

INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA NATIONAL PANDEMIC ACT 2020

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER NO.7 COVID-19 TESTING MEASURES

- I, Commissioner David Manning, Controller, by virtue of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the *National Pandemic Act 2020* and all other enabling powers, hereby issue the following measures:
- 1. No COVID-19 testing equipment shall be used to test for COVID-19, except:
 - a. as listed in Schedule 1; and
 - b. as authorised by the Controller.
- 2. No person or organisation may conduct COVID-19 testing, except:
 - a. as listed in Schedule 2; and
 - b. as authorised in writing by the Controller.
- 3. All persons or organisations that conduct any form of Covid-19 test, must provide all positive tests results to the Controller within 24 hours of the result being known, and all negative results once a week.
- A person or organization that does not comply with these Measures deemed to have committed an offence under the National Pandemic Act 2020.
- 5. Any Authorised Officer(s) appointed by the Controller pursuant to the Act, shall carry out and enforce these Measures accordingly.
- 6. These Measures come into effect on 13 May 2021 and shall apply until the end of the Declaration of a Pandemic under the Act, or as varied or revoked by the Controller.

Signed:

13th May 2021

DAVID MANNING, MBE, DPS, OPMMIC RE

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Schedule 1 - COVID-19 Authorised Testing Equipment

- Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR)
- Gene Xpert
- Abbot Panbio Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test (Ag-RDT)
- Abbot ID NOW Molecular Antigen Test

Schedule 2 - Approved Persons and Organisations to Conduct COVID-19 Testing

- National Department of Health
- Institute of Medical Research Papua
 New Guinea
- Provincial Health Authorities
- Port Moresby General Hospital
- St John Ambulance
- OkTedi Mining
- Simberi Gold
- 2K Medical Clinic

- Newcrest Mining
- K92 Mining
- Sky Health and Medical Services
- Morobe Consolidated Goldfields ltd
- Pacific International Hospital
- ExxonMobil
- ASPEN Medical
- International SOS
- Oil Search

