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TIPNG applauds NCDC trend to eradicate corruption

Transparency International PNG INC (TIPNG) commends the Chairman of the NCDC Hon. Powes Parkop and the City Manager Lesley Alu and the National Capital District Commission (NCDC) for taking a positive and prudent measure to stamp out corruption and possible fraud within the NCDC. The Governor has announced the suspension and investigation of 8 NCDC managers who are alleged to have operated a network that was defrauding the public monies vested in the NCDC.

TIPNG notes that the reported perpetrators are classified as senior finance officers; these are the very officers who should ensure all procedures are followed accordingly and instead seem to have collaborated and conspired to steal public funds. The public is crying out for action on the part of our political leaders to curtail the scourge of corruption, suspicion was raised when these individuals were seen to be living beyond their incomes.

The anti corruption organisation also congratulates the valour and integrity of the chief internal auditor who despite being offered a substantial bribe stood fast and reported the matter to the City Manager and Chairman.

TI PNG Chair Peter Aitsi said; “TI commends this honest citizen, the people of the NCD and PNG need to support and protect such whistleblowers as it will be the courage of these few who will in the end help us to expose those who steal the people’s money”

TIPNG now challenges other government agencies and departments to support the actions instigated by the NCDC. Over the years there have been rumours about networks and groups conspiring within various departments and agencies to steal public funds. The extent and magnitude of this has been highlighted and exposed through the Commission of Inquiry in to the Finance Department. The Governor and City Manager have shown us they are serious in fighting corruption, what about our other leaders?

Our Parliament and public institutions now require dedicated and honest leadership committed to ensuring all established processes and procedures are adhered to and services are delivered accordingly for the betterment of the people in the NCD and the country as a whole.

TIPNG commends and is calling on the NCDC administration to pursue the investigations further and ensure all responsible persons are dealt with accordingly using the laws of the land.