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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Revelation: Coal already Used in PNG – What about Heavy Fuel Oil?**

Mr Paul Mulder Managing Director of Mayur Resources in a recent interview said “the economies around PNG continue to prosper where PNG industry over the decades have had to take whatever steps it can to reduce its energy costs. It is amazing that most in PNG are not aware that coal has been imported from Indonesia and used for decades in PNG and as a case in point for the fisheries industry has been able to do this unhindered. This coal is imported to enable small tailored site specific operations to use coal, why? because it is cheaper and more reliable to do this vs. securing secure energy from within PNG. This is the inconvenient truth and PNG’s use of coal is the smallest grain of sand when you look at the sand pit around PNG and how much coal fired generation will continue to occur for the next 30 years by PNG’s neighbours. The last couple of decades PNG has accepted this coal being burnt but more importantly it is everyday practice for most businesses and PNG Power to heavily rely on heavy fuel oil and diesel with high sulphur and nitrogen oxide emissions without a 2nd thought. The fact the air quality in Lae fails to meet the World Health Organisations standards due to prolific diesel and heavy fuel oil use, goes largely unnoticed ironically when new technology that is available that PNG’s neighbours and Mayur would deploy, captures such emissions and can rectify this situation and drastically reduce prices and increase reliability.

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