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PNG AIC COLLABORATES WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD FOR RESEARCH INTO AIRCRAFT CRASH EVENTS (IBRACE)

The Chief Commissioner of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC), Mr. Hubert Namani, LLB, today announced that the AIC has embraced the opportunity to collaborate with *The International Board for Research into Aircraft Crash Events (IBRACE)*.

Mr. Namani said, “*IBRACE* was founded on 21 November 2016 by a group of subject-matter experts in aviation (cabin safety and accident/incident investigation), engineering (sled-impact testing, aerospace materials, lightweight advanced-composite structures, and air transport safety and investigation), clinical medicine (specifically, orthopaedic trauma surgery and anaesthesia), and human factors. These eminent experts are now associated with organisations that include the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute, USA (CAMI); Cranfield University, UK; GRM Consulting Ltd., UK (a software and analysis company); Spire Liverpool Hospital, UK; TÜV Rheinland, Germany; the University of Calgary, Canada; the University of Nottingham, England; and Korea Aerospace University, Korea, and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Cabin Safety Group.

“*IBRACE* is chaired by Professor Jan Davies who is a Professor of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine, Cumming School of Medicine, Calgary, Canada, and an Adjunct Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Arts, University of Calgary, Canada.

“Her current aviation research is in crash survivability. Professor Davies and her fellow *IBRACE* Board members contributed to the evidence-based content and illustrations that now form Chapter 6 of ICAO Document 10086, the ICAO Manual on Information and Instructions for Passenger Safety.”

Professor Davies, wrote to the AIC and said “On behalf of the members of *IBRACE*, I thank the PNG Accident Investigation Commission Board and Management for your support. I know your team will bring new knowledge, insights and energy to our studies to enhance brace positions for aviation passengers and cabin crew in a variety of seating configurations. The results of this research will be presented to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) through the ICAO Cabin Safety Group (ICSG).”

Mr. Namani said “It is a privilege for the AIC team to be part of this important aviation safety research and to contribute from the experiences and data gained in safety investigations both in PNG and the Pacific Region.

“Two AIC investigators with qualifications and experience in Cabin Safety and Safety Management Systems have been assigned to directly assist the *IBRACE* team, and they are supported by the whole of the AIC team. This collaborative venture also presents an excellent opportunity for the AIC team to learn from eminent experts.

“The AIC Board and Management fully endorse this collaboration with *IBRACE*.”

Hubert Namani, LLB
Chief Commissioner