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Your Ref:

5th April, 2023

MANAGEMENT
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SOLOMON ISLANDS

ATT: CAPTAIN/PILOT

"without Prejudice"

By Hand

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: RESTRICTION TO ENTER INTO KWAI HARBOUR, EAST MALAITA

We refer to the above and confirm acting on instruction from representatives of late Joel Ledia Sipolo's family (for purposes of this letter herein referred to as "our Client").

Per instructions, our Client's family/group are the rightful customary custodians/owners of Kwai Harbour.

Per our Client's instruction the following is to be taken into account;

- No shipment (bringing materials for any development, whether government or private) is allowed to enter into Kwai Harbour, East Malaita, <u>until</u> entrance fee is met, as per earlier understanding with relevant responsible Authority.
- 2.) Entrance fee as understood per the prior understanding is \$40,000-00.

Note that our Client and party have issued letters on the same to the responsible Authority as early as 4th August, 2022 (last year) and a subsequent letter on 6th March, 2023 (this year). This is the third letter to that effect.

It is hereby advisable that relevant steps are taken to liaise with relevant Authority(s) and/or stakeholder(s) regarding this matter before deciding on whether to disembark to the destination in subject (should an arrangement to travel has been made).

We will also be requesting immediate assistance from the Royal Solomon Islands Police to convey our Client's concern to your attention to ensure that our Client's concern is taken seriously.

By copy of the same, relevant Authorities and stakeholders are hereby duly notified.

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Grateful for your understanding and prompt response.

Yours Sincerely,

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Hubert O. Fugui

cc: Minister, MID, DPM Honorable Manase Maelanga

cc: PS, MRD, Dr. Samson Viulu

cc: Ambassador, Chinese Embassy, Li Ming

√cc: PPC, RSIPF