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Hon. Sam Basil, MP
Minister for Communications, IT and Energy
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My dear Minister;

RE: COMMUNICATION AND SECTOR COUNTERPART FUNDING/PROGRAMS IN GULF

Reference to the above subject and the poor state of communication and energy services in Gulf Province requires immediate intervention at the national and provincial level. The O'Neill Government is focused on delivering infrastructure and economic impact projects which can be impeded due to lack of awareness, information and poor communication as well as rural electrification.

I have announced my Provincial Government's Vision, Policy & Programs which includes communication sector. We have made commitments on the following programs that requires funding, technical or advisory support from your Ministry and its various statutory boards:

- Re-opening of NBC Gulf Radio Services
- improved NBC transmitters and frequency throughout Gulf
- Improved Telecommunication (phone and mobile) services
- Improved Radio and TV Network coverage
- Restoration of Malalaua and Kikori District HQ Electricity system

I am willing to discuss this further or your Department can contact Mr. Paul Apio on 7534 7032 or Mr. Wilson Thompson on 7591 5092 1016 for clarifications and details.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Chris S. Haiveta, CMG, MP

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