

STATEMENT BY CHRIS SUMA, KOKODA LET P/L RE DAVID HOWELL

My name is Chris Suma from Koukou village in Oro Province.

I am the owner of an IPA registered company, PNG LET Trekking p/L and I have a partnership agreement with David Howell, the owner of Kokoda Historical to provide logistic support for his Kokoda Treks. A copy of the Agreement is attached.

Kokoda Historical is registered as a Business Name. It is not certified as Foreign Enterprise with IPA and is therefore not authorised to conduct business in PNG.

I was contracted by David Howell to organise 26 porters to support 11 Australian trekkers across the Kokoda Trail for the Anzac period between 16 and 24 April 2022.

After I started to make the arrangements to recruit the 26 porters, David Howell advised that I would only need to arrange for six porters as he has arranged for Kila Amuli to provide the other 20 porters.

Kila Amuli operates a group called 'Green Masin' but it is not registered as a Business Name or as a company with the IPA.

This was a breach of the partnership agreement I have with David Howell.

I advised David Howell that my price for allowing him to use my company and for arranging the logistic support for his 11 trekkers was based on K1900 per trekker – a total of K20,900. He agreed on a total price of K1900 which I accepted.

I then asked him for an advance payment so I could provide for my wife and family while I was away. He sent me K800 for this.

David Howell then paid me K3200 to purchase food for the 26 porters during the trek and arrange transport for the group from Popondetta.

He told me that his Australian trek leader, Greg Mercer, would pay for campsite fees and other expenses during the trek.

The trek was successfully completed but David Howell has not paid me the K19,000 he owes me. I told him that the other Tour Leader I worked for, Aidan Grimes, paid me immediately on completion of each trek he told me to 'go and such Aidan's dick then'.

He is now booked into the five star Stanley Hotel in Port Moresby and I have to sleep on the street because I have no money.

I called him at the hotel yesterday, the 24th April, and he told me he would pay me on Wednesday the 27th.

I have checked his itinerary and he is scheduled to fly back to Australia with his

group tomorrow – Tuesday, the 26th.

I therefore request that he be arrested, charged with offensive language under the Summary Offences Act for his verbal abuse to me, and that he not be allowed to leave PNG until he has paid me the K19,000 we agreed on.

I have recently been made aware of similar abusive behaviour by David Howell and his poor character and attach the following documents:

1. A Brief on David Howell by army Major Lindsay Adams;
2. Email from Barry Mundt re David Howell incident at Sogeri Lodge
3. A Trip Advisor Review on David Howell; and
4. Previous Client and Trip Advisor Feedback on David Howell



CHRIS SUMA
25 April 2022

Date 20 March 2020

Partnership Agreement

**Chris Suma of PNGLET Trekking
and
David Howell of Kokoda Historical**

Parties

This agreement is made between Chris Suma of PNGLET and David Howell of Kokoda Historical. PNGLET is a PNG owned and operated trekking and touring operator. Kokoda Historical is an Australian based trekking and touring agent.

Background

A Length of Partnership

Start

1. The Partnership commences on 20 March 2022

Ongoing until terminated

2. The Partnership continues until terminated under this Agreement. In relation to this:
 - the Partnership will continue if there is a change in Partners of the Partnership provided the Partnership has at least 2 Partners at all times;
 - in those circumstances, there will be no break in the continuity of the Partnership; and
 - if a Partner dies, the Partnership continues with the deceased Partner's legal personal representative, subject to the terms of this Agreement.

B The Partnership's name and business

Business Name for Partnership

3. The Business Name the Partnership will trade under:
 - PNGLET is the PNG business name of the 'Operator' ran by Chris Suma
 - Kokoda Historical is the name of the Business trading in Australia and is the travel coordinator and retail arm of the Australian operation.
 - May be changed by agreement between the Partners.

Compliance with Business Names

4. The Partners must ensure that the use of the Business Name, or the use of any other business names in connection with the Partnership, complies with the law.
5. PNGLET is the Operator register name in PNG and all business conducted by the Operator must be done under the legal PNG registered name.

6. Kokoda Historical is the Australian retail arm and the name Kokoda Historical will be used on branding relating to the public face of the business. Kokoda Historical will be responsible for the cost and purchase of branded materials such as banners, shirts, signs etc.

Business of Partnership

7. The purpose of the Partnership is to:

- Conduct the Business in trekking and touring in PNG, including but not limited to the Kokoda Track, Black Cat Track, Shaggy Ridge the Northern Beachheads, and other areas of interest pertaining to the types of battlefields touring that the partnership will provide.

and

- engage in such other activities as agreed between the Partners at any time.

Responsibilities

Chris Suma of PNGLET Trekking

1. To ensure that all business responsibilities pertaining to PNG law is complied with.
2. To maintain current license, certificates including:
 - IPA Business Registration Certificate
 - Kokoda Track Authority licence
3. To maintain a high level of customer service.
4. To ensure that all staff/contactors employed by PNGLET on behalf of Kokoda Historical adhere to their roles and responsibilities as set out in their terms of employment.
5. To ensure that all equipment including safety and communication equipment is maintained and kept in a serviceable and working order.
6. To report any safety incident to both partners and any third-party mandatory reporting chain example the KTA.
7. To ensure that all permits, guest house, employees are paid on time.
8. Track permits are made available upon request by KTA rangers
9. Not to conduct any other partnership with PNG or Australian company with relation to tourism in PNG without the express agreement of both parties.
10. To adapt existing operating procedures to match the retail arm of the Australian business.
11. To always wear the retail arm uniform

12. Not to public comment, including social media which may harm the relationship between the partnership.
13. Always act in good faith with respect to the partnership
14. Not to bring the partnership name of either PNGLET or Kokoda Historical into disrepute
15. To encompass the Green Masin into the new partnership structure.

Responsibilities

David Howell of Kokoda Historical

1. To maintain and provide plant equipment (stored at Stanley Hotel and Suites)
2. To maintain relationship with contractors such as hotels, transport, and airlines in PNG & Australia.
3. To manage Australian clients in Australia in preparation for their tour & treks in PNG
4. To comply with Australian law
5. To provide to all employees/contractors opputinitues for training and education
6. Pay all staff/contractors in full in a timely manner
7. To hold and maintain Public Liability Insurance
8. Always act in good faith with respect to the partnership
9. To provide training opputinitues for training of all PNGLET staff and contractors
10. To maintain memberships to Association based organisations such as the KTOA.

Standard Clause

Failure to comply by either party **WILL** result in immediate termination of this agreement. Furthermore, in the event the partnership has no ongoing concern each party agree to immediately cease the use of any business name associated with the other party.

Date.....

Date 01/03/2022

Date.....



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Chris Suma PNGLET

David Howell Kokoda Historical

Witness



Aidan Grimes



him



Chris suma is not happy...

➔ Aidan forwarded a message

He never paid me, he arranged to pay me K19,000.00 when I charged him K1,900.00 per trekkers he arranged to that but he didn't up till today when I asked him,he told me you go and suck Aidan's dick.



➔ Aidan forwarded a message

Aidan I will man handle him myself. I have a gun and I will make sure I break his legs with that gun myself and I will pii on him