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06/03/23

Hon. Deputy Prime Minister
Ministry of Infrastructure Development
HONIARA.

Dear Sir,

Re: REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING FEES – EAST MALAITA MIN HOSPITAL PROJECT

I write further to my solicitor's letter dated 0/0822. Attached is an unsigned copy of that letter.

I refer to paragraph 9 of that letter which sets out the conditions upon which my demand is also based. It is clear that you have failed to honour your part of the verbal agreement we reached after our discussions for instalment payments of land fees similar to that paid to the other tribe that did not own the land. Since it is now more than 30 days since that time, the total amount now outstanding will be $200,000.00 (option 2 and not option 1).
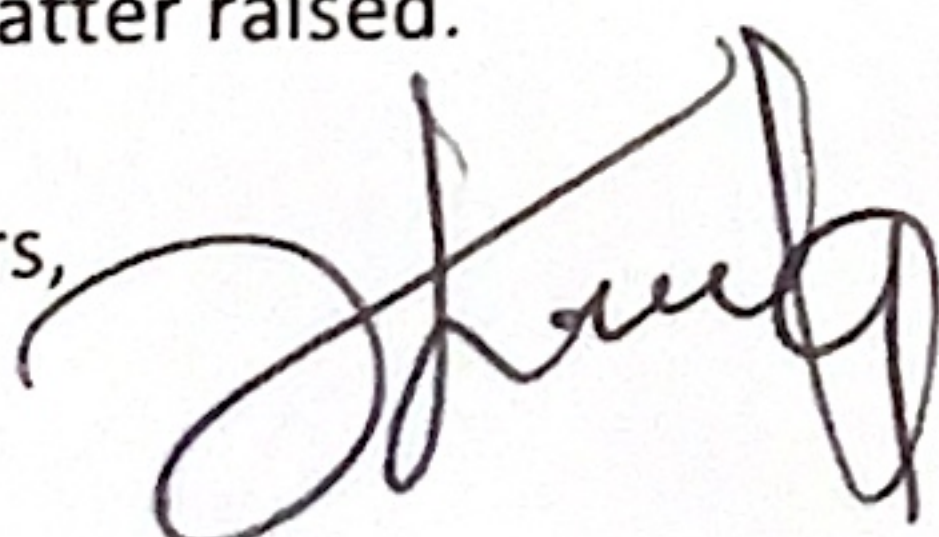
As you will recall, you made a payment of $13,000.00 to me promising to make further payments to settle the $100,000.00 (option 1). As that has not happened in the last 7 months, option 1 is no longer available to you and so I am now exercising my right as customary owner to demand immediate payment of the total of $183,000 ($200,000 – $13,000,00).

Be informed also that the entrance into Kwakwaru Harbour is owned by my clan and given your lacks attitude I have no other option but to also refuse entry of any vessel sent to the project site and demand payment of $40,000.00. A copy of a court decision confirming that ownership is attached.

In all our interests, I am requesting that you make both payments ($183,000.00 and $40,000.00 which totals **$223,000.00)** before any vessel sets sail with any materials for the Mini Hospital. Failing this will leave us with no choice but to exercise our customary rights as owners of both the land upon which the Mini Hospital is built and the Harbour entrance.

I hope the contents of this letter are clear and do not hesitate to call me if you want us to discuss any matter raised.

Sincerely Yours,

Jack Samo
Representing the family of Joel Ledia Sipolo.
CC: Project Manager, East Malaita Mini Hospital Project.