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Johnson Kalo appointed as Kina Bank's Chief Operating Officer

Kina Bank strengthens its executive leadership team with the announcement of Johnson Kalo to the role of Chief Operating Officer.

Mr Kalo has substantial industry practice and experience with an outstanding career, recently as Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of BSP. He will work closely with Kina Bank Chief Executive Officer Greg Pawson as the bank is ready to complete its acquisition of ANZ PNG's Retail, Commercial and SME business.

"Johnson's appointment to the COO role is of great significance for Kina Bank and comes at an important time in Kina Bank's history," said Mr Pawson. "We are ready to complete the acquisition of ANZ PNG's Retail Commercial and SME business. Johnson's strong focus on strategy and business analysis will help lead Kina Bank in its nationwide expansion. I'm delighted he is joining us."

During his tenure at BSP, Mr Kalo played a central role in the acquisition of Westpac's operations in the Cook Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu. He brings to Kina Bank exceptional leadership qualities and a wealth of experience that will benefit Kina Bank as it grows to become the second largest retail bank in PNG.

"I'm thrilled to join Kina Bank at this pivotal time," said Mr Kalo. "As a proudly home-grown Papua New Guinean bank, we have an exciting future ahead serving PNG's Retail, SME and Commercial businesses. I look forward to growing the bank's company and customer portfolio as we continue our significant investment in technology, IT and international operations."

Mr Kalo's previous positions include independent Director of the Board of Credit Corporation and Executive Director of the Port Moresby Stock Exchange (PNGX). He currently consults to small-medium sized businesses in the private sector. Mr Kalo is also a fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia and an associate member of Certified Practising Accountants Papua New Guinea.

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