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## **Press Release**

### **ROC issues passes to business owners to enter buildings in restricted areas**

The Recovery Operation Centre (ROC) in Port Vila is issuing passes to business owners in the restricted area of the Central Business District to allow them to inspect their premises following the damage caused by the 7.3 magnitude earthquake on December 17.

The ROC is located at the Ministry of the Prime Ministers Compound, adjacent to the Reserve Bank Building.

Business owners must present their business licenses and National ID cards, along with the names of any managers they wish to accompany them, to receive a pass.

This measure was agreed upon during a meeting of the ROC, which is prioritizing safety by restricting access until engineers can certify safety for access to the buildings.

A group of independent engineers have been assigned to work with Chinese seismic experts to assess public buildings and those in the Central Business District.

Additionally, the National Recovery Committee has allowed public access to the Billabong site for a memorial service today, under security supervision of the Vanuatu Police Force.

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