



NATIONAL MARITIME SAFETY AUTHORITY

20th November 2008

Mr. Gabriel Pepson
Secretary
Department of Foreign Affairs & Immigration
Somare Foundation Building
P.O. Box 422
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My dear Secretary,

SUBJECT: 9th MEETING OF THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION, PORT MORESBY 9th - 13th MARCH 2009

We write to advise that at the 54th Maritime Safety Sub-Committee meeting held in London in July 2008, the Chairman of the South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission (SWPHC) requested Papua New Guinea to host the 9th Meeting of the SWPHC.

As you may be aware, Papua New Guinea is an active member of the Regional SWPHC as well as the world body - the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO), and the National Maritime Safety Authority is the Government technical agency responsible for representing PNG at meetings of these two organizations and participates in the work of these regional/international agencies.

In this regard, NMSA is privileged to have been requested to host the 9th Meeting of the SWPHC on behalf of Papua New Guinea. This letter therefore serves to notify the Department of Foreign Affairs & Immigration of this regional meeting scheduled for 9th - 13th March 2009.

We request your Department's continued support and assistance in facilitating visa and other immigration formalities for member delegates coming to this meeting.

We will be contacting you again once details of delegations are received.

Should your officials require additional information, our contact person is Mr. Joseph Kunda - Manager Hydrographic Services on Ph: 321 1244 Fax: 321 0873 or Email: jkunda@nmsa.gov.pg

Yours sincerely

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