



NATIONAL ENERGY AUTHORITY

## MEDIA RELEASE

### FATAL ELECTROCUTION INCIDENT AT 6 MILE – PORT MORESBY

The National Energy Authority (NEA) regrets to confirm a fatal electrocution incident that occurred between 9:40am and 10am on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025, at 6 Mile in Port Moresby, NCD. The victim, a 32-year-old woman, tragically lost her life after being struck by a live high-voltage conductor from a 11kV overhead line that reportedly snapped due to a conductor bridging (Joint) failure. Emergency services responded immediately, and the victim was transported by St. John's Ambulance to the Port Moresby General Hospital. Sadly, she was pronounced dead on arrival.

#### Statement by Mr. Ronald Meketa, Managing Director of NEA:

"On behalf of the Government and the National Energy Authority, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of the deceased. We share in their grief and stand in solidarity during this very difficult time."

"The NEA, as the energy regulator, has received an accident report in accordance with Section 104 of the **National Energy Authority Act 2021**, and is taking this incident very seriously, with the commencement of the independent investigation pursuant to Section 96 of the **National Energy Authority Act 2021**. As part of the independent investigation, the NEA is working with the PNG Power Limited to obtain relevant information to determine the root cause of the failure, assess the condition of the infrastructure, and evaluate compliance with safety standards and maintenance protocols."

"We will ensure that upon completion of the NEA's investigation, and where permitted in law, findings will be shared with the public and that corrective actions are taken to avoid any recurrence of such a tragic event. Public safety remains our highest priority."

The NEA is also reviewing the broader condition of aging infrastructure and associated risk factors, across all centers of PNG.

Should the public have any relevant information related to the fatal accident, please immediately communicate with the NEA on the following contact details:

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