Authority. NNA Inc. is now a registered entity with its own Constitution and is capable of doing anything which is not restricted by the relevant laws of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea. We take much delight in having a vehicle that we can use to drive the Vision, Mission and more so, uphold the values of NNA Inc. which is derived from the society NNA Inc. was born into. After much discussion with the interim members, the NNA Inc.'s *Vision, Mission* and *Values* was conceptualized.

Our Vision

In NNA Inc., we envision a community that has access to basic services that improves the quality of life and is a desirable place in which to live in and enjoy the benefits of family, friends and community.

Our Mission



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Our Mission is to enhance and preserve the quality of life and sense of community in Namatanai through advocating for basic services and support initiatives that benefit the greater good of the community.

Our Values

In NNA Inc, our values remain steadfast. In order to achieve our vision and mission, we value integrity, fairness, respect, cooperation and a sense of community.

NNA Inc.'s progress so far from the interim period through to this date has since been guided by our *Vision, Mission* and *Values*. There have been several issues that are still pending, one of which includes the Water Supply project of Namatanai which is currently before the National Court in Kokopo, East New Britain Province. I will not dwell on this issue for the obvious reason. Also we have referred the Member for Namatanai and Minister for Transport and Civil Aviation Hon. Mr. Walter Schnaubelt to the Ombudsman Commission and the Auditor General of Papua New Guinea for several allegations relating to Namatanai Advancement Limited, amongst other matters. We have left that to the relevant authorities to follow due statutory processes. We must not interfere with these legislative institutions' work so as to achieve a desired outcome, they must carry out their duties and responsibilities as outlined by the relevant governing legislations and we must respect the outcome of their investigations. At the end of the day, the betterment of Namatanai District should always be of paramount importance and take center stage in everything NNA Inc. undertakes to address.

In relation to the greater outlook of NNA Inc., we have also shared our views in terms of the proposed change in relation to the voting system of the Prime Minister of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea. Our commentary can be found on the website as well (<u>https://nnapng.org/proposed-constitutional-law-reform-on-the-proposed-election-of-the-prime-minister-to-be-voted-by-the-people-not-good-for-png/</u>).

The commentary was sent to and was well received by the Constitutional Law Reform Commission.



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NNA Inc. was created not only to combat corruption within Namatanai District, but also to provide a helping hand and add value to the development of Namatanai District as well. During the tenure of the interim executive's stewardship as well, we have managed to formulate and partner with Natirinasoft Limited (https://natirinasoft.com/) (a nationally owned company) to launch our official NNA Inc. website: https://nnapng.org/. The website was launched on 2 May 2023. With this website, we intend to, and as much as possible, keep the members of the association, the local community populace, all like-minded non-government organizations, State Agencies, the Government and the greater international community and prospective international donors and organizations well informed of what NNA Inc. is doing in Namatanai District, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea. We have remained steadfast to our Vision, Mission and Values. With the progress that NNA Inc. has achieved so far underpinned by our Constitution, we must not slow down now. Our Policy guidelines must be completed as soon as possible so we align ourselves with the National Government's Vision 2050 and all other subsidiary Visions including that of the New Ireland Provincial Government (Malangan Declaration Policy) and the Namatanai District (Belhat Development Policy).

These are exciting times indeed. The geopolitical dynamics of the South Pacific region and that within our New Guinea Islands Region of Papua New Guinea in light of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville push for political independence must be looked at with keen interest. They will shape Namatanai District and we need to be in tune with them.

Your membership to NNA Inc. and attendance to this meeting today is your commitment to the people of Namatanai District to assist and help better their lives. On behalf of my interim executive members and in the name of development, I welcome you all to the inaugural Annual General Meeting of NNA Inc. on 20 May 2023.

Yours faithfully,





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