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## **SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) OPERATIONS EXPENDITURE CLAIMS**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This AIC is issued to advise the industry of the new arrangement regarding the payment of Search and Rescue services and expenses incurred as a result of aircraft engaged in Search and Rescue operations by Rescue Coordinating Centre (RCC).

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In the past the responsibility for payment of all SAR related expenses incurred by aircraft operators during a SAR operation rested with the then Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) as an agent of the State.

However, Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has ceased to exist and SAR functions and responsibilities have been transferred to PNG Air Services Limited. PNGASL still maintains and has taken responsibility to coordinate all SAR efforts in respect of all civil aircraft.

### **3. PAYMENTS**

- 3.1 Claims for payments for expenses incurred during SAR operations will now be referred to Department of Transport who will facilitate payment. PNGASL, upon receipt of invoices etc, will process all paperwork including verification of hours and justification for payment before submitting the paperwork to the Secretary, Department of Transport.

All original claims must therefore be submitted to PNGASL through the Rescue Coordination Centre for processing.

- 3.2 All subsequent enquiries for payment must be referred to the Deputy Secretary – Technical Services, Department of Transport, located at the Enga House, 7 Mile, Jacksons Airport on telephone number 325 7500 (PABX). This arrangement is necessary to ensure payments are made in a timely manner.

4. **CANCELLATION**

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