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Dear Colleagues - Partners, Collaborators and Stakeholders of NARI

- Ref: **Appointments of Dr Sergie Bang as Director General and Dr Workneh Ayalew as Deputy Director General of PNG National Agricultural Research Institute (NARI)**

We are very pleased to advise that **Dr Sergie Kopen Bang** has been appointed as **Director General of NARI** commencing from 8th December 2013. Also we are pleased to inform that **Dr Workneh Ayalew** has been appointed as **Deputy Director General** of NARI effective from 16th December 2013.

Dr Bang is endowed with an in-depth knowledge of agricultural research for development, his experience at senior and corporate management levels and his understanding of development issues involved at the national and international levels. While Dr Workneh Ayalew is endowed with expertise as biological scientist, especially in animal sciences and systems research and scientific leadership at national and international levels.

We are assured that the re-strengthened Executive Management, comprising of Drs Bang as Director General and Dr Ayalew as Deputy Director General, has got a combined strength, experience and expertise in effectively leading the Institute to heighten its performance in all aspects.

As you will appreciate NARI has made a considerable progress over the last 16 years. It is fully matured and robust organization of high relevance to development of PNG and the Pacific region. We are also uniquely advantaged that the PNG Government, AusAID, EU, ACIAR and a number of national, regional and international organizations have been providing much needed support to the Institute.

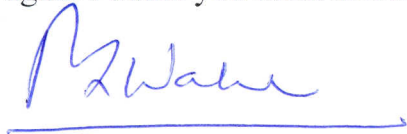
The Institute's challenges, however, continue as a lot needs to be progressed and achieved in improving efficiency in and effectiveness of agricultural research in creating development impact at the smallholder farming and rural community levels in PNG.

While handing over the role and responsibility of the NARI DG position to the new Executive Management, I take this opportunity to present my most sincere appreciation and grateful thanks to you and your colleagues in your organization for your immense and invaluable support to NARI over the years.

At the same time I request and urge your continued partnership and support to NARI as young and vibrant organization poised to make positive contributions to livelihoods and prosperity of people of PNG and the Pacific region. That will go a long way in enhancing NARI's abilities and capacities to deliver on under the new Executive Management of Dr Sergie Bang and Dr Workneh Ayalew and both will highly cherish and treasure such support.

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Once again I thank you most sincerely and wish you all the best.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raghu', with a horizontal line underneath.

Raghunath Ghodake
former Director General

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: Dr Sergie Bang, DG, NARI
: Dr Workneh Ayalew, DDG, NARI