



**ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOLLOWED
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA IN OBTAINING THE OFF-SHORE LOAN
FROM THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

MEDIA STATEMENT No. 12

The Secretary to the Commission announced the signing of the Contract to engage Minter Ellison Solicitors of Australia at Government House on Tuesday 2nd June 2020. The Contract was signed between the Governor General Sir Bob Dadae and Minter Ellison Solicitors represented by Mr Michael Sullivan from Leahy Lewin Lowing & Sullivan Lawyers. The Contract to the value of K18 million caters for the provision of seven solicitors and other technical personnel who will support the Commission and the three overseas counsel assisting the Commission. The Commission is pleased that the procurement process for the engagement of overseas solicitors that was commenced in November 2019 has been concluded after six months of hard work. MinterEllison Solicitors and Leahy Lewin Lowing Sullivan Lawyers are now attending to securing the admission of 7 solicitors and 3 counsel from Australia to practice as lawyers in PNG. The Commission will on 6th July 2020 announce a revised roadmap for the investigation, public hearing and report writing phases of the inquiry.

Dated this **3rd** day of **June** 2020.


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Mathew Yuangu
Secretary to the Commission

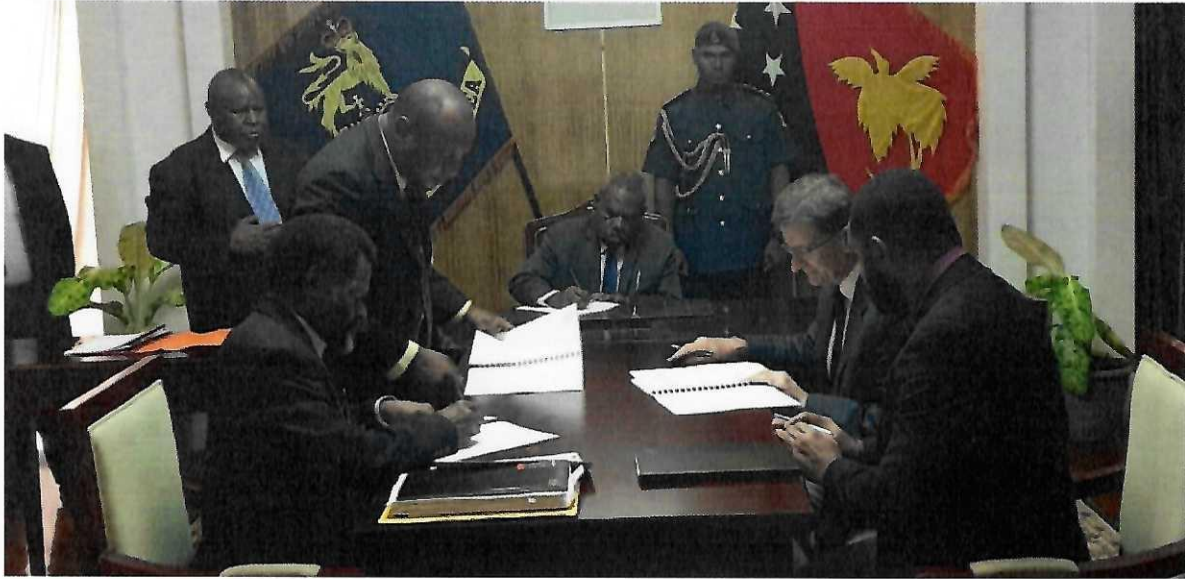


Attachments - Photographs at the signing of the Solicitors' Contract....

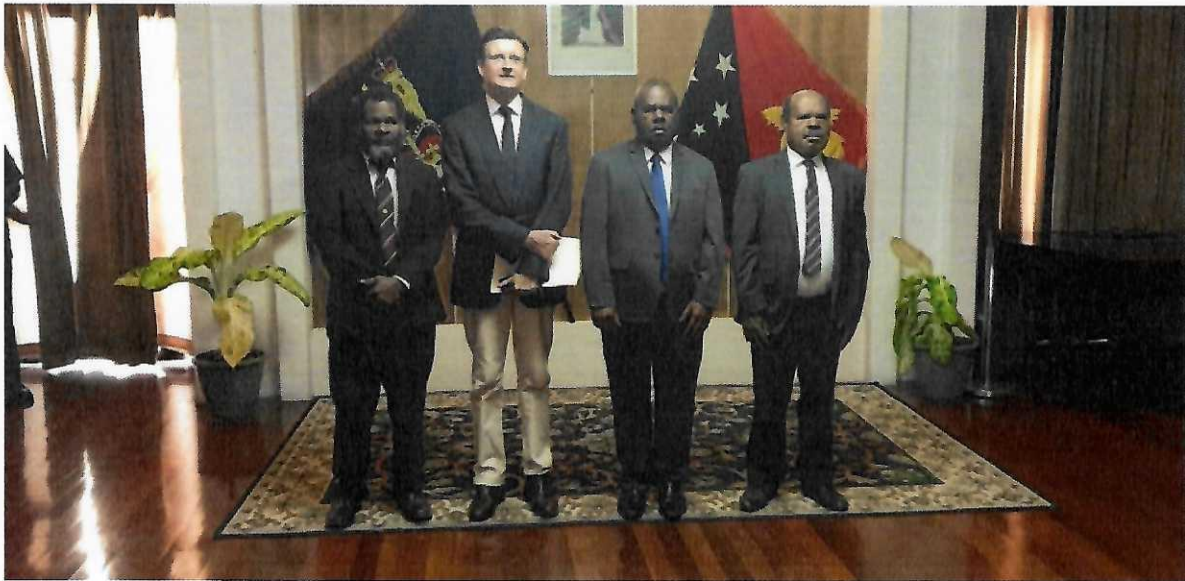
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Contract signing by Governor General Sir Bob Dadae and Mr Michael Sullivan witnessed by Secretary to the Commission Mr Mathew Yuangu and Mr Tyson Yapao.



Governor General Sir Bob Dadae, CoI Chairman Sir Salamo Injia, Mr Michael Sullivan and CoI Secretary Mr Mathew Yuangu after the contract signing.

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