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VOLCANO SITUATION REPORT

Date: 23rd February 2007
File: A8001/V1012
Volcano: Langila, West New Britain Province
Period of activity: 26th January – 22nd February 2007

Mild eruptive activity continued at Langila's Crater 2 during the above period.

The summit was covered from 27th January to 12th February 2007. When cleared from 13th, the emission consisted of thin to thick pale grey ash clouds. From 15th until 22nd the activity changed to forceful emission of thick pale to dark grey ash clouds. The ash clouds were rising to about a kilometer before drifting SE of the volcano. A slight change in wind direction resulted in the ash clouds being blown SW of the volcano. Occasional weak to loud roaring noises were heard accompanying the ash emissions from 15th – 19th. A weak to bright glow was visible at night from 13th -22nd.

Crater 3 was quiet.

The earthquake recorder is still unoperational due technical problems.

For further information, contact the officer-in-charge at Rabaul Volcanological Observatory (RVO) on telephone number 982 1699 or fax 982 1004.