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Dear Mr. Wright,

Notification of Intention to conduct High Seas Boarding and Inspection Activities in the High Seas in the WCPFC Convention Area

In accordance with paragraph 13 of WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure-2006-08 (CMM-2006-08), I wish to notify the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, through you as Executive Director, of Papua New Guinea's intention to conduct high seas boarding and inspection activities in the high seas in the WCPFC Convention Area. Details for authorized Papua New Guinea inspection vessels were provided to you on 06th June, 2008 for inclusion on the WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Register. Please note from the photographs and details provided that these inspection vessels are clearly marked and identifiable as being on government service.

In relation to the crew of the Papua New Guinea inspection vessels, I can advise that they have received and completed training in carrying out boarding and inspection activities at sea consistent with those set out in CMM-2006-08.

I also wish to advise that all persons appointed as authorized inspectors by Papua New Guinea have received and completed training in carrying out boarding and inspection at sea consistent with the procedures in CMM-2006-08 and also in accordance with Papua New Guinea's training protocols. Such persons appointed as authorized inspectors are fully familiar with the fishing activities to be inspected, the provisions of the Convention and any relevant WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures in force.

Finally, I wish to advise you that the additional procedural requirements identified in paragraphs 14-24 of CMM-2006-08 have also been incorporated, as appropriate, into Papua New Guinea's standard operating procedures for executing high seas boarding and inspections.

Yours sincerely,



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Managing Director – National Fisheries Authority