



CORE Update

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Prime Minister Witnesses First Gold Pour at Porgera Mine

On Friday February 23, 2024, Prime Minister James Marape, witnessed the first gold pour of the New Porgera Mine, since the expiry of the then Special Mining Lease (SML1) in 2019.

The event signified that it would be 'all systems go' come July 2024, when full operations are expected to commence.

The PM was on-site accompanied by the Governor for Enga Province Hon Sir Peter Ipatas, Mining Minister Hon Muguwa Dilu, Member for Laiagap Hon Amos Akem, Country Manager for Barrick Niugini Limited Karo Lelai, Managing Director of the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) Jerry Garry, and Managing Director of Kumul Minerals Holdings Limited (KMHL) Sarimu Kanu.

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New Mining Minister seeks to work closer with Industry



Mining Minister Muguwa Dilu (Centre) and mining sector representatives at the industry meeting.

The Mining industry in Papua New Guinea remains a key focus of Government, in ensuring that maximum benefits are realized, for all stakeholders.

These were the sentiments from newly appointed Mining Minister Muguwa Dilu, when meeting with representatives from the country's mining sector, soon after his appointment.

Facilitated by PNG CORE, this meeting provided the opportunity for representatives from the mining sector to provide an insight into the current state of industry in PNG, as well as to discuss several issues of importance in relation to proposed legislative changes.

In his discussions, Minister Dilu once again highlighted the Government's commitment to working more closely with industry through PNG CORE, especially in areas where government support was needed to assist in promoting investment and exploration efforts in the country. These initiatives, according to Minister Dilu, would include key amendments to the Mine Safety Act, as well as legislation related to the tenure of exploration tenement licences.

Speaking on behalf of PNG CORE, Council Vice President Philip Samar reiterated industry's commitment to work closely with government, to ensure that the investment appetite for Papua New Guinea was improved.

Vice President Samar also reminded Government, through the Mining Minister, to remain cognisant of the need to continuously engage with industry, especially on issues that impact the mining industry, which remains a key economic driver of PNG's economy.



PNG CORE - Strategizing for continued success



PNG CORE Councilors, Committee members, and Senior Management who took part in the Strategic Intent Agenda Review Workshop.

In line with efforts to continuously improve its offering to members, and stakeholders PNG CORE recently conducted a review of its Strategic Intent Agenda.

This review involved members of the PNG CORE Council, Committee representatives, and Senior Management of PNG CORE. The review provided an opportunity for the organization to review the key objectives of the organization, with a view to build on progress made in 2023.

High on the agenda was the need for PNG CORE to continue efforts to engage with key stakeholders, particularly Government, to ensure that partnerships were enhanced to deal with issues affecting industry.

According to PNG CORE President Anthony Smaré, progress made in 2023 were noted, but there was a lot more to be done to add value to the organization's membership, as well as for key stakeholders.

Activities within the Policy, Events and Communication space were highlighted as key areas in which the organization would focus on, with the organization's management team tasked to drive key initiatives on behalf of industry.



Santos Foundation Builds confidence in Kutubu Local Level Youth Development Council

An exciting milestone under the Youth Opportunities program was completed Kutubu Local Level Youth Development Council.

The Kutubu Local Level Youth Development Council (KLLYDC) successfully completed a consultation workshop with youth leaders representing Thirty-nine participants made up of nine KLLYDC executives and 30 representatives from 18 wards attended a week-long consultation workshop.

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Community Affairs Department Hosts Family Violence, Law and Order Awareness

The Community Affairs Department at Hidden Valley Mine recently partnered with the Family Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU) of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary to educate local communities about important safety issues. Over 300 people attended the outreach program along the main access road near the mine site.

Officers emphasized the importance of road safety and cautioned attendees about potential dangers while commuting in the area. They also discussed the illegal and destructive activities that have been occurring such as vandalizing signs, blocking roads, trespassing on mining property, gambling, and drug cultivation. Ending this criminal behavior was a priority covered at the event.

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Communications Committee Revived



Communications Committee Chair,
Ruth Waram

As part of closer engagements with Industry and more so, with our membership, PNG CORE is pleased to announce that the Communications Committee has been revived this year.

The Committee, comprised of Communications & Public Relations leads from across industry convened their initial meeting in early February, with Newmont Manager External Relations and Communications Ruth Waram elected as Committee Chair, with MRDC Manager Public Relations Quentin Chakumai elected Deputy Chair.

Given PNG CORE's increasing engagement with external stakeholders, the Committee will assist in providing oversight on strategic communication initiatives, which includes enhancing transparency, promoting consistent messaging, and ensure timely dissemination of information from industry to all stakeholders.

Among its first engagements will be the Industry Wind Down which will be held in March 2024.



Communications Committee
Deputy Chair, **Quentin Chakumai**

Policy Analysis Initiatives to increase in 2024

As part of our expansion on policy analysis initiatives, PNG CORE recently welcomed 2 new Senior Policy Officers.

Andrew Aglua (Policy), and Erwin Pouru joined PNG CORE at the end of February.

For Andrew, joining PNG CORE provides an opportunity to build on policy around sustainable initiatives within industry.

He says that the key motivation behind his career is driving sustainable development initiatives to improve processes and procedures, ultimately enhancing human lives. In recent years, he has led and supported the development and implementation of numerous sustainable development programs in the Oil and Gas industry and the development space. Through his engagement with PNG CORE, he will build on this, to add value to the aspirations of the organization.

Likewise for Erwin, this engagement with PNG CORE builds on his area of expertise. With a keen interest in data and information, he is looking forward to adding value in the policy analysis space, especially in regards to reporting on trends, new initiatives and restructure, reform or develop new policies (policy development) that improves new ways of doing businesses within industry.



Policy Analyst,
Andrew Aglua



Senior Policy Analyst,
Erwin Pouru

CORE Member Noticeboard

Here are some benefits of why you should be a member.



Networking Opportunities

The Chamber provides a platform for networking with industry leaders, potential clients, and partners. This can lead to business growth, partnerships, and collaboration opportunities.



Industry Insights & Information

Members often get access to valuable industry reports, updates, and insights. This information can be crucial for staying ahead of market trends and making informed business decisions.



Advocacy and Representation

The Chamber advocates on behalf of its members at various levels of government and industry. This can include lobbying for favorable policies, regulatory frameworks, and supporting the industry's interests.



Educational and Professional Development

The Chamber may offer workshops, seminars, and conferences that provide education and professional development opportunities. These events keep members updated on the latest technologies, practices, and regulatory changes.



Access to Expertise

Members can benefit from the collective expertise within the Chamber. This includes legal, environmental, technical, and market expertise that can be invaluable for navigating the complexities of the resources and energy sectors.



Collaboration on Sustainability and CSR Initiatives

The Chamber might facilitate collaborative efforts on sustainability and corporate social responsibility, aligning with global and local environmental and social governance trends.



Enhanced Credibility

Membership can enhance a company's credibility, showcasing a commitment to industry standards, ethical practices, and community engagement.



Support in Challenges

The Chamber can provide support to members facing industry-specific challenges, offering guidance, resources, and advocacy.



Promotional Opportunities

Membership can offer promotional opportunities, allowing companies to showcase their services and products to a targeted audience within the industry.



Global and Local Perspective

The Chamber often provides a unique blend of global insights and local knowledge, crucial for businesses operating in the dynamic landscape of the PNG resources and energy sectors.

Each of these benefits contributes to the overall value proposition of joining the PNG Chamber of Resources and Energy, helping members to thrive in a competitive and ever-evolving industry.



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INDUSTRY WIND DOWN

To Communicate,
Connect,
and Collaborate.

PNG CORE presents the
Industry Wind Down.

An opportunity for the resource industry to meet and engage with media, as we officially announce our calendar of events for 2024.

JOIN US!

Friday March 22, 2024

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Lamana Hotel, Port Moresby

**Registration is K275 (GST Inclusive)
per person**

Register today

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