



NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANS FOR IRC AMID COVID-19

This notice serves to inform all taxpayers that IRC has developed a comprehensive Business Continuity Plan to address the risks posed by Coronavirus (COVID-19). There are two responses that we have developed. The first response is designed to address the safety of our staff and taxpayers/agents as well as ensuring continuity of our critical activities. The Second Response is designed to address the economic impact on taxpayers and their tax obligations as a consequence of COVID-19. We will be discussing some of those options regarding the latter with Treasury if there are policy considerations to take into account. The details of these measures will be released from time to time.

In the meantime, a reminder to all persons entering our headquarters at Downtown Port Moresby that our security officers will subject everyone to use the hand sanitizers to cleanse your hands before entering the building.

As an organisation, we have categorised risks from State 1 (Code Green), Stage 2 (Code Orange) and Stage 3 (Code Red). At this juncture, PNG hasn't registered a COVID-19 positive case yet and we are therefore managing it at Code Green stage. However, take notice that we will be scaling down on physical interactions as the risk level elevates. We therefore encourage taxpayers to start consider submitting returns and making electronic payments. We also encourage taxpayers to consider using telephones and emails to communicate with us.

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