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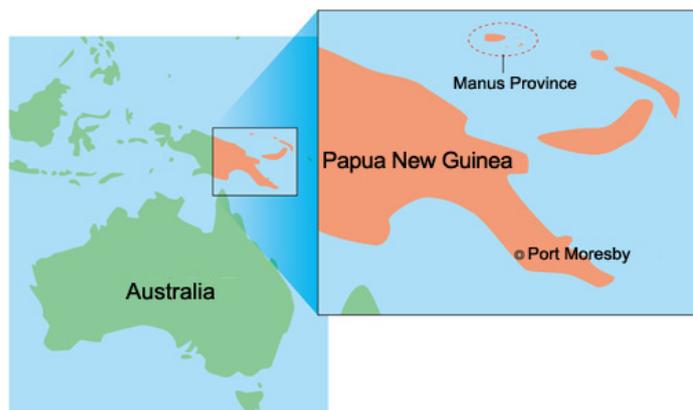
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## Sojitz Supplies Desalination Systems to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea

Sojitz Corporation (“Sojitz”) has concluded an agreement with the government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea (“PNG”) to supply Reverse Osmosis (RO) desalination systems. The project will utilize the Pacific Environment Community Fund\* to provide 10 stationary photovoltaic-powered RO and 5 portable RO systems (total processing capacity: 10m<sup>3</sup> per day, which is for drinking water for 5,000 people) mainly to 3 islands in Manus Province—Bipi Island, M’Buke Island, and Warl Island. This project is to be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, including installation, commissioning, and systems management and operation training for local residents.

\*The Pacific Environment Community Fund is a USD 66 million fund to help Pacific nations combat climate change. It was created according to a proposal from the Japanese government at the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting in 2009.

The islands of PNG still lack adequate water sources and depend mainly on unstable, unsafe, and unsanitary sources such as rainwater and contaminated old wells. Securing stable, clean water sources has become an imminent issue for the



nation. These RO desalination systems are expected to help PNG’s remote islands without enough water and electricity to secure a steady supply of safe and hygienic water, raising the overall level of hygiene and quality of life for the islanders. Sojitz will also train the local residents how to maintain and manage the systems so that they can continue to utilize these desalination systems by themselves in the long run.

To countries and regions with an abundance of sea water but without adequate fresh water and electricity, Sojitz believes that solar-powered or other renewable energy-driven, compact desalination systems can be one of the most effective solutions to deal with imminent water issues. Sojitz would like to introduce this kind of compact desalination system not only to PNG but also to other island nations or regions, aiming to solve water supply problems around the world.

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