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#### Who is NiuPower?

- The Government of PNG's Electricity Industry Policy (EIP) of 2011 sought to bring greater private sector investment into the industry
- Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited (KPHL) and Oil Search (now Santos) had each independently responded by looking at Power sector opportunities
- Due to strongly aligned interests in this area in late 2016 KPHL and Oil Search joined forces to create-
  - NiuPower Limited a business focused on PNG domestic power generation
  - NiuEnergy Limited a business focused on PNG domestic gas distribution
- Both NiuPower and NiuEnergy are currently 50% owned by each of KPHL and Santos (ASX:STO)
- Operate on a commercial basis with a focus on ensuring PNG maximises the domestic use of PNG produced gas



#### **Port Moresby Power Station**



- 1. 57.88MW gas-fired power station located adjacent to PNG LNG Liquefaction Plant lease
- 2. 6 High efficiency WartsilaW20V34SG gas engine generators
- 3. US\$120m investment 100% equity funded
- 4. Power Purchase Agreement with PNG Power
- 5. Gas Sales Agreement with PNG LNG JV
- 6. Sublease from Kumul Petroleum (PNG NOC)
- 7. Regulated grid tariff 38t/kWh at 100% capacity factor, \$64.18/bbl (to 2030)

## **Choice of Technology**



#### Plant Configuration

- 6 units of Wartsila W20V34SG gas engine-generator sets
- Proven Solution:
  - more than 850 engines of the type W20V34SG sold/installed;
- Lowest Levelized Cost Of Electricity (LCOE)
  - Class leading efficiency: Lower fuel consumption compared to other engines in its class - lower carbon footprint
  - lower lube oil consumption
- Lower lifecycle cost
- Dual fuel capability



#### **Community Investment Programme**



- 5 project impact area villages
- Promote water security
  - 6 x 9,000 litre water tanks in each village over 4 years and continuing
  - >1 million litre water catchment
- Delivered 1<sup>st</sup> library on Kido Island
- 2<sup>nd</sup> library with 30k books at Lealea VIIage
- Deliver Life Skills Training | Sewing clothes
- Distributed 5 solar powered vaccine refrigerators, 1 each for the 5 villages
- Sponsor sports at the school level
- Book distribution programme to schools across the 5 villages using *Buk Bilong Pikinini*
- Installed off-grid solar kits at Gorohu Village for 118 households
- Supporting Metago Bible College with 25 x 9,000 litre water tanks
- Supports church programmes





### 4 Years of Reliable Supply to Port Moresby



#### 16 Jan 2016

MOU to fund gasfired power station as a tax credit project delivered by ExxonMobil as part of PNG LNG JV's P'nyang development – did not proceed



6 Apr 2017

Cabinet resolution supporting IPP as alternative funding model

#### 15 Nov 2019

Commercial Operations Date

## **Consistently Delivering Value for our Counterparty**



- 15 Year Power Purchase Agreement with PNG Power, a State Owned Enterprise - PNG's national utility
- PNG Power continues to derive a material positive margin from NiuPower's contribution
  - A. PNG Power derived a positive margin of K40.1m in 2022 from NiuPower's contribution
    - Excludes a Generation Levy of K2.9m which increases cost of generation by K9/MWh
    - At K3.83/litre of diesel for the equivalent output in 2022, PNG Power would have realized a loss of K219.5m
  - B. PNG Power has derived a positive margin of K53.5m YTD 2023 from NiuPower's contribution driven by lower oil price
    - Based on an average retail tariff of 87t/kwh in Port Moresby

## High Risk, High Reward Investment Environment

- Managing ongoing counterparty credit risk – you have to be part of the solution
- Moratorium on providing State Guarantees
- Forex rationing restricts ability to repatriate profits, pay offshore vendors or be paid by your counterparty in a currency other than PNG Kina
  - Project development requires an onshore and offshore EPC arrangement for local and offshore procurement and then project asset transfer at/ after commercial operations date
- Material exposure without an exhaustive overarching Project Agreement with GoPNG
- Immature debt recovery regime so codify receiver and manager type remedies by private treaty with counterparty

- Investment in power generation not following a plan based on outlook
- Tariff freeze since 2013
- Oil price / fuel price volatility
- Regulatory risk and protection
- Low skill base
- Visa and work permit system that 'bottlenecks' labour mobility
  - 6–8-month cycle time for onboarding skilled foreign workers
- Relative high cost of doing business
- Local content important
- Creative commercial solutions
- Export industry preferred earn foreign currency
- A political champion



# Challenges & Opportunities – 2 sides

Our vision is the development of the Hiri West Energy Hub to serve the growing needs of our nation and in due course, the Pacific



## **Small Scale Domestic LNG**



#### Enablers

- In 2027 2028, domestic gas becomes available at \$4.50 / mmBTU – roughly equivalent to \$25/boe vs \$74/boe
- Add \$4/mmBTU for LNG Plant adds \$22.2/boe
- Relatively high cost of diesel
- MARPOL Annex VI Treaty to be ratified and adopted as national legislation. This effectively bans the use of high sulfur fuel oil in PNG
- Increasing uptake of renewable energy still requires thermal energy as part of the generation mix / backup
- Requires Newmont Mining and Ramu NiCo support

#### 2 Stage Development

- LNG distributed in 20/40 foot isotainers to coastal locations – modest modular investment
- 2. Introduction of a small LNG carrier

#### Bulk Supply ssLNG vessel Economics (2017 numbers)

- NPV10 of \$106M
- IRR of 15%
- Capex of \$305M with a schedule of 26 months from FID to First shipment

## Stage 1 Small Scale Liquefaction, **NiuPower** Storage & Distribution by Isotainer





Stage 1 involves-

- Modular micro-LNG Plant liquefaction
- storage and distribution by 20/40-foot isotainers loaded on coastal shipping vessels
- Skid mounted LNG vaporizers at customer location





#### **Plant Specifications**



- High operational flexibility
- Fast (5 minute) and ultra-fast (2 minute) start-up and loading to 100% load
- Ultra-fast unloading from 100% to 0% load in one minute
- Modular and allows for duplication on the plot. Most infrastructure will support both plants. More can be done if expansion is planned in the short to medium term.
- Utilities
- Admin and Warehouse
- Drainage system
- Black start and essential power