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Civil Aviation Act 2000 (as amended)

**DETERMINATION OF PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM REQUIREMENTS IN CIVIL AVIATION
RULE PART 65.103(a)(3)(i) AND 65.203(a)(3)(ii) – ATC LICENCE, RATING AND INITIAL VALIDATION
RATING**

18/EXE/03

PNG AIR SERVICES LIMITED, PORT MORESBY

I, WILSON SAGATI, OBE, Director of Civil Aviation, pursuant to my powers under Section 79(1) of the *Civil Aviation Act 2000 (as amended)*, hereby grant PNG Air Services Limited, being the holder of Air Traffic Services Operator Certificate 172/002, an exemption from the three months requirements of rule 65.103(a)(3)(i) and rule 65.203(a)(3)(ii) as an eligibility requirement for the issuance of an initial Air Traffic Controller Licence.

The exemption is granted on the basis that PNG Air Services Limited is transitioning all ATS ground positions to the NiuSky Air Traffic Management (ATM) System and that considerable theory and practical training, using the high-fidelity NiuSky simulator, for both the Area Controllers and new ATCs is being conducted.

The extensive theory and practical training and comprehensive and robust testing process associated with the NiuSky transition is designed to ensure a high level of competencies across all ATM aspects with safety enhancements under the NiuSky System. The requirement under rule 65.203(a)(3)(ii) to log at least 180 hours of on-the-job training for the new ATCs with an Air Traffic Service Instructor before being eligible for a NiuSky rating will remain.

The exemption is subject to the conditions directed by CASA PNG in the interest of safety.

This exemption shall remain in effect until 31st day of December, 2019, unless revoked in writing by the Director.

Granted this 23rd day of November, 2018.

W. SAGATI, OBE,
Director of Civil Aviation.