

## Notice to ASX

13 January 2025

## **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Bougainville Copper Limited (BOC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Johnny Patterson Auna as Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Mr Auna, who his Bougainvillean, joined BOC in March 2024 as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary. He has also been serving in the role of Acting CEO since July 2024, following the resignation of the late David Osikore.

Mr Auna is a highly regarded executive with more than 30 years' experience in finance and accounting, strategic planning, senior management, and corporate operations in both the private and public sectors in PNG and Australia. He has also served on several boards as both a director and chairman and is a certified practising accountant.

Prior to joining BOC, Mr Auna served as Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance with the Autonomous Bougainville Government (ABG). He takes on the CEO role at a pivotal time for BOC as the company moves to a more active operational phase. In February 2024 Bougainville Copper was granted a five-year extension of its ELO1 exploration licence in the Panguna mine project area.

Mr Auna's local knowledge and connections across government and the broader community will be invaluable to project advancement.

He will continue to act as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary until a new appointment for these positions is made.

Authorised by the Board

Johnny Auna Company Secretary

