



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **KAML FORECASTS INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD**

Kina Asset Management Limited (KAML) announced today that it had now resumed its long term investment strategy and acquired new assets in a range of global funds, and it had also increased its domestic investments by acquiring equities on the ASX and POMSx.

KAML chairman Sir Rabbie Namaliu said the company's investment manager had initiated a reduction to the current exposure of fixed deposits which had been in place since the third quarter of 2008.

Sir Rabbie said that KAML had continued its declared strategy of assessing the broad range of investment opportunities both locally and off shore and during the past two months had decided to move into the global funds market with some strategic acquisitions.

"Some key opportunities have been identified within the United States markets, and also in Australia and locally and we have acted on those recommendations," he said.

Sir Rabbie said there are signs of the commencement of recovery in some key economic sectors and that it was opportune for KAML to move into the equities market.

"KAML had commenced its program of acquisitions soon after its successful launch in July last year, but ceased the program in the third quarter, diverting a large percentage of its investment funds into the more secure money market sector with a range of fixed deposits," he said.

"This strategy has proved to be wise and whilst in our first six months the fund operated at a slight loss, we remain poised with solid reserves to re-enter the broader marketplace which is in line with our commitment to shareholders.

"There are some signs that in several key sectors the global economic downturn has slowed and the world economy appears to be showing some improvements and is slowly returning to positive growth.

"As an investment management group, we are making a considered move to be more active in the market and we will continue to look for further opportunities to increase the portfolio," he said

Sir Rabbie said that it was evident the PNG economy has felt the strain of the global economic crisis, and shares in Bank South Pacific and Credit Corporation (CCP) had been particularly affected and reflected the international trends impacting on KAML's portfolio.

However there is clear evidence that the major projects currently in the pipeline for the country were being actively pursued and the forecasts for the economy were very encouraging.

The fact that the early works for the LNG Project have been forecast to commence shortly is an important milestone for the future.



KAML had reported positive growth in its investment portfolio from December 2008 and during the first quarter of 2009.

Sir Rabbie said that KAML was working hard to ensure that shareholders were kept up to date with the progress of their investments.

He said a new comprehensive website would be launched shortly which would enable shareholders to have detailed information about the companies and organisations in which their funds were invested, and allow investors to link directly to the shareholdings within the KAML share registry.

"We are proposing to provide regular updates for shareholders so they can be truly involved with the progress of their investments" he said.

Sir Rabbie said despite the global economic downturn, KAML shares had held their price on the POMSoX since the successful IPO and continue to be well traded.

Sir Rabbie said KAML would be holding its first annual general meeting on Wednesday, 29 July 2009.

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