



## DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

P.O. Box 1993, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

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Dear Intending Delegate,

### Invitation to First AAPG/EAGE PNG Petroleum Geoscience Conference & Exhibition

I wish to advise you that the **First PNG Petroleum Geosciences Conference and Exhibition** is being organised by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) and the European Association of Geologists and Engineers (EAGE) – both international professional scientific bodies. The Conference and Exhibition will be held in Port Moresby at the Hilton Hotel from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and aims to take stock of 20 years of petroleum exploration and development since the last major petroleum technical conference was held: the 4<sup>th</sup> PNG Petroleum Convention in 2000.

As Head of the Dept of Petroleum, I am delighted that these two prestigious international organisations have come to PNG to help us learn from the geoscience work that has been undertaken over the last two decades. The Conference will provide a useful update to our knowledge of the petroleum geology of PNG and bring together the results of many geological and geophysical exploration programmes and the drilling of many prospects since the turn of the century. The Dept of Petroleum as the Government agency responsible for petroleum matters in Papua New Guinea is both proud and delighted to be a formal supporter of the event.

Whilst there have been a few petroleum conferences and seminars held in Port Moresby in recent years, most have been of a commercial, business, policy and stakeholder nature and have failed to document the growing knowledge and scientific understanding of the generation of petroleum, and the formation of accumulations of petroleum in Papua New Guinea. It is hoped that this event will pick up from the celebrated Petroleum Conventions held in the 1990s in documenting that extensive new knowledge gained over the last 20 years. I urge you to attend this pre-eminent scientific meeting, to learn more about the opportunities for petroleum exploration and development in Papua New Guinea, and so that you may consider investment in our maturing oil and gas industry.

Registration is available online at: [https://eage.eventsair.com/1<sup>st</sup>-aapeage-png/registration-](https://eage.eventsair.com/1st-aapeage-png/registration-), and I would remind everyone who plans to attend that Early Bird registration closes on 1 December 2019.

If you plan to attend, you should proceed to the nearest overseas mission of Papua New Guinea, or otherwise apply online for a visa to enter Papua New Guinea, presenting this letter as your Letter of Invitation. Depending on the specific requirements of the Immigration and Citizenship Authority, you may need to obtain a business visa, in which case you may provide my name and address as your business contact in PNG. I must remind you that your entry into Papua New Guinea does not allow you to work in the country, but only provides you with the opportunity to visit and meet people, and in the context of a business visa to conduct business with us with regard to the subject planned conference and exhibition.

I hope that you will have a marvellous visit to Papua New Guinea and will be able to share your experience and knowledge of petroleum systems and petroleum accumulations of PNG and from around the world with the assembled delegates.

Yours sincerely,

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**Acting Secretary**