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My dear Prime Minister,

SUBJECT: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI STOREY OFFICE COMPLEX

You will recall that Cabinet in its decision No. 03/2013 approved in principle the construction of an office complex on BOT arrangement. Following this principle approval, my Ministry was advised by the State Solicitor to go through a tender process in order to engage a developer/investor to construct the new office complex to accommodate all the key Government Departments and agencies who are dislocated and scattered throughout Port Moresby city. My Ministry and the Department of Personnel Management had been of the view that there was no need to go for public tender as the State would not be funding the construction of the new office complex.

However, in view of the State Solicitor's advice, my Department Secretary, who is also the Chairman of the Government Office Accommodation Committee (GOAC), submitted a proposal to the Central Supply and Tenders Board (CSTB) to help with the procurement process. In response to this request for open tender, the CSTB stated there was no need for a public tender process because the State would not be forking out public funds for the construction of the new office complex.

During discussions with you on this matter you instructed for an open and transparent process in the engagement of a developer/investor for the construction of the new office complex. Therefore, regardless of the response from the CSTB and in compliance with your directions I have directed the Secretary for Personnel Management in his capacity as the Chairman of the Government Office Accommodation Committee to call for Expressions of Interest commencing on Wednesday, 3 July 2013 for a period of one month.

The multi storey office complex will be constructed where the old Central Government Office Complex now stands on State land, known as Allotment 1, Section 354, Hohola (Waigani). The new multi complex office building is likely to comprise a total 100,000 square metres to cater for over twenty public service departments and agencies and will be constructed under the Build, Operate, Lease and Transfer (B.O.L.T) concept.

Thank you for your support in this important project which will go a long way in improving the confidence and performance of the Government and its public service machinery.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]
HON. SIR DR PUKA TEMU, KBE, CMG, MP
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