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2           **WHEREAS**, GWA management is requesting CCU concurrence with and support of  
3 this Ministerial Communique on the Pacific Water Agenda; and  
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5           **WHEREAS**, GWA Management further requests that the Chairman of the Board and  
6 the GWA General Manager sign the Agenda on behalf of the CCU and GWA.  
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8           **NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Consolidated Commission on Utilities  
9 does hereby approve and authorize the following:

10           **Section 1.** The foregoing recitals hereto are hereby ratified, confirmed,  
11 incorporated herein by reference, and hereby constitute the findings of the CCU.

12           **Section 2.** The Consolidated Commission on Utilities approves and adopts the  
13 attached Ministerial Communique on the Pacific Water Agenda (Exhibit A).

14           **Section 3.** The CCU further agrees to the Chairman of the Board and the GWA  
15 General Manager signing the Ministerial Communique on the Pacific Water Agenda on behalf  
16 of the CCU and the GWA.  
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18           **RESOLVED**, that the Chairman certified and the Board Secretary attests to the  
19 adoption of this Resolution.  
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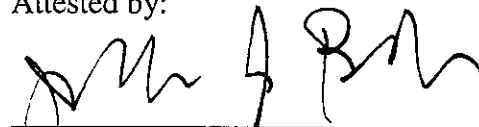
21           **DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED**, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2016.  
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23           Certified by:

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25 **JOSEPH T. DUENAS**  
26 Chairperson

23           Attested by:

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25 **J. GEORGE BAMBA**  
26 Secretary

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1 I, J. George Bamba, Board Secretary of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, as  
2 evidenced by my signature above do hereby certify as follows:

3 The foregoing is a full, true and accurate copy of the resolution duly adopted at a regular  
4 meeting by the members of the Guam Consolidated Commission on Utilities, duly and  
5 legally held at a place properly noticed and advertised at which meeting a quorum was  
6 present and the members who were present voted as follows:

6 AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ 5  
7 NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ 0  
8 ABSTENTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_ 0  
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# EXHIBIT A

## 8<sup>th</sup> PACIFIC WATER CONFERENCE 2015, PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE ON THE PACIFIC WATER AGENDA

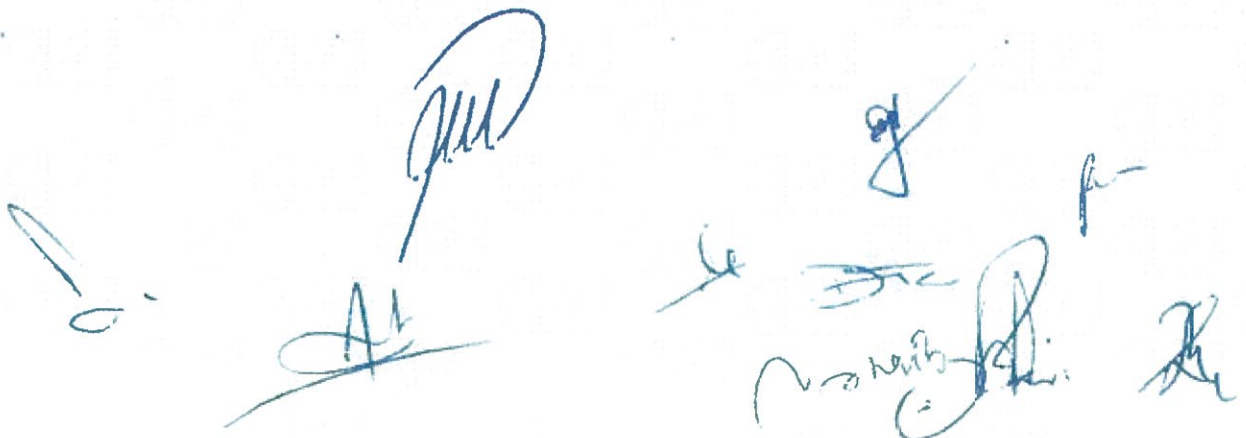
The Pacific Water Conference 2015 hosted the inaugural ministerial forum in Port Moresby PNG. This has been the first conference of its kind in the Pacific.

The Ministerial forum was held in conjunction with the Pacific Water Conference that hosted all the Pacific Islands water utilities.

The following communiqué were adopted by the Ministers present at the Conference. The Ministers have agreed and committed to:

1. Provide strong leadership and champion the Pacific Water Agenda by bringing water and sanitation challenges faced by Pacific Water and Wastewater Utilities into prominence at the regional and national levels. Some critical issues within the Pacific Water Agenda include delivering sustainable, affordable and accessible water & sanitation services to all, Climate Change and Gender Equity.
2. Meet annually as a ministerial water forum in the Pacific region to focus on water developments and advancements on dealing with the critical issues.
3. Recognise that a stronger PWWA will lead to stronger regional water outcomes.
4. Support the application of PWWA for CROP membership under the Pacific Islands Forum to become the 'voice' for Pacific water.
5. Support PWWA in its efforts to continue growing as the Pacific's leading professional water body and strengthen its capacity to support its members to strive to best industry practice and deliver regional programmes, such as benchmarking, water operator's partnerships and other advocacy activities.
6. Recognise that stronger water utilities lead to stronger local outcomes.
7. Support the key priorities and actions that were generated at the Conference where utility members collaborated with partners to respond to critical regional issues and improve their local services. (Refer attached).

The Ministers are committed to working together to provide the leadership to achieve this agenda.

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## **THEME 1 – WATER AND TECHNOLOGY**

**Key Message 1:** Appropriate infrastructure, information and institutions for water knowledge and training in the Pacific, that support sustainable management of water and wastewater.

**Key Message 2:** Develop and establish appropriate water engineering standards for the Pacific nations.

**Key Message 3:** Develop appropriate guidelines to enhance water resource security, improved water resource planning and management and capacity to respond to disasters, Eg: El Nino

## **THEME 2 – ASSET MANAGEMENT**

**Key Message 1:** Promote and increase awareness on the value of asset management to all water utilities. Encourage implementation of asset management plans at the local level to increase the sustainability of water & sanitation assets and to reduce operational risks.

**Key Message 2:** Foster a paradigm shift from a 'design-build-replace' culture to a 'design-build-sustain' culture.

**Key Message 3:** Capitalise on opportunities and implement training on Asset Management to enhance staff knowledge and skills.

## **THEME 3 – SUSTAINABLE WATER DEVELOPMENTS**

**Key Message 1:** Adopt effective governance models to ensure the utility operations are efficient, sustainable and accessible.

**Key Message 2:** Consider correct user pays tariff frameworks for water services in the Pacific Region to eliminate water wastage and strive for full cost recovery.

**Key Message 3:** Ensure proper construction management and supervision are in place for all development and investment projects.

## **THEME 4 – NON REVENUE WATER**

**Key Message 1:** Increase utility commitment to reduce non-revenue water and adverse impact on our strained water resources.

**Key Message 2:** Form a dedicated team in each utility to deal with non-revenue water and meet PWWA Benchmarking targets.

**Key Message 3:** Institutionalise a strong work conscience towards achieving non-revenue water goals.

## **THEME 5 – WATER AND COMMUNITY**

**Key Message 1:** Implement training and awareness programs at community level on sustainable water management and development.

**Key Message 2:** Develop culturally appropriate strategies to deal effectively with land issues and ensure the voice of land owners are heard.



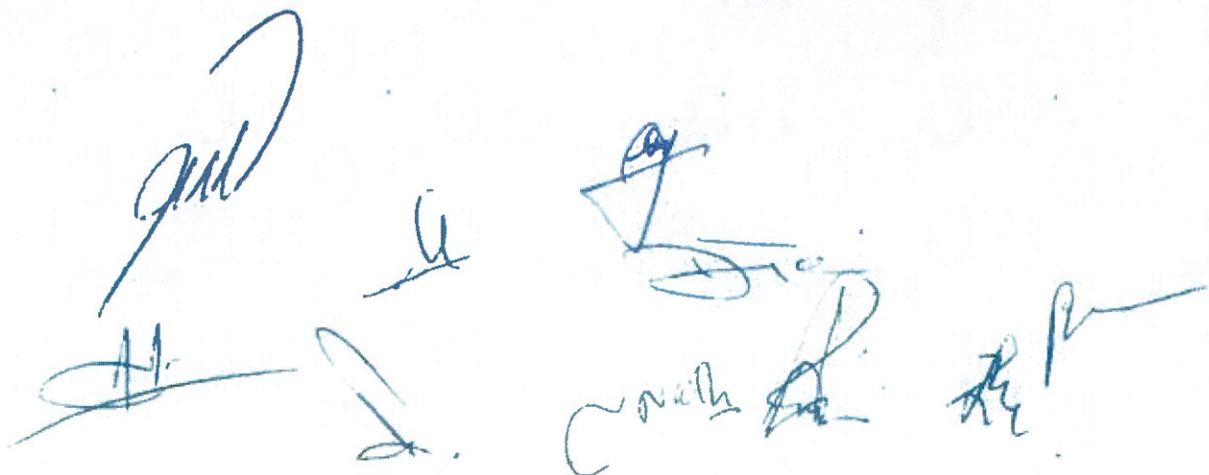
**Key Message 3:** Promote awareness of critical issues concerning the dramatic growth of peri-urban communities in the Pacific, and encourage utilities to service their water needs.

### THEME 6 = WATER AND GENDER

**Key Message 1:** Promote awareness about gender issues in the Pacific water sector and develop a PWWA policy to guide national strategies on addressing this in the utilities.

**Key Message 2:** Incorporate gender disaggregated data as part of PWWA benchmarking activity.

**Key Message 3:** Create an advisory group on gender equality with the aim of assisting PWWA in mainstreaming gender equality consideration in its activities and products.

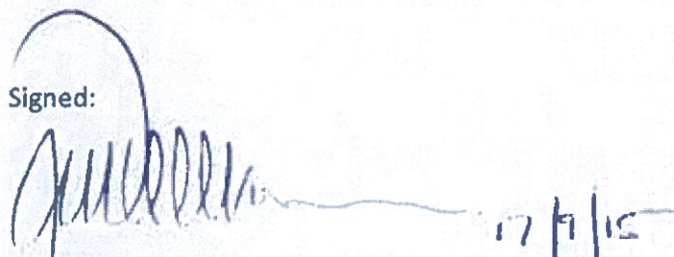


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## MINISTERIAL DECLARATION

We declare that on behalf of our governments, we approve the MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE ON THE PACIFIC WATER AGENDA developed during the 8<sup>th</sup> Pacific Water Conference and Expo, 2015, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

Signed:



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Government of PNG



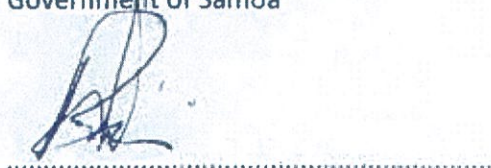
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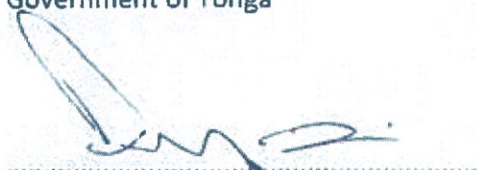
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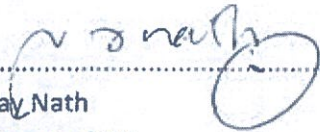
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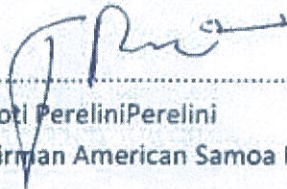
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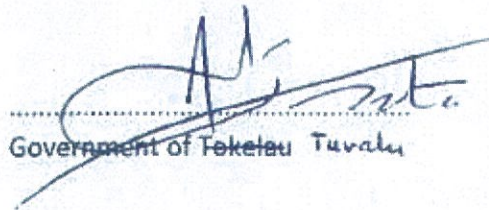
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