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MOU Signing of Mendi Airport Security Partnership

The National Airports Corporation (NAC), the Southern Highlands Provincial Government and the Papua New Guinea Defense Force (PNGDF), today signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the Mendi Airport Security Partnership.

Through the partnership, each organization has agreed to leverage their individual strengths and resources to enhance safety and security at Mendi Airport.

The MoU establishes the following;

- A collaborative security partnership to protect government assets and airport operations at Mendi Airport.
- PNGDF will assist NAC with the provision of Landside and Perimeter Security Patrols.
- Engagement of a reputable local security firm, fostering a sense of responsibility, ownership, and community pride in the airport infrastructure.
- Implementation of a comprehensive Community Awareness Program.
- Establishment of an Airport Facilities and Security Committee comprising provincial stakeholders, security entities, PNGDF and the airlines to address safety and security issues.
- Recruitment of additional Aviation Security personnel.

"This MoU, signifies our unwavering commitment to work together to address safety and security concerns and to create a safe and secure environment for air travellers at Mendi Airport." Said Dominic Kaumu Acting Managing Director and CEO of NAC. .

Mr Kaumu added: "NAC acknowledge the valuable support of the Southern Highlands Provincial Government and the Papua New Guinea Defence Force in this endeavour. "Through this strengthened partnership, we aim to make Mendi Airport a more secure and welcoming hub for air travel."

Approved for release,

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