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Solomon Islands Government purports to impose fines and demands on Axiom

- **SBD 7 million (AUD 1.3 million) fine purportedly imposed**
- **Axiom Nickel (SI) Limited and Axiom KB Limited's directors told that they must surrender their passports to the Solomon Islands Government**
- **Axiom maintains there is no legal basis for these demands**

Axiom Mining Limited subsidiaries, Axiom Nickel (SI) Limited and Axiom KB Limited, have received a letter dated the 29th November 2019 from the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, Labour & Immigration of Solomon Islands. The letter demands the sum of SBD 3.5 million from each company for allegedly not having a provincial business license in Isabel Province and for allegedly not providing annual survey reports for seven years.

Furthermore, the Solomon Islands Government has demanded that two of Axiom Mining Limited subsidiaries, Axiom Nickel (SI) Limited and Axiom KB Limited's directors which include the parent company's CEO, Mr Ryan Mount, to surrender their passports. These directors include Australian and New Zealand passport holders.

The legal advice received by Axiom is that the claims in the letter from the Solomon Islands Government are not valid in law and accordingly Axiom has responded making clear its position.

Axiom's subsidiaries in the Solomon Islands have faithfully met and completed all surveys that have been sent to them for completion by the government. Axiom also disputes the alleged requirement to hold a business license for Isabel Province. The Solomon Islands has purported to cancel Axiom's foreign investor certificates for alleged failure to complete surveys and hold a provincial business licence; this is subject to an application for review to the Foreign Investment Committee of Solomon Islands.

The Australian and New Zealand High Commission's in Solomon Islands have been notified of the Solomon Islands Government demands for passports of its respective citizens.

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About Axiom

Axiom Mining Limited focuses on tapping into the resource potential within the mineral-rich Pacific Rim. Through dedication to forging strong bonds and relationships with the local communities and governments where we operate, Axiom Mining has built a diversified portfolio of exploration tenements in the Asia-Pacific region. This includes a majority interest in part of the Isabel Nickel Project in the Solomon Islands and highly prospective gold, silver and copper tenements in North Queensland, Australia. The Company is listed on the ASX. For more information on Axiom Mining, please visit www.axiom-mining.com

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