

**ASSOCIATION OF SUPERANNUATION FUNDS OF PNG INC.  
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 5 OF 2003.**

**DATE : 20<sup>th</sup> May 2003**  
**TIME : 9:30 am**  
**VENUE : Nasfund Board Room**

**1. MEETING OPENED**

The Chairman, Mr Chris Hagan opened the meeting at 10.00 am.

**1.1 Members Present:**

:	Chris Hagan	-	AON
:	Rod Mitchell	-	NASFUND
:	Ian Tarutia	-	NASFUND
:	Erastus Kamburi	-	NASFUND
:	Leon Buskens	-	POSF
:	Mathew Awari	-	OK Tedi Mining Ltd
:	Richard Sinamoi	-	CTSL
:	Travis Hunter	-	Kina Securities Ltd
:	Kible Bonga	-	FPSF
:	Chris Gideon	-	Pacific Equities

**1.2 In Attendance:**

:	Greg Taylor	-	Task Force
:	Ellison Pidik	-	Central Bank
:	John Topal	-	Central Bank
:	Nouza Makip	-	Central Bank

**1.3 Apologies:**

:	Stephen Beach	-	PriceWaterhouse Coopers
---	---------------	---	-------------------------

**2. CHAIRMANS REPORT**

The Chairman reported that he had visited areas including Kokopo Mt. Hagen, Lae and is yet to visit OK Tedi and Tabubil. Awareness conducted during these visits had raised number of issues relating to Housing Scheme benefits under the Act that requires clarification.

**3. BPNG & TREASURY REPORT – PNG SUPERANNUATION TRAINING**

Ellison Pidik from the Central Bank advised the members that :-

- He had already circulated to the members information relating to training

- Training dates are set for Monday and Tuesday for the first 16 participants and Thursday and Friday for the second 16 participants. Those nominated as Trainers are required to attend both sessions.
- Two (2) Trainers from ASFA will conduct the training
- Training materials will be left behind for use by respective trainers
- Central Bank will meet the initial cost of the training

#### **4. TAXATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Travis Hunter of Kina Securities raised the issue of whether the payment of unemployment benefits should be taxed as income or not. The Chairman advised that the issue is adequately addressed by the Income Tax Act.

#### **5. DOCUMENTATION FOR PAYMENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

Travis Hunter of Kina Securities raised the issue that there was a need for a proper and standardised forms and documentations for use by all ASF for payment of unemployment benefits.

The Secretary Mr. Rod Mitchell advised Kina Securities that NASFUND had formulated its own forms and documents which it is currently using for payment of unemployment benefits under the Superannuation Act and therefore it is in a position to assist the other ASF's upon request.

Concern was also raised by Kible Bonga and Leon Buskens as to the difficulties currently faced by ASF's in explaining to the members the 12 months waiting period before been entitled to withdrawal of contributions. The members noted that this was a policy issue that related to the question of whether there should be a compromise between superannuation funds and unemployment benefits

It was resolved that the Association invite IRC, Treasury and the Central Bank to address the Association on this issue and the taxation implications arising from it.

#### **6. DOCUMENTATION FOR TRANSFER OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DATA BETWEEN FUND ADMINISTRATORS.**

Travis Hunter of Kina Securities queried as to whether there were proper forms and documents in place to enable transfer of membership and data from one ASF to another.

The Chairman advised that there were no standard forms in place for transfer of membership. However, the Fund Administrators should be able to have between them an understanding and or agreement to facilitate such transfers.

## **7. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

### **7.1 ASF Administration**

The Secretary Mr. Mitchell advised the members of the following administration matters :-

- Current account balance of K16,214.00
- ASF to invoice members for outstanding subscription fees for 2003
- ASF Website to be launched next week
- Executive committee to prepare ASF Quarterly Report

### **7.2 Industry Complaints Committee**

The members noted that there had been no progress in this area and that there was a need to immediately establish the committee and its procedures. The Members appointed the following interim Committee members:-

- |                   |         |            |
|-------------------|---------|------------|
| • Leon Buskens    | POSF    | (Chairman) |
| • Ian Tarutia     | NASFUND | (member)   |
| • Kible Bonga     | FINPAC  | (member)   |
| • Richard Sinamoi | CTSL    | (member)   |

The Committee to report on its progress in the next meeting.

### **7.3 General Comments**

- 7.3.1 Greg Taylor raised concern in relation to the ability of the Central Bank to sue and recover outstanding contributions from defaulting employers and the need for the Central Bank to expedite this process.
- 7.3.2 The Chairman requested that the Central Bank provide to the Association and its members copies of the proposed Regulations to the Act before it is submitted to the National Executive Council.
- 7.3.3 Chairman informed the members that those having agenda items for discussions should have them submitted to the Secretary few days prior to the date of the meeting.

## **11. MEETING CLOSE**

There been no further matters the Chairman closed the meeting at 11: 20 am.

.....  
**CHRIS HAGAN**  
Chairman

.....  
**ROD MITCHELL**  
Secretary/Public Officer