

PRESS STATEMENT

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPANY NAME CHANGE: PNG Air Services Limited to NiuSky Pacific Limited

PNG's sole Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP), formerly Papua New Guinea Air Services Limited (PNGASL) is now operating under the new name, **NiuSky Pacific Limited (NiuSky Pacific)**.

The change of name is provisioned (stipulated) under Section 143 (3) of the Civil Aviation Act 2000 as amended. In accordance with the legislation, the new name has been formally registered and approved by the PNG Investment Promotion Authority (IPA). As such, **NiuSky Pacific Limited** is now a legal entity performing the functions of the former PNG Air Services Limited.

Importantly, NiuSky Pacific Limited remains a State Aviation Enterprise (SAE) and assumes the primary mandate of providing Air Navigation Services to the domestic and international air operators operating within PNG's designated airspace.

The unveiling of the new name, logo and slogan is the outcome of an extensive rebranding and modernization program. The new name, **NiuSky Pacific Limited** is proudly accompanied with the slogan ***Seamless Skies***.

The new name, and slogan embody the company's determination to enhance *Safety in Aviation* by providing safe and seamless air navigation services for aircrafts operating within and through PNG's designated airspace. It also reinforces the company's endeavor to chart a new beginning and intent to venture into new horizons.

The final outcome of **NiuSky Pacific's** rebranding exercise symbolizes the completion of the rehabilitation and modernization of PNG's aeronautical radio Communication, Navigation, Surveillance (CNS) and Air Traffic Management (ATM) systems and infrastructure that are critical for the provision of Air Navigation Service (ANS).

The broader operational and infrastructure improvements have been achieved through a holistic Modernisation Program initiated in 2013. Modernising the CNS/ATM infrastructure was important for the company to realise its overall corporate vision *'to be recognised by the industry as a leading air navigation service provider within the region and beyond'*.

Many of these improvements under the company's Modernisation program have been successfully delivered and commissioned with just a few nearing completions soon. An official grand commissioning will be hosted in 2021 following full completion of the remaining activities.

The newly acquired CNS/ATM technologies are compliant with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Standards and Recommended best Practices (SARP) placing PNG on par with the best ANSP's in the region and globally. More significant is that the new 'state-of-the-art' ATM technology which we have named the *NiuSky Air Traffic Management System* includes a satellite-based Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) system. This added technology has greatly enhanced the Company's aeronautical surveillance capability. The system is provided and supported by Aireon, a United States based aviation surveillance technology company. Aireon's space-based surveillance technology, has enabled NiuSky Pacific to be one of the few pioneering ANSPs in the region to introduce and use space-based surveillance technology to manage air traffic in PNG's designated airspace.

The new CNS/ATM technologies have also addressed and resolved a number of challenges brought about by geographic and technical constraints as well as the unreliability of third-party support services to our existing ground-based surveillance equipment.

NiuSky Pacific's Modernisation Program includes the completion of a multifunctional facility that houses the Executive Office and Boardroom. This facility is powered entirely by **renewable solar energy**. With its success, the Company intends to extend this solar energy concept to its other facilities around the country.

Regionally, **NiuSky Pacific Limited** is proud that its new CNS/ATM infrastructure gives PNG a superior edge over its Pacific neighbours, with regards to safe and efficient air traffic management.

The new corporate identity envisions the beginning of the next chapter of the Company's journey towards *Modern, Seamless Skies*, which will be achieved through the use of;

-  innovative, 'state -of-the-art' technology
-  integrated cutting-edge systems
-  modern infrastructure and
-  transparent and prudent business conduct
-  delivered through a highly competent modern workforce that needs to remain relevant and current with the constantly evolving world of advancements in technology.

Overall, the Board, Management and Staff of **NiuSky Pacific** are pleased that despite ongoing funding challenges, contractual issues, and the unforeseen disruptions from the COVID-19 Pandemic, its Modernisation Program has progressed well owing to the collective support of the PNG Government and the Development Partners.



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