

**Appointment of Ports Authority Tonga Chief Executive Officer**

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The Chairman of the Transport Sector Board of Directors- Dr. Sione Ngongo Kioa and Board of Directors approved the appointment of Mr. 'Alo-ki-hakau Maileseni to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Ports Authority Tonga.

The appointment of Mr. Maileseni was endorsed by the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Public Enterprises – Mr. Poasi Mataele Tei on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2022.

Mr. Maileseni of Nomuka and Kolomotu'a under this appointment will become the CEO of the Authority for the next four years, effective from Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The appointment of Mr. Maileseni while he was acting on the Chief Executive role for over three years after the former CEO Mr. Mosese Lavemai's contract expired in June 2019.

Mr. Maileseni aged 41 has worked for more than 10 years after joining the Authority in 2008 as an Accountant. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Maileseni was the Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Authority since 2010.

Before joining the Authority, Mr. Maileseni was an Auditor at the Tonga Audit Office of the Auditor General. He was also a Tutor in Accounting and Commercial Law at Tupou Tertiary Institute. Mr. Maileseni was appointed in August 2021 to the National Retirement Benefit Fund Board of Directors as Public Enterprises Member Representative.

Mr. Maileseni was heavily involved in implementing changes at the Authority which saw the growth and strong financial position of the Authority has ever recorded over its 20 years' history. He held extensive knowledge and experience in both public and private sectors, which equipped him with the required skills for the Executive position of the Authority as a Public Enterprise.



Mr. Maileseni holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration (BCA) majoring in Accounting and Commercial Law from the Victoria University of Wellington. He also possessed a New Zealand Diploma in Business from Tupou Tertiary Institute and is also a provisional member of the Australian and New Zealand Chartered Accountant (ANZCA).