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Department launches Gold Bullion Policy

Student Tristan Pulo (left), Department of Commerce and Industry Secretary David Ganaii, Acting Minister for Commerce and Industry Soroi Eoe and Prime Minister James Marape at the launching of the PNG National Gold Bullion Policy in Port Moresby on 12th May, 2023.

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Acting Minister for Commerce and Industry Hon. Soroi Eoe has thanked Department of Commerce and Industry (DCI) for their efforts in launching the Papua New Guinea (PNG) National Gold Bullion Policy.

“Let me commend the Secretary (David Ganaii) and his team, with all the organization and all your

staff who are here, on behalf of the Government, I want to thank you for your contribution to the department,” Eoe said during the launching of the policy on Friday 12th May, 2023.

“You play a very significant role in terms of growing the economy, the very flagship of Government.”

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OUR **MISSION**

To guide Papua New Guinea into maximising its full potential in the development of vibrant and diversified domestic commerce and industry and participation in international trade for the ultimate achievement of sustainable socio-economic growth; increased employment and income earning opportunities and poverty alleviation.

OUR **FUNCTIONS**

- To plan, research formulate and co-ordinate policies and programs relevant to the development of industry, commerce, investments and trade that will guide PNG to diversify its economic base and tap into new markets for its local products.
- To review and introduce appropriate policy options for the facilitation of investments, industry develop- ment, business growth, trade, including rural sector development.
- To ensure that Government policies and programmes tasked to the respective Ministerial Commercial Statutory Agencies (IPA, SMEC, ICDC, NDB and NISIT) are implemented.



Greetings, I am excited to introduce DCI Insider Nius, the newsletter that will keep you in the loop on activities happening in the Department of Commerce and Industry.

This is the very first issue under my term as the Secretary and it covers the events of DCI from the start of my appointment to the first half of 2023. I was appointed as the Acting Secretary on the 11th October, 2021, and as the Secretary on the 18th April, 2022.

Since then, we have the 11th Parliament. We welcomed Member for Sohe Open, the Hon. Henry Amuli as our new Minister, and then we had Member for Kikori, Hon. Soroi Eoe as our Acting Minister, then we again welcomed The Hon. Henry Amuli reinstated as Minister for DCI.

We managed to secure 15 new vehicles in the first quarter of this year and our housing project is moving forward after being stagnant for some time.

We launched the Papua New

Guinea National Gold Bullion Policy in May 12th, 2023 and we have the Economic Subsector Development Plan and the Corporate Plan 2023 – 2027 set for launch. I am pleased to announce that we have made significant progress on the National Content Policy. Other policies still in the drafting stage includes the Co-operatives Development Policy and Manufacturing Policy.

We have made significant progress on activities related to economic development in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville.

2022 was a good year for the Co-operatives Society as we managed to register 241 groups, and we are also committed to reviving former co-operatives.

We recently completed formulating a monitoring and evaluation framework for SMEs and we are looking forward to liaise with financial institutions to carry out this activity.

These achievements came with their own challenges and issues, and I thank everyone involved one way or another in meeting these challenges. With our ongoing recruitment drive I am very confident that we are going to make a remarkable impact on the development of our nation into the future.

I urge every officer in the department to take up every challenges and opportunities posed by the government on our mandated roles competently and professionally with dedication and commitment.

As for myself I pledge to meet the departments challenges and serve the government as best I can.

Thank you and happy reading



Hela dancers and students accompanying DCI Secretary David Ganaii at the GBP launching in May, 2023. - Pictures by DCI Media



Dancers from Central Province at the Gold Bullion Policy launching in May, 2023.

Eoe announces new commitment

MINISTER for Commerce and Industry, Hon. Soroi Eoe has announced a new commitment from the Government to provide access to finance for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Speaking at an event attended by industry representatives, the Minister said that access to credit was one of the biggest constraints facing SMEs, and that the Government was committed to creating a conducive environment for these businesses to grow and create jobs.

The Government has already allocated K200 million for SMEs, which has led to a

combined lending return of K305,000,000 to date.

Eoe thanked the Government and key partners, Bank South Pacific and National Development Bank, for their contributions to this program, and announced a further commitment of K40 million.

He emphasized the importance of inclusive growth and leaving no one behind, and said that the Government was planning to expand access to finance for SMEs at the lower end of the market chain.



During the K40million presentation in March 2023, Port Moresby.
Picture by DCI Media

NDB disburses K80mil to SMEs

MINISTER for State Enterprises in Hon. William Duma, has commended the National Development Bank (NDB) for the successful disbursement of K80 million to more than 700 Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs) across the country.

The funding has been utilized across various industries such as transport, agriculture, tourism, retail, equipment, food industry, consultancy, and legal services.

Duma made these remarks on May 4, 2023, during a K40 million cheque presentation, representing the 2022 allocation for the continuation of the government's Micro, Small to Medium Enterprises (MSME) grant facility with NDB.

He expressed gratitude to the NDB board and management for efficiently managing the K80 million while ensuring that it was appropriately distributed.

Duma expressed confidence that the NDB would do the same with the K40 million. He thanked the Government for funding the MSME grant facility.

Bank gets K40 million to boost SMEs in country

GOVERNMENT of Papua New Guinea has allocated K200 million to support Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in its bid to make PNG one of the wealthiest and most progressive nations in the world.

National Development Bank (NDB) has received K40 million from the fund to increase access to affordable finance for SMEs. The NDB reports that over 3,000 businesses

and 700 SMEs have utilized the scheme, benefitting from the lower rate of 4% per annum.

The Government's move to allocate K200 million for SMEs is a commendable step towards promoting economic growth and providing much-needed support to entrepreneurs and small business operators.

The NDB's allocation of K40

million will have a significant impact on the development of SMEs, leading to more self-reliant and sustainable businesses. Chairman of Kumul Consolidated Holdings Limited, which owns the NDB, expressed gratitude to Prime Minister and the Minister for Commerce and Industry for their continued efforts in providing cheaper finance to support SMEs.



DCI staff gathering at the car park lot to witness the commissioning of the new vehicles. *Pictures by DCI Media*



DCI Secretary David Ganaii cutting the ribbon to officiate the launching of two new buses.



DCI Secretary doing his remarks at the launching of the two new buses.



A toast for the two new 15-seater buses.



DCI Secretary David Ganaii and Registrar Brian Waffi cutting the cake to officiate the launching of the new vehicles.

New vehicles for DCI

DEPARTMENT of Commerce and Industry (DCI) has acquired 15 new vehicles, which includes two 15-seater buses for official use, the former for the SMC members and the latter for general staff use.

DCI Secretary David Ganaii, on April 28, 2023, justified the purchase, stating that the new vehicles were necessary to replace hired ones, and the purchase was also warranted given the critical role DCI plays in developing important policies and projects.

Papua New Guinea Government provided the necessary funding for the acquisition of the new vehicles.

Ganaii reminded DCI staff to look after the vehicles as State properties and ensure that the vehicles were used appropriately.

All department staff gathered to witness the ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially commission the vehicles.

The new vehicles will enhance DCI's operations, enabling the department to carry out its mandate more effectively.

With reliable transport, officers will be able to attend meetings

and site visits with ease, facilitating the development of important policy decisions and the successful implementation of major projects.



DCI Secretary David Ganaii cutting the ribbon to launch the new vehicles.

The Government's move to provide funding for the acquisition of the new vehicles reflects its commitment towards modernizing and building capacity within the public sector.

The DCI's acquisition of the new vehicles serves as an excellent example of the government's commitment towards providing its public servants with the necessary tools to enhance their productivity, effectiveness, and efficiency.

The Department of Commerce and Industry's acquisition of the new vehicles is a commendable initiative that will enhance the department's operations significantly.

NCP draft presented

DEPARTMENT of Commerce and Industry (DCI) has presented a draft of Papua New Guinea's (PNG) National Content Policy (NCP) after 48 years of independence.

Acting Minister for Commerce and Industry, Hon. Soroi Eoe, emphasized the significance of the policy and encouraged all representatives of Government agencies, private sectors and civil societies to provide their views during the two-day consultation workshop.

The Government is developing the

policy to give broader meaning to national content in the PNG context, providing policy directives, institutional alignment, and effective coordination and monitoring of all national content programs in the country.

The policy recommendations include securing employment opportunities for nationals, knowledge and technology transfer, equity participation, and sustainable development of project-impacted communities.

The policy is part of Government's efforts to guide State, investors, landowners, private sectors, and citizens on how national content programs should be understood and implemented in PNG, covering not only mining and petroleum projects but fisheries, forestry, and agriculture sectors as well.

DCI Secretary David Ganaii emphasized that the workshop is important in improving the draft policy through valuable inputs from agencies and stakeholders.



DCI Secretary David Ganaii and Acting Minister for Commerce and Industry Hon. Soroi Eoe at the launching of the draft National Content Policy in March 2023. *Pictures by DCI Media*



State agencies, private and other resource sectors at the draft National Content Policy in March 2023.

Department presents draft policy after 48 years

ON March 20, 2023, Department of Commerce and Industry (DCI) presented a draft of Papua New Guinea's (PNG) National Content Policy (NCP) in Port Moresby.

The acting Minister for Commerce and Industry Hon. Soroi Eoe declared that the draft NCP presented by the DCI was significant and wanted everyone to appreciate and provide their views on the two-day consultation workshop.

The policy would ensure that large-impact projects in the extractive in-

dustry would significantly integrate and contribute to PNG's economy.

Eoe encouraged all Government agencies, private sectors, and civil societies to actively participate and provide thoughtful inputs into the policy framework.

The NCP aims to provide policy directives and institutional alignment to lead, coordinate, and monitor all national content programs effectively.

The policy recommendations include links to the domestic supply chain through domestically sourced goods and services, secured employment opportunities for nationals, transfer of knowledge, skills, and technologies, greater equity participation by national institutions and citizens, and sustainable development of project-impacted communities.

Amuli takes back portfolio

MEMBER for Sohe, Honourable Henry Jons Amuli has retained his portfolio as Minister for Commerce and Industry after stepping aside for almost six months.

A handover-takeover between Amuli and outgoing Acting Minister for Commerce and Industry Soroi Eoe was held at Stanley Hotel in Port Moresby on July 5th, 2023.

Amuli thanked the caretaker Minister Soroi for his leadership while he (Amuli) was away attending his court matters.

“From the National Court up to the Supreme Court - It’s not easy but all

thanks to God,” Amuli said.

“I am thankful to be here again to continue where I left.

“I also thank Hon. Minister for Local Level Government Affairs (Eoe) and the Department (Commerce and Industry) under the leadership of our good Secretary (David Ganaii) for the last six months.

Amuli said Eoe’s presentation and endorsement by the National Executive Council of two important Small to medium Enterprise funding assistance to the Mama bank was highly commendable. “We are

thankful that under your leadership, we have brought the Mama Bank for mothers, our sisters, those doing business can be able to access Government funding through that Mama Bank,” he said.

Amuli said businesses reserved for locals must be protected at all times so that locals must be fully involved in those business stores.

He thanked Prime Minister James Marape for having continued confidence in him and ensuring that he (Amuli) retained the Ministry following his reinstatement.



A small ceremony held at Stanley Hotel, Port Moresby on July 5, 2023, to officiate the handover-takeover between Minister of Commerce and Industry Hon. Henry Amuli (center speaking) and care-taker Minister of Commerce and industry Hon. Soroi Eoe (right), witnessed by DCI Secretary David Ganaii and all other CSA heads. *Picture by DCI Media*

National Content Policy to be finalised

MINISTER for Commerce and Industry, Hon. Henry Jons Amuli, has announced that the final validation process of the National Content Policy (NCP) will be completed by his department within the next few weeks.

He plans to submit the policy for Cabinet endorsement and has called on resource sector regulators, project operators, and landowner companies to work with his department to implement the policy after it is approved.

Amuli also proposed the creation of an oversight committee comprised of both the State and private sector peak bodies to manage the coordination and implementation of the PNG NCP. He emphasized the need



Minister for Commerce and Industry Hon. Henry Amuli (MP) speaking at PNG Community Affairs and National Content Conference and Expo Program in Lae, Morobe on Tuesday, 29th of August, 2023.

for all national content sub-sector policies and plans to align with the Government's overarching NCP to complement each other, which he noted would not encroach or duplicate their functions.

The overarching policy aims to guide major impact projects in the resource sectors by maximizing short-term economic opportunities for citizens and creating shared values for long-term growth and development.

The National Executive Council directed the Department of Commerce and Industry to develop the National Content Policy in consultation with all key stakeholders in the country.





Department of Commerce and Industry Senior Management Committee members at the 2023 Gold Bullion Policy launching.
Pictures by DCI Media

PNG launches Gold Bullion Policy



The decorated Gold Bullion Policy book.



DCI staff at the 2023 Gold Bullion Policy launching.



Hela dancers during the launching of the Gold Bullion Policy.

PRIME Minister James Marape has hailed the National Gold Bullion Policy (NGBP) as a positive step to lead commodity as far as the world of commerce, trade, and economics is concerned.

The NGBP aims to complement the Government's vision of fully industrializing the economy by adding value to it through downstream processing in all sectors such as forestry, fisheries, agriculture, oil and gas, minerals, including gold.

Marape launched the NGBP on May 12, 2023, in Port Moresby, stating that Papua New Guinea has been a gold destination since the early 1900s.

The policy summarizes everything from issuing exploration licenses to refining and processing gold for storage or export.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the policy embraces the entire length and breadth of how the country does gold business.

He highlighted that the policy is timely and incumbent for any responsible generation of urban

beginnings to cultivate and promote the regulatory framework.

"The premier industry has to ensure that all stakeholders make a return on investment, and the country's resources must assist with the expansion of the economy," Marape said.

The Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the Department of Commerce and Industry and insisted that the NGBP is not a policy meant to frighten anyone but is here to optimize profit and maximize the residual spin of businesses optimized in the country.

The National Gold Bullion Policy launch is a significant milestone towards boosting industrialization in Papua New Guinea, adding value to its economy through downstream processing.

The policy covers the gold value chain from exploration to refining and is expected to promote accountability and transparency in the gold sector.



Bougainville prepares for trade and investment summit



Bougainville trade and investment conference (BTIC) 2022.

PREPARATIONS for the Bougainville Economic and Investment Summit (BEIS) have begun in earnest following direction from the March 2019 Joint Supervisory Body (JSB) Meeting held in Port Moresby.

The National Government, through the Department of Commerce and Industry (DCI), has been directed to lead efforts and support the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) Department of Commerce, Trade, and Industry in hosting BEIS.

This initiative complements the Independence Ready programs resulting from the 2019 Referendum.

BEIS is a collaborative effort between the National Government, including the Ministry and DCI, the National Coordinating Office of Bougainville Affairs (NCOBA), and various National agencies, as well as the ABG's Department of

Commerce, Trade and Industry, and Economic Development (DCTI & ED).

The event aims to enhance economic development within the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (ARoB) and facilitate investment in sectors such as tourism, fisheries, agriculture, forestry, and beyond. BEIS will provide a platform for investors and Bougainville businesses to forge partnerships that accelerate economic growth and investment.

Additionally, the event will offer an opportunity for key stakeholders to discuss the ARoB's economic and investment potential, chart a roadmap for inclusive and sustainable growth and development, and sensitize potential investors to the region's investment opportunities.

In anticipation of the BEIS, the DCTI & ED hosted a Bou-

gainville Economic and Investment Conference on October 11th and 12th, 2022, which the DCI and NCOBA Team attended as a stepping stone for the larger BEIS event. The conference aimed to identify economic pathways, policies, and priority areas that can narrow the fiscal gap and establish sustainable trade and investment programs contributing to the Bougainville Economic Development Roadmap and Economic Model.

Preparations for the BEIS extend across three phases by undertaking a socio-economic baseline survey for ARoB, hosting a conference on Bougainville Trade and Investment, signing an MoU between DCI and ABG DCTI&ED, and concluding with the hosting of the BEIS.

Joint group, ABG hold conference

IN preparation for the 2022 Bougainville Economic and Investment Summit (BEIS), a joint working group with the assistance of the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) organized the Bougainville Trade and Investment Conference (BTIC) to generate feedback.

The theme of the BTIC, “Promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth and development to improve the welfare of all Bougainvilleans for self-governance”, aimed to facilitate consensus on the ABG’s proposed approach to increasing the level of trade and investment while narrowing the fiscal gap.

The National Government, through the Department of Commerce and Industry, and supported by National Coordinating Office of Bougainville Affairs, provided technical support and funding of K326,571.00 to assist the ABG’s Department of Commerce, Trade and Industry, and Economic Development with logistics costs for Bougainville Trade and Investment Conference 2022.

To date, Department of Commerce and Industry has expedited around K1,115,320.91 from the Bougainville Trust Account Funds to support preliminary activities related to the Bougainville Economic and Investment Summit.

Reports and acquittals are submitted quarterly to the Department of National Planning and Monitoring as part of its capital funding budget appropriation.



Signing of the MoU between National Department of Commerce and Industry and ABG Department of Trade, Commerce, Industry & Economic Development

Depts agree to set up help desk

DURING the Bougainville Trade and Investment Conference (BTIC) held on October 12, 2022, Secretary for the Department of Commerce and Industry (DCI) and the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG) Department of Commerce, Trade and Industry, and Economic Development (DCTI&ED) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) extending cooperation towards establishing a help desk to support Cooperatives Societies and the Construction Industry Unit within the ABG DCIT&ED office.

The MoU outlines the areas of collaboration, including consultation and the identification of activities within their mandated functions.

The cooperation is in line with the Sharp Agreement, ensuring that both departments draw relevant functions to the ABG DCTI&ED and allocate an office space for the help desk. In Sep-

tember 2022, the DCI and ABG organized a joint awareness program for Buka, Arawa, and Buin, highlighting the roles and responsibilities of both departments and the areas of cooperation.

This MoU signing strengthens the support already provided by the Joint Supervisory Body (JSB) deliberation, with DCI as the lead department supporting ABG DCTI&ED with the Bougainville Economic and Investment Summit hosting initiative.

The help desk is a crucial step towards promoting economic growth and development in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville, and the cooperation demonstrated between the DCI and ABG DCTI&ED is essential to maximize opportunities and propel inclusive and sustainable economic activity.



Discussions on the PNG Manufacturing Policy undertaking on July 3rd, 2023 in Port Moresby. – *Picture by DCI Media*

Department launches draft policy

MINISTER for Commerce and Industry Hon. Henry Jons Amuli, has launched the National Stakeholders Consultation Workshop on the Draft Manufacturing Policy for Papua New Guinea.

The Minister expressed confidence that the policy would shape the country's manufacturing sector and pave way for economic growth.

Despite Papua New Guinea benefiting from high commodity prices, the country is missing out on vital job, tax, and income opportunities in the raw resource market.

This makes the manufacturing agenda more critical now than ever before.

The manufacturing policy, therefore, aims to create an invest-

ment-friendly environment to help attract new business opportunities and encourage entrepreneurs to engage in the manufacturing industries.

Department of Commerce and Industry has planned regional stakeholder consultations to allow more stakeholders to provide their input and recommendations on the policy.

The country has enormous potential for growth and the drafting of a comprehensive and modern Manufacturing Policy is an essential step towards realizing this potential.

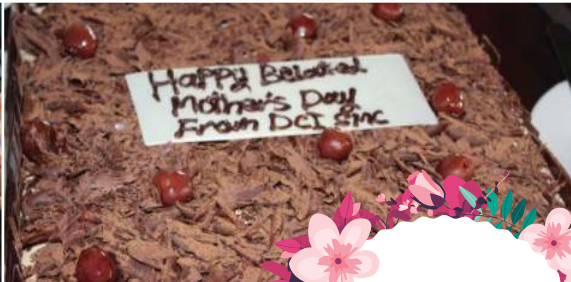
The consultations will provide stakeholders with a platform to share their views and provide recommendations on how the

policy can be improved and effectively implemented.

The Manufacturing Policy's successful implementation will create employment opportunities, increase tax revenues, and contribute towards the national economic diversification agenda.

The launch of the National Stakeholder Consultation on Manufacturing Policy is a crucial step towards driving economic growth and development.

The consultation workshops will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to contribute towards shaping a robust, modern, and dynamic manufacturing industry in the country.



Mother's Day pictorial

MOTHERS are hardworking human beings in the house as well as in the office, hence, people need to realise and appreciate all mothers for the tireless work they carry out.

Mothers' Day is special for them and they need to be recognised and feel loved in big or small ways.

This year, all female officers from Department of Commerce and

Industry (DCI) gathered to celebrate 2023 Mothers' Day at Airways Hotel, Port Moresby in May, 2023.

It was a small luncheon organised by DCI Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Manager Aloise Simi.



Progress in housing project



DEPARTMENT of Commerce and Industry (DCI) has successfully carried out an eviction on a 30-hectare land portion located at 9-Mile, Duran Farm, Port Moresby, which was occupied by settlers.

The eviction, which commenced on Monday, May 1, 2023, and is still ongoing, was carried out with full police presence.

The eviction saw the removal of 11 houses and a church.

This followed the ground-breaking ceremony for a housing scheme for DCI and CSA staff which took place on the 5th April, 2018.

With Secretary David Ganaii at the

helm of the new management team, the long-awaited housing project is finally progressing.

It is worth noting that a Court Order was issued for the eviction of the settlers a few years ago, and the police were aware of this.

However, according to Ganaii, the settlers are still seeking a court decision to suspend the order.

“There is no Court going on between the settlers and the department,” Ganaii revealed.

“Do not listen to what the public is saying. We are following the Court process. If they (settlers) want to suspend the Court Order, they have to go to the National

Court to appeal the order. It is a District Court Order, and if you want to interpret the decision of a District Court Order, you have to go to the National Court, not the Supreme Court.”

In the meantime, the department is cautioning the public against being misled by false information from social media.

Pictures by DCI Media



Computers for new hires purchased

DEPARTMENT of Commerce and Industry has successfully purchased brand new computers for its newly recruited officers.

The computers were purchased just on time to meet the new hires' demand.

Today, the officers are utilising the computers and effectively delivering for the department.

DCI's new hire Public Relations Officer Vanessa Niken caught using her new computer.
Pictures by DCI Media



● Policy coordination and monitoring

The coordination of Micro Small to Medium Enterprise (MSME) policy with relevant stakeholders in promoting MSME development.

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● Information and technology systems update

The Information and Technology system of Department of Commerce and Industry (DCI) has been upgraded and the web host has been moved from Papua New Guinea University of Technology to Department of Information and Communication Technology for hosting. The DCI's email system and the network have all been restored and fully functional.

● Update on department official website

Department of Commerce and Industry official website is finalised and ready to be launched for users to access information.

● Koiari sustainable development benefits

An ongoing activity as per the direction of the National Executive Council decision which endorsed a ministerial committee.

● Quarterly and annual reports

Management plan 2023 has been compiled and delivered in January 2023. Annual report 2022 has been compiled and submitted in January 2023. Quarterly report one and two have been compiled and submitted. Third quarter report is yet to be completed and submitted.

● Recruitment selection for 2022 and 2023

Department of Commerce and Industry has requested 55 external positions to be recruited and only 13 senior positions were approved by Department of Personnel Management (DPM) after they went through their PE savings. Another 43 positions were also requested for approval from DPM which awaits appropriate further advice.

● Communication systems for department

Communication systems have all been up-graded and effectively up and running for Department of Commerce and Industry.

● Economic development and coordination

The economic sub-sector development plan is completed and waiting launching.

● European Union TOR assistance

To increase skills and competency.

Commerce and Industry implements major policies

DEPARTMENT of Commerce and Industry (DCI) has successfully implemented several significant policy initiatives this year, in line with its core functions and responsibilities.

These policies include the Papua New Guinea National Gold Bullion Policy, PNG National Content Policy, PNG Manufacturing Policy, and National Co-operative Development Policy.

The Department launched the National Gold Bullion Policy on May 12, 2023, in Port Moresby, officiated by Honorable Prime Minister, James Marape.

This policy aims to ensure the proper harnessing of our non-renewable and renewable resources, leading to increased revenue streams that support our national budget, boost rural economy, and enhance quality of life for the people.

The draft National Content Policy had its consultation officially launched by then Acting Minister for Commerce and Industry, Hon. Soroi Eoe.

This policy underwent thorough revision after wider consultations, and compiled for NEC Submission awaiting cabinet approval.

The policy intends to establish clear directives, definitions, and scope, coupled with an effective oversight, coordination, and monitoring system.

The policy aims to support domestic entrepreneurship development, job creation for nationals, transfer of skills and technologies to nationals, and equity participation.

The draft PNG Manufacturing Policy, the department unveiled, had its consultation launched in August by the current Minister for Commerce and Industry, Hon. Henry Amuli.

The department is currently undertaking regional consultations commencing with the New Guinea Islands Region in October 2023. Since the inception of the department as the Department of Industrial Development in 1983, the department had been promoting and facilitating indus-

trial projects without a corresponding policy framework to date.

The objective of this manufacturing policy, therefore is to encourage the growth and development of Small and Medium Industries and SMEs, create a conducive environment for industrial development, and promote heavy and high technological industries' growth.

The draft National Cooperative Development Policy had been revised, validated during stakeholder consultations, and compiled for NEC approval.

As an overarching policy for the Cooperative Societies, this policy aims to align all subsector policies while promoting development across various sectors.

Essentially, the Department of Commerce and Industry has made remarkable strides in implementing crucial policies beneficial to the nation's growth and development.





Team Department of Commerce and Industry with MP Hon. Don Polye (center) after they won against PNG Forestry Authority in division two netball grand final on April 29, 2023.

Pictures by DCI Media



Department of Commerce and Industry netball team supporters at the Sir John Guise Indoor Complex.

DCI win netball grand final

DEPARTMENT of Commerce and Industry have claimed the 2023 Public Servants Netball Association premiership after defeating PNG Forestry Authority 18-15 in division two grand final on April 29, 2023 at the Sir John Guise Indoor Complex.







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Photo above: The two trophies won by the DCI women's netball team, PSNA 2022/2023 season.

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