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From L-R: CICL CEO Charles Dambui, Chief Operations Officer Steven Tuma, Captain James Pima of Aerodynamic, Coffee Minister Hon. William Bando and Consort Shipping representative during the launching of the coffee support program and presentation of dummy cheques to 11 airfreight and shipping agencies on Saturday 19th July, 2025 in Mt Hagen.

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Freight program launched

The Coffee Minister, Hon. William Bando on Saturday 19 July 2025, launched the Coffee Freight Surety Scheme (FSS), a flagship program of the Coffee Industry Corporation Ltd (CICL) following a recent K4 million funding support from the National Government.

The small but significant occasion was witnessed by partners from the shipping agencies, third-level airlines, farmers, and representatives from both the CICL and Coffee Ministry at the Niugini Aviation Services Ltd Hangar in Mt Hagen.

Minister Bando acknowledged the funding support by the Marape-Rosso government after a year without funding for the FSS program under CICL.

“This program supports not just a policy, but a promise to leave no farmer behind. It is about connecting the most remote coffee growing communities to the national and global markets,” Bando said.

Bando said the funding support will include payments to third-level airlines for dedicated coffee flights, payments to shipping operators for coastal and island transportation, fuel subsidies, operational support, and freighter maintenance incentives.

The Coffee Minister presented a total of K2.4m to the airfreight and shipping agencies. The payments were given as follows; Adventist Aviation Services (K200, 000), MAF (K200, 000), Kobio Aviation Ltd (K200, 000), Niugini Aviation Services Ltd (K200, 000), SIL (K200, 000), Air Sanga K200, 000), Aerodynamic or Heli Solutions (K200, 000), Lutheran Shipping Agency (K200, 000), JJ Shipping (K200, 000), Consort Shipping (K200, 000), Manolos Aviation Ltd (K200, 000) and Pomio Development Agency (K200, 000).

Minister Bando said, do not look at the amount, but look at the heart. He also highlighted that under the Coffee Development Funding of K20m received this year, he is adamant to continue the support to the FSS program to

ensure more coffee bags are brought out, contributing to the targets set by the government.

Bando said that going forward, there needs to be more dialogue and agreements in place between the District Development Authorities, CICL, and the airfreight and shipping agencies to work in unison to serve the remote farmers.

“I am appealing to local leaders in coffee growing provinces to come forward and partner with CICL and the freight agencies. However, for you MPs, they are your people; you need to collaborate with us to reach out to your people. Through this program, we are putting more money into the pocket of our rural farmers, reducing coffee due to spoilage and poor logistics, promoting rural empowerment and SME growth, and strengthening PNG’s position in the global coffee market.”

CICL Chief Executive Officer Charles Dambui said in 2023, K1m was invested into the FSS program and the return on the investment was K7m. “That is how effective the program is that is serving and touching the lives of the rural marginalized people.”

Dambui urged local leaders in respective coffee-growing provinces to come forward and partner with CICL and its partners to better serve remote farmers.

CICL Chief Operations Officer Steven Tumaе emphasized the importance of working together with partners and combining resources to serve farmers in the inaccessible areas of the country. “Our people deserved to be treated as Papua New Guineans. I thank the government for this support that will go a long way to help our disadvantaged farmers.”



Freight agencies receiveing their dummy cheque payments from CIC during the presentation in Mt Hagen.

Freight program reaching out to more remote areas

MOA Freight Operators Engaged for FSS Activities

The following are freight operators (third level airlines and shipping companies) which have been formally engaged by CICL through the process of MOA signing to participate in coffee freighting activities. They include:

a) Third Level Airline Operators

- 1) MAF – Goroka and Mt. Hagen-based; Servicing EHP, Simbu, Madang and few parts of Morobe.
- 2) Adventist Aviation Services – Goroka-based: Serving parts of EHP, Simbu and few parts of Madang and Morobe.
- 3) Niugini Aviation Services Ltd – Mt. Hagen-based (committed to CIC for FSS program): Servicing parts of EHP, Simbu, and Madang.
- 4) Kobio Aviation Ltd- Mt. Hagen-based: (A twin otter plane that can carry maximum of 1,500kg). Only serving parts of Madang but can serve other provinces as well.
- 5) Air Sanga – Based in Central Province and serving parts of Central.
- 6) SIL – Aiyura-based: Serving Airstrips in Obura-Wonenara District in EHP and few parts of Morobe.
- 7) Aerodynamic – Mt. Hagen-based: A recent MOA was signed with allocation of funds to freight coffee.

b) Shipping Company Operators

- 1) Lutheran Shipping Services – The company is based in Lae and serving parts of Morobe.
- 2) JJ Shipping Services– The company is based in Lae and serving parts of Morobe.
- 3) Consort Express Lines – Lae-based and serving parts of Morobe, Oro Bay, Central and Milne Bay provinces.

For assistance under the freight program, interested registered cooperative groups can contact the Freight Coordinator on this email:

kkomo@cic.org.pg or enquiries@cic.org.pg for further information.

Freight highlights around the country

On September 11, 2025, Central Province CICL Provincial Coffee Coordinator, Jorine Hetora, flew into Dorobisoro in Rigo District and freighted out 20 parchment bags (13 GBE bags) Air Sanga plane under the FSS program. This was the first time for the farmers from that part of the area to sell coffee since planting coffee in the area.

At Agaun airstrip in Milne Bay Province, over 500 parchment coffee bags were reported. Under a special arrangement, two aircrafts belonging to Niugini Aviation Services Ltd (NASL) were positioned at Gurney Airport in Alotau and freighted 170 bags (106 GBE bags), which corresponds to 8,500 kg (8 tons) of parchment coffee. However, due to unpredictable weather condition, the aircrafts had to return to Goroka during the reporting period.



CICL Provincial Coffee Coordinator, Jorine Hetora assisting locals in Rigo load their first harvest of coffee onto the Air Sanga plane.



Coffee bags from Agaun being offloaded at Gurney Airport by Niugini Aviation Services Ltd.

Remote airstrips need maintenance

From 128 airstrips, which the CICL has been serving over the past years, its operations has now been reduced to serving only 50 airstrips at present due to non-maintenance and runway issues.

Coffee Minister Hon. William Bando expressed concerns that the Ministry and CICL were fully aware of this problem but it can only operate within its mandate as far as coffee is concerned.

Bando said this at the launching of the freight support program in Mt Hagen on Saturday, July 19, 2025.

He said CICL's coverage under its freight support program reached out to 50 airstrips, 10 jetties and 7 wharves in 13 provinces covering 24 districts.

"We are fully aware that airstrips and jetties are deteriorating due to non-maintenance and load capacities reduced to runway safety issues from 1, 000 kilograms to 500 kg per trip."

Bando said he would like to see a tripartite agreement with the District Development Authorities, third-level airlines and CICL be signed by next year to address some of these issues.

Captain James Pima of Aerodynamic (Heli Solutions) shared the same sentiments saying the impediments were significant, but improving the rural airstrips will go a long way to move more coffee bags out.

"We cannot do our jobs without the airstrips being upgraded. The challenge of moving 1 million bags cannot happen if airstrips are not maintained. Several airstrips need upgrading to sealing standard so we can move volumes out. Now, we are restricted to less than 1, 000 kg per flight and we cannot achieve the targets set out by CICL and the government. We can only do justice to the level of funding if the airstrips are maintained."

Representatives of other third-level airlines (MAF, Niugini Aviation Services Ltd, and Kobio Aviation Ltd) who were present at the launching event shared the same experiences saying that non-maintained airstrips limited their ability to airlift their full capacity of coffee bags out.



Coffee farmers at remote Negabo Airstrip in Karamui-Nomane District of Simbu Province waiting for their coffee bags to be freighted to Goroka.

Coffee road to be constructed in SSY

A 5.3-kilometre feeder road from Gera to Mouwa in the Sinesine-Yongomugl District of Simbu Province would soon be constructed to serve coffee farmers in the area following the contract signing on Friday July 18, 2025 in Port Moresby between the State and local firm Kaia Works Ltd.

Member for Sinesine-Yongomugl, Hon. Kerenga Kua acknowledged this development when he visited the Coffee Industry Corporation Limited (CICL) headquarters in Goroka on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

Mr Kua met with CICL's Chief Operations Officer, Steven Tumaë and his program managers to further discuss the new road that would be constructed including a bridge and coffee work to be supported in his electorate.

He added that the road and bridge project is a priority under his DDA and they stand ready to provide support to see the project completed.

"Between now and September, if we receive some of our budget allocation for the year, we will allocate K700,000 to support the bridge project that is pending. This is a rural road. We have to build a bridge that can accommodate the kind of weight that trucks will be carrying loads of vegetables and coffee with farmers to the markets."

Mr Kua said such a bridge will cost around K2.5 million. "If we put K700,000 based on our budget assuming the cost is K2.5m, the difference is K1.3m and we will have to look for the difference."

CICL Chief Operations Officer Steven Tumaë said the 5.3 km Gera to Mouwa road is one of the coffee economic roads identified and scoped under the former CICL Productive Partnerships in Agriculture Project (CICL-PPAP).

"The World Bank's stringent processes were used to identify and scope such coffee roads including Cost Benefit Analysis. There was inadequate time to implement all the coffee market access roads back then, hence it has been approved amongst the three roads to be

constructed under the PNG Agriculture Commercialization Diversification (PACD) Project."

Tumaë said the cost of the road project is about K4.8m (exclusive of the cost of the bridge which will be funded by the Sinesine-Yongomugl DDA) and will serve coffee farmers from Wards 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of Suai LLG and Ward 13 of Tabare LLG.

The road project was advertised by the National Procurement Commission (NPC) in the Post Courier and The National Newspapers of Monday April 8, 2024 and thereafter, eight (8) bidders responded to the advertisement and submitted their bids. After the first and second stage of the evaluation by the NPC Technical Financial Evaluation Committee (TFEC) of NPC, the NPC Board awarded the contract to Kaiaworks Civil Engineering Contractors on May 8, 2025 and the contract signing took place on Friday 18th of July 2025.

The project is funded through the PNG Government's PACD Project with support of the World Bank and implemented by the CICL.

Meanwhile, construction work is expected to begin towards the end of August and should be completed before the end of April 2026.



Chief Operations Officer, Steven Tumaë (centre) and CICL officers with Hon. Kerenga Kua and his team during their visit to the CICL headquarters in Goroka.

Govt backs Wahgi Mek revival

The Coffee Ministry through the Coffee Industry Corporation Ltd (CICL) presented a cheque of K500,000 on Monday, September 8th, 2025 to Wahgi Mek Plantations Ltd in Banz, Jiwaka Province.

The significant occasion was witnessed by government representatives, provincial and district local leaders and the people of Jiwaka Province.

Coffee Minister William Bando congratulated Jiwaka Governor Simon Kaiwi and his administration for taking a bold step to revive this historical plantation. "We at CICL and the Coffee Ministry are happy to partner with Jiwaka Provincial Government to provide the seed capital of K500,000 to support Wahgi Mek."

Bando made the commitment that through the Ministry and the government's support, more funding is expected to be secured towards this cause. The Minister announced that there was a Coffee Credit Facility worth K10m funding available. "If you are a smallholder or block holder, we have the funds available. I have talked to the National Development Bank (NDB) who will manage this money. Equity requirements will be lowered so that our people must be able to access this funding." An agreement with NDB is expected to be signed soon so that funds could be drawn down.

Bando said that Wahgi Mek started a year after PNG gained independence. "On the 50th independence anniversary, we are putting our hands and resources together to revive the great Wahgi Mek. It is the best thing we can do for coffee. We also have the Gumanch plantation and others in the country. This is a lesson we all can learn from. When the leadership is in place and the people are ready, we must not stop change from happening."

Despite undergoing many landowner issues and setbacks in the past 25 years, Wahgi Mek Plantation is now in the hands of a credible board and its executives in place to ensure funds are strictly put into rehabilitation purposes.

Newly appointed Wahgi Mek Plantations Ltd CEO, Mark Munnull is adamant that with the right people now on board and with proper processes followed to bring the company back into operation, the vision to bring Wahgi Mek into full operation is achievable.

"God has a timing, plan and purpose for everything on this earth and I believe the time to revive Wahgi

Mek is now." Munnull thanked the Jiwaka provincial government and administration for their support to bring back the company into operation and for presenting a funding support of K20m.

From the historical records, Wahgi Mek was established in 1976 during the early days after PNG's independence. The early and visionary forefathers of Western Highlands Province during those days saw how the early expatriates secured land and made business on the land and they followed suit. They purchased 13 plantations in the North and South Wahgi totalling up to almost 900 hectares.

Munnull said it took almost three years for the new administration to get things off the ground and less than K1m to put the company together and it is now in operation.

"I want to acknowledge all coffee plantation owners, block holders, and smallholders from Jimi, North and South Wahgi and Anglimp. I assure you all who are in the coffee business that Wahgi Mek is not coming back to put you out of business but to support you, we will all work together."

Going forward, the structure of the company is in place, IPA registered, TIN registered with IRC, bank account opened, the Chairman, CEO's signatories are in order and the system, and reporting protocols are in place for implementation to begin with the funding going direct to the company account. The potential revenue that the plantations are able to generate is between K15-20m into the economy of Jiwaka.

Munnull highlighted that Wahgi Mek had a colourful past although bringing it back into life would cause a lot of pain and hurt, but he challenged the people of Jiwaka that if they do not stand up now and support this call, no one will do this for them and for the future generations.



Jiwaka Governor Simon Kaiwi, Coffee Minister William Bando, CIC CEO Charles Dambui, Wahgi Mek Plantations Ltd CEO Mark Munnull and representatives from both the Jiwaka provincial government and Wahgi Mek plantations during the launching program.

State-of-the-art factory opened in Lae

Coffee Minister Hon. William Bando on Thursday, 25th September 2025 officially opened the new state-of-the-art Homestate Coffee Factory located at Tanam, Morobe Province.

The occasion was witnessed by leaders from both the provincial and national governments, business representatives in the province, coffee stakeholders and partners.

Mr Bando congratulated the Chairman of Homestate, Mr Paiboon Wetwattana and his team for this investment into the coffee industry that will greatly assist coffee farmers in Morobe, and other maritime provinces who over the years had to transport their coffee all the way to Goroka for processing.

“When we talk about taking back PNG, we must take our people with us. I have travelled to a couple of coffee plantations and factories, and I can say that our people are so engaged and resilient. As Minister for this important sector that supports over 450, 000 households that equates to about 2-3 million individuals, this is where the money should be spent. To the Chairman of Homestate Mr Wetwattana, our host, distinguished guests, industry partners and most importantly the coffee growers of Morobe, thank you for your commitment to our nation.”



Coffee Minister Hon. William Bando, Homestate Chairman Mr Paiboon Wetwattana, Homestate Director Moses Maladina, CICL Acting CEO and Chief Operations Officer, Steven Tumae and partners at the official opening of the Homestate Dry Processing Mill at Tanam, Morobe Province.

“I stand before you today not just as your Coffee Minister, but a son of this land who understands that coffee is not just a crop. It is a heartbeat of the rural economy, hope of our families and the green gold that will one day underpin the course of our country.”

Minister Bando highlighted that the opening of this state-of-the-art Homestate’s dry processing mill is far more than a corporate event. “It is a profound political

statement. It is a declaration by this government that we are decisively moving away from a colonial era model of raw commodity extraction. We are now marching towards a new era of in-country value addition, job creation, and national wealth retention.”

Mr Bando added that his Ministry is mobilizing with the government and partners to build coffee access roads, address coffee berry borer infestation, setting up the Green Gold Card (soon to be launched) to support farmers with price, and drive research and development through developing climate resilient seedlings and modern farming techniques.

CICL Acting CEO and Chief Operations Officer, Steven Tumae, said that Homestate and CICL had a working relationship spanning over 10 years. “They initially approached CICL and asked for permit to build in 2016 and we denied their application because of some irregularities in relation to policy guidelines. From that initial contact a decade ago, we fast-forward to January 2025 when Homestate was licensed as a Dry Coffee Processing Mill. Today, we open its doors to the growers of Morobe and wider PNG.”

Tumae said Homestate is a major player in rice, instant noodles, salt, sugar and foam boxes. “Their strategic diversification into coffee signals immense confidence in the coffee industry. It also adds significant capacity to Morobe Province, a province with a rich coffee heritage. I also take this time to acknowledge the contributions of past and present factory owners and exporters in Morobe who have served farmers well and continue to this day. You have laid the groundwork. Today we build upon it.”

Firm told to meet national coffee export targets

The newly opened Homestate state-of-the-art coffee factory at Tanam, Nadzab has been challenged to meet five percent of the national coffee export target set out by the government.

Coffee Minister Hon. William Bando said this when he officiated at the opening of the new coffee factory owned by the Homestate Co-operation Ltd.

“To Homestate, and all processors and exporters here today: Your license to operate comes with a strategic national responsibility. The CICL has set you a target of 150,000 bags – 5% of 3 million bags or 150,000 GB bags per annum or 400,000 new coffee trees. This is your mandate. This growth must be inclusive and equitable. Not just your export volume will measure your success, but by the improved living standards of the 300 family units you will connect with, the fair prices you pay at the factory door, and the shared value you create,” he said.

Homestate Co-operation Ltd founder and chairman, Paiboon (Tony) Wetwattana, said the company is a Papua New Guinean-owned family business officially registered in 2000 with IPA. Wetwattana who became a PNG citizen in 2017 now serves as Chairman. He is joined by his brother Pongsak Wetwattana (Director), and the next generation of the family, Ms Thunyawan Pattapol (CEO) and Mr. Kavipob Pattapol (COO), both permanent residents of PNG.

He said for over 25 years, Homestate has been a leading importer and distributor of quality rice in PNG, guided by the principle “From Farm to Table,” have focused on providing affordable and high-quality rice products to the tables of PNG families.

In 2025, Homestate expanded into the coffee industry with the same vision of building value along the entire supply chain-“From Tree to Cup.”

Wetwattana added that the coffee project represents an investment of almost K100 million, reflecting their commitment to growing and supporting the PNG coffee industry.

He highlighted that their coffee business includes their own coffee farm, their farmers and partners, processing facility with a capacity of 30 tonnes per day, quality control laboratory services, and training and farmer support programs.

CICL Chief Operations Officer, Steven Tumae, said it is a purely private sector investment; no government funding is involved in it. “They have done it on their own time and cost. Our farmers from Morobe do not need to travel up the Highlands to process their coffee. It is uneconomical. This will save them time and cost.”

He said it is one of the outcomes of the Government’s push for public-private sector partnerships. “Today, we witness one such partnership with Homestate with the opening of their coffee factory to serve farmers in Morobe and nearby coastal coffee growing provinces.”

Meanwhile, the approval of all coffee operators licenses for 2025 have been approved by the interim CICL Board, which consists of government representatives from the departments of Agriculture & Livestock, Treasury, and Trade and Commerce.



The interior of the Homestate dry processing factory.

CICL partners with agrotech schools



Bena Bena Secondary students acquiring skills of sowing coffee seeds in the newly prepared germination beds.



Provision of coffee curriculum teaching aid and nursery tools and equipment to partner Agrotech schools- Rintebe Secondary.

Many secondary schools in the country are transitioning to or being transformed into Agrotechnical schools as part of a government's policy to provide practical skills and align education with economic needs. This vital change is focused on imparting agricultural and technical knowledge, preparing students for lifelong success. The government supports this idea by promoting Technical & Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and investing in several of the secondary schools in the country to migrate into Agrotechnical schools.

In Eastern Highlands, four secondary schools were nominated to be converted into Agrotechnical schools; Bena Bena, Asaroka, Rintebe and Kabiufa Secondary schools. The four schools are now in the phase of migrating into Agrotech status.

CICL Chief Operations Officer, Steven Tumae, said these schools are selected primarily because they have larger agricultural land area for farming livestock and crops. CICL Coffee Curriculum and Training section is having dialogue and partnering with these schools to establish coffee learning as one of their subjects under their Agrotech program. Through partnering with such schools, land can be allocated for the school's coffee farm development. Bena Bena and Rintebe Secondary have both proposed more than 5 ha each for coffee farm development. This development of school coffee farm directly contributes towards increase in PNG coffee production.

He said it is important to impart and educate life skills and knowledge to students at all levels. Those that are unable to pursue further in their formal education journey can rely on the basic skills acquired to help themselves in their respective villages or homes. This directly reduces number of youths drifting into urban towns contributing to law and order problems.

Youth development is important to ensure that in the long run we have a more literate, productive and responsible members of the society, who actively contribute towards nation building.

CICL will continue to partner and work closely and establish coffee learning in these schools. With the current economic scenario and job opportunities available in the country, students who participate under this program in the Agrotech schools have a second chance in life to help themselves.

School establishes coffee nursery

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Through this partnership, CICL is closely working with the school agriculture teachers with the understanding from the School Administration and Provincial Education Director's Office.

Some of the interventions in the schools include;

1. Provision of Coffee Curriculum materials to partner schools – teachers resources books, teacher's guide handbook, posters, charts, brochures, etc.
2. Organising and funding coffee knowledge and skills training for the agriculture teachers.
3. Coffee nursery project establishment for students' practical lessons and
4. School coffee farm project development.



Rintebe Agrotech Secondary Principal Mrs Basse and Agriculture teacher Mr Mai Yakopa, standing beside the schools coffee nursery project consisting of 20,000 seedlings.

|| Story and photos by Michael Kaugam- Coffee Curriculum Officer ||

Coffee extension manual training of trainers program completed

The CICL-PACD project launched its sixth Coffee Extension Training of Trainers (TOT) at the Coffee Research Institute in Aiyura, Eastern Highlands Province on Monday July 21, 2025.

The training marked a significant step in enhancing local expertise and promoting sustainable coffee cultivation practices across the country.

The coffee extension service is an important part of the coffee development of the coffee industry. The participants were from coffee cooperative societies, which was facilitated by the CICL-PACD project.

CICL-PACD project conducted five previous training sessions, and this was the 6th batch of participants.

The participants who attended were students from Sonoma Adventist College and most were from the cooperative groups who had received certificates facilitated by CICL-PACD project from Western Highlands, Jiwaka, Simbu and Eastern Highlands Provinces.

CICL-PACD Project Manager, Potaisa Hombunaka expressed his gratitude for the participants who were present at the training. He said the training will help the farmers who are in the cooperatives to supply quality coffee and in return receive good income. "The project aims to train the farmers so that they can receive a fair income through group marketing to sustain their livelihoods," he said.

Hombunaka said this batch of coffee extension trainers will remain in the communities with this coffee knowledge to help coffee growers in their respective areas. He said the training will help the farmers, so that in the near future they will sell quality coffee for better price. Hombunaka urged the representative from the 33 cooperatives to learn as much as they can to improve on what they were already doing on the ground.

The training was facilitated by David Freyne, who also facilitated similar trainings in the past.

Present at the opening of the training were CICL-PACD Project Manager Mr. Potaisa Hombunaka, CICL-PACD Project Partnership Coordinator Mr. Alphy Semy, Facilitator Mr. David Freyne, Eastern Zone Senior Partnership Officer Mr. Raymond Dalla, CICL-PACD Staff, and lead partners from the five provinces.

|| Story and photo by Yomba KisimPiksa ||



Training participants who attended the 6th TOT training with facilitors in Aiyura.

Megabo coffee coop receives first payment under group marketing

Megabo Coffee Cooperative Society from Upper Bena area in Unggai Bena District of Eastern Highlands Province paid out K295, 353.00 to its members through the Group Marketing Concept at the end of August 2025.

Utilizing the Group Marketing Concept through the CICL-PACD project coffee cooperative crusade program, Megabo Coffee Cooperative Society marked and celebrated proceeds of their coffee sale from their first sale of 321 parchment bags weighing 15, 447 kg.

CICL-PACD Project Manager, Potaisa Hombunaka congratulated the group and encouraged them to continue doing the good work they are already doing in mobilizing and working together as a community. He told other farmers who were not in the group not to feel down, but to join the cooperative group in their next round of sales. He highlighted that within the next 5-10 years, the community will be able to see more changes in what they will earn and bring greater wealth into their community through group marketing.

Deputy Chairman of Megabo Coffee Cooperative Society, Mutu Samo, said for many years they have struggled to find ways that could help them earn better and they are now seeing this through their first sales since receiving guidance and assistance from CICL-PACD project.

"We have always worked hard and have seen nothing good from our sweat. We want to earn good income to help us pay for school fees, build houses and make some good things for our families. This is our first time to participate under this program and we are very pleased with it," he said.

The members of the Megabo Coffee Cooperative Society consists of smallholder coffee growers from Megabo No. 1 and 2, including the Wesan areas of Safanota, Nupanota, Kumai, Kogaru No. 2, Napavo and upper part of Ganegamautausa.

The group is registered with Cooperative Societies of Papua New Guinea Ltd through arrangements with funding support assisted by the CICL-PACD Project's Coffee Cooperative Crusade (3Cs) Program.



Megabo coffee farmers gather and listen to their leaders and CICL-PACD team during the presentation of their first coffee sales.

CICL receive awards from Nasfund



Nasfund Chief Executive Officer Rajeev Sharma (right) presenting awards to CICL accounts officers, Shirley Teine and Lillian Kongri in Mt Hagen.

Nasfund Limited has held its Annual Employer Conference for the Highlands region in Mt. Hagen, the third in a series of four conferences that was rolled out across the country in June this year. These regional events brought employers together to gather updates on superannuation, and encourage best practices for all employers and their respective staff.

A key moment at the conference was the recognition of the Coffee Industry Corporation Limited (CICL) accounts officers who travelled to Mt. Hagen to receive two awards under:

- * *Best Employer with Employer Voluntary Contributions – Category B (Winner)*
- * *Most Compliant Employer in Mandatory Contributions – Category B (2nd Runner-Up)*

Nasfund Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Rajeev Sharma said, “these awards reflect CICL’s ongoing commitment to looking after its employees’ future through regular and voluntary super contributions.”

He said, “CICL’s leadership in this space is an example for others across the Highlands and PNG.”

Other employer award recipients from the region included:

- * Lahani Finance– Best Non-Mandatory Contribution Employer
- * Jojo Enterprise Limited– Best Non-Mandatory Contribution Employer
- * Asaroka Lutheran High School– Category C Runner-Up

The program included presentations from Anne Wilson, Chief Officer Member and Employer Services, and Fiona Nelson, Chief Investment Officer, followed by an open Q&A session.



Coffee Growing Provinces In Papua New Guinea



Keys

-  Coffee Growing Province
-  Major Coffee Growing Province of Arabica coffee