



## **EXECUTION OF MOU AND CHEQUE PRESENTATION BETWEEN TREASURY (STATE) AND THE NAMBAWAN SUPER LIMITED**

**Wednesday, 19 December 2007  
Level 4, Vulupindi Haus, Waigani**

### **Treasurer's statement**

This is a special occasion for the Government as we progress towards reducing our debt and our superannuation liabilities. This is the first time that the Government has acted to reduce its unfunded superannuation liabilities.

I am pleased to announce that the Government, in its capacity as the employer of public servants, is today making the payment of K250 million to Nambawan Super Limited. This K250 million was allocated in the 2007 Supplementary Budget as partial payment to reduce the State's liability for the superannuation payouts of public servants.

This payment of K250 million is likely to be used by Nambawan Super for increasing its investments on behalf of members, especially in private businesses in PNG.

From the perspective of developing and strengthening PNG's economy, this represents an excellent use by the Government of additional revenue arising from high commodity prices.

Reducing the Government's liabilities displays that the Government is acting prudently and responsibly to strengthen the Government's overall financial position. This will reduce the burden on taxpayers into the future.

I would also like to highlight that Government is committed to and will continue to reduce its superannuation liabilities in the future as circumstances allow. The Government's commitment is evident through the allocation of K150 million in the 2008 National Budget which will be paid to Nambawan Super in 2008.

On that note, I would like to thank you all for your presence here to witness the presentation of the K250 million cheque to Nambawan Super Limited.

And I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Safe and a Prosperous New Year.

Thank you.