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BY HAND

**Provincial Police Commander
Ralum
KOKOPO
East New Britain Province**

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Attention: Joseph Tabali

Dear Sir

**Land owners of Mauna, Mu, Lau, Kaiton, Malmal, Talie, Poro, Puapal and Manginuna within Portion 196 C and 197C West Pomio Mamusi LLG
Re Police presence at logging camp sites.**

We refer to the above and advise that we act for the land owners of Mauna, Mu, Lau, Kaiton, Malmal, Talie, Poro, Puapal and Manginuna within Portion 196 C and 197C West Pomio Mamusi LLG.

We take liberty to *enclose* copy of a letter dated 19 July 2016 from the office of the Commissioner of Police, Gari L Baki CBE, CSJ, QPM DPS addressed to the Ombudsman Commission Regional Manager NGI.

As you will note we act for a large portion of our community as referred to above who are raising concerns about unnecessary police presence or deployment at various sites in West Pomio particularly at Drina, Rali and Rano Base Camps.

We are instructed that certain police personnel have been permanently stationed at these locations for longer periods than is necessary where situations do not warrant their presence at all.

We are further instructed that while land issues or disputes are strictly private and negotiable matters between the land owners and investor companies concerning land resources and prospects of investment opportunities, our clients cannot help but are susceptible to bullying tactics and harassments by the police at the sponsor of the investor



companies taking unfair advantages. We are instructed of mounting insecurity concerning our clients and their interests in timber and agro-forestry projects in West Pomio.

We reiterate Commissioner of Police - Gari L Baki's directions that permanent deployment of police to logging camps is not permitted and that ought to be adhered.

Given the scenario referred to above, we urge your good office to cause withdrawal of these police personnel in the areas referred to and task them to normal duties.

Please consider our client's concerns and we look forward to a favourable outcome.

Yours Faithfully
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Police officer In charge – Drina Base Camp

Police officer In charge – Rali Base Camp

Police officer In charge – Rano Base Camp

State Solicitor – Daniel Rolpagarea

Ombudsman Commission Regional Manager NGI – Anthony Champaien