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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Member,

Thank you for your participation in the inaugural Papua New Guinea Resources Week, held from July 1 to 4, 2024. This event, organized by the Papua New Guinea Chamber of Resources & Energy (PNG CORE), brought together stakeholders from the resource sector, including major operators, landowners, contractors, and suppliers.

Here are some key highlights from the event:

- 1. Community Engagement:** The second annual Community Affairs and National Content Conference 2024, held at the University of Papua New Guinea, emphasized collaboration, learning, and success stories from the resource sector.
- 2. Landowner Companies:** Operators, landowners, and suppliers shared valuable insights, discussed challenges, and learned from each other during the conference.
- 3. Celebration:** CANCONEX 2024 celebrated the industry's achievements, fostering new business relationships and preparing for the future.

The focus of PNG Resources Week was to learn from past experiences, improve practices, and maximize the benefits of resource development for all stakeholders. The event brought together a diverse community, including national and provincial governments, developers, landowners, workers, and international businesses.

During the week, more than 750 people registered for CANCONEX24, 600 attended the resources summit, and 1000 tertiary students participated in the Career Fair. The PNG Resources Gala Dinner was a sold-out success.

[We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at our next major event in Sydney later this year.](#)

Anthony Smaré
President
PNG CORE



OVER K1 BILLION IN ROYALTY PAID BY SANTOS

SANTOS has paid over K1 billion in Royalty payments to the state since 1992 to 2023.

For 2023 alone, over K11 million was paid to the State.

For development levies, the company has paid over K287 million for the period from 2002 to 2023.

Speaking during the benefit sharing structure at the 2024 PNG Resource Week summit held at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG), Senior Vice President PNG Stakeholder Management at Santos, Wayne Kasou said.

He also spoke of the non-statutory benefits of Santos.

“There are few non-statutory benefits Santos has invested quite heavily in since 2002.

This includes Local Business support of which K3,600,000,000.00 has been awarded in contract value.

Santos has invested a further K5,700,000.00 in Community Development through Community Affairs Projects (CAPs) and Sustainable Agriculture Program .

“Our CA projects include but are not limited to churches, health and education facilities and solar power.”

All in all, 322 different projects have been implemented under the CAP and sustainable agriculture program.

For the period between 2001-2022 Santos has invested PGK1,400,000.00 in a donation program which supplies desks for schools, water tanks, stationary for schools and food where needed. Nearly 300 community donations have been made to date.

Under the Education and Training Sponsorship Program provided by Santos, PGK21,800,000.00 has been invested in teachers, health professionals, technical specialists including local church pastors. More than 2600 have been sponsored; 800 being females.

Santos also invests in a Teachers Qualification Upgrade Program, investing more than PGK 800,000 to support close to 40 teachers graduate since 2008.

To date Santos has invested more than PGK,192,147,323.20 in funding support towards the foundation as it works closely with government to build resilient communities and help as best it can to advance economic pathways.

Santos has proudly been part of PNG’s history since the 1980s. During that time, our internet in the country has increased.

Particularly ,the merger with Oil Search in 2021 has delivered many benefits for PNG -benefits that the many in our communities and the country continue to benefit from.

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PNG LNG IDENTIFICATION PROCESS NEARS COMPLETION

THE Landowner Identification Benefit Identification Process (LOBID) for the PNG LNG project is 95.82 per cent completed, according to the Department of Petroleum (DPE).

Representing the DPE during a session during the 2024 Papua New Guinea Resources Week yesterday, Mr Paul Koba said it has taken a long time because the matters required in the development forum where not met and the regional setting.

He also indicated that the LOBID for the second LNG project, Papua LNG was done and ministerial determination published with all judicial reviews completed.

"The PNG LNG LOBID is 95.82 per cent completed and we have around 4 per cent yet to complete," Mr Koba said.

"You may ask why taking long- time to complete the LOBID? One; this is because the matters required before the development forum where not met.

"Two; the regional setting, the tribalism, ethnicity and most commonly the communal land boundaries.

"We have the second LNG project the Papua LNG.

The LOBID was done in a way where it was basically based in Gulf and the downstream facilities in Papa-Lealea, the same facilities Exxon uses and the three pipeline segments.

"All LOBID was done on time as schedule with initial determination published with all judicial reviews knocked off.

"The only issue in the Papua LNG is the landowner beneficiaries outside of the license areas."

Mr Koba explained that in terms of LOBID is the only mechanism in establishing landowner wealth.

It is procedural criteria and is a mandated requirement stipulated under section 169 and 170 of the Oil and Gas Act.

Basically, LOBID is an administrative process to vet and verify the major beneficiaries captured by the SM&LI.

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RAMU NICKEL HAS PAID K188 MILLION IN ROYALTIES SINCE 2013

THE recipient of the funds are Madang Provincial government, Local level government, Landowners, Churches, Women Association and Land Owner Associations.

Speaking on the at the 2024 CAN- CONEX in Port Moresby, Eric Kuman General Manger of Community affair Department Ramu Nico Management (MCC) Limited spoke on the mine Benefiting sharing Structure outlining Ramu Nickel contribution to the government and people of Ma- dang since beginning operation in the country.

"A total of K1.2 million annually has been distributed equally to the four projects footprint areas."

The Community Development Fund (CDF) is used by the four project Foot- print Areas Landowners Association (LOA) to fund education , health and other social economics programs within the project footprint areas.

In terms of Education, A total of K3.2 million has been committed so far.

These include infrastructure and subsidize school fees.

A total of 573 students sponsored un- der CDF between 2020 and 2024.

School fees subsidies from 2013 to 2020 is K926,118. In terms of health, a total K2.5 million has been committed to health infrastructure projects and subsidize medical supplies.

The mine also realizes the importance of investing in women in Mining. So far, the four Women Association in the impact areas received a total of K6.6 million in royalties.

In terms of business spin-offs and procurement, a total of K1.6 billion has been invested so far from 2013- 2023.



PORGERA OPERATING AT FULL CAPACITY, SAYS PM

THE multi-billion-kina Porgera gold mine in Enga is now operating at full capacity, says Prime Minister James Marape.

Mr Marape announced at the 2024 Papua New Guinea Resource Week last week that the mine has reached nameplate 100 per cent production.

Mineral Resource Authority (MRA) managing director Jerry Garry also indicated that the mine has since commencement done four shipments of gold bars.

"From the numbers we gather they have exported just over 33,000 ounces of gold," Mr Garry said.

After three years and 10 months of mine closure, the mine did its first gold pour in February since commencing operations in late 2024.

The first gold pour back in February resulted in K15 million worth of gold produced in its production room.

Under the new SML13, Papua New Guineans stand to benefit from 51 per cent with investing partners 49 per cent equity.

"We have reopened under 51 per cent equity arrangements," Mr Marape said.

"I am happy to report that they have reached 100 per cent production."

In terms of the mining sector in general, MRA managing director Mr Garry highlighted that the mining industry is one of the biggest industries in the country.

"Just to give you a quick update of what we produced in 2024, we have exported so far up to the end of May around K6 billion worth of metals from this country."

He also highlighted that the other important sector is the alluvial mining sector.

"When you look at the statistics, at one stage, they have exported close to over K640 million worth of gold.

"When you look at this, it out-smarts some of the established industries such as fisheries and forestry."

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Porgera is still facing law and order issues, deteriorated government institutions, illegal mining and other issues.

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- Road closures naturally and man-made
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MISIMA EXPERIENCE AFTER 20 YEARS OF MINE LIFE

AFTER twenty years of mine closer, Misima mine located in the Milne bay Province should be a learning opportunity for future mine development in the country.

Despite having what is described as one of the best Sustainability Policy and the commitment to leave behind a better future for Misima, what is left after 20 years has nothing to see for.

Post mine issues remain as one of the many challenges to date.

Post mine issues include: The break- down in the traditional matrilineal structure. Landowner beneficial agreement were majority attend by male spokesperson of various land- owner clans representing the clans.

Establishment of Special medical services for employees dependents during operation of the mines. This service ceased with cessation of the operations.

Increase in social welfare issues – Social welfare services provided by the government was not effective in addressing martial issues, and child welfare issues.

Substituted cash income after the mine operations (from benefits in wage income, compensation benefits and regular royalty payment) has multiple effects.

These include increase in home- brewed alcohol and other illegal sub- stances.

Increase in prostitution especially in leading to the increase in HIV AIDS.

CALL FOR PROPER REPORT MECHANISM FOR LANDOWNERS

BTHERE should be a proper report mechanism allowing landowners and people living along the mine affected areas to air their concerns.

Currently PNG Resource sector does not have a proper control mechanism in place.

Minister for Community government and member for Loro Constituency, Theonilla Matbob made this recommendation when address the PNG Resource conference held at the University of Papua New Guinea yesterday.

Mrs Matbob spoke on the Bougainville experiences of dealing with the Mining Company over legacy issues of the Panguna Mine and how some issues can be address for future mine prospects.

"Its 5 years now since we took the first step in 2020 through the non judiciary complaint. We need to ensure this process find closure to the legacy that affects 12 to 14 000 people.

"Given that numbers (data) don't lie, it will help fix the narratives around the agenda going forward.

The report will point us towards the right direction," Mrs Matbob said.

She said the biggest challenge right now is for the PNG government to become truly engaged and become part of the journey.

"This process is an opportunity for all other resource owners to see our governments commitment to issues affecting its citizens. If our government can do it for Panguna it can do it for the rest of the resource owners in the country," she said.

Mrs Matbob spoke specifically on the Panguna mine impact assessment process beginning 2021 and why it is crucial.

"Panguna was never closed, complaint was never addressed.

The assessment data/report will help in understanding two key matters into the myriad of issues needing attention and the entry into steps to take in re-developing without a potential to repeat the past,"

She highlighted the lessons learnt from Panguna for the future which include;

- Enabling laws (people, resources, developers etc)
- Systems thinking & Development (literacy)
- Viability plan for communities • Local content policy
- Regulations
- Complaint mechanisms
- Sustainability plan

PNG MAY HAVE OR HAVE YET TO LEARN FROM PANGUNA EXPERIENCE

PAPUA New Guinea may have learnt or may have yet to learn from the operations of the Panguna mine operations in Bougainville.

Although a little has been done, there is still more room for improvements.

Autonomous Bougainville Government President and Minister for Mineral and Energy, Ishmael Toroama said although Panguna mine has been granted an SML license an having in place the Bougainville Mining Act, the AGB has to play their cards right.

He described the process of getting back Panguna mine into operation as partly there but not there yet.

Sharing on their views on whether or not PNG has leant from the experiences of Panguna mine, Mr Toroama said PNG may have or may have not leant however acknowledging certain provisions that has took place as the lessons learnt.

"One of the areas include the ownership of the mine.

This is what we aspiring for in Bougainville and it will be another milestone for the people of Bougainville. Panguna gives Bougainville the political guarantee as when we can start and look ahead.

By doing that we are currently at the stage of gaining Independence but it will take sometimes," Mr Toroama said.

Sharing the same sentiments, Minister for Community government and Member for Loro Constituency, Theonilla Matbob said there is more room for improvements.

"I say this because issues of Panguna has been a national issues.

There is still no clear judgment given the existing benefit arrangement,"Mrs Matbob said.

Former President of the PNG Council of Women, Theresa Jaintong said there are issues that PNG must learn and the other mining companies must learn from what has happened in Bougainville.

"That is why we are now going into new arrangement in partnership with Landowners and developer and AGB.

We are trying to strike a good deal for the betterment of the people of Bougainville not only the landowners," Ms Jaintong said.

Chairman of the Bougainville Copper Limited, Sir Mel Togolo said PNG as a country has learnt a lot from the issues of Panguna.

"PNG has learnt from the Bougainville experience, the experience that happened in Bougainville were very traumatic to people in Bougainville but it also affected PNG.

This time PNG has learnt to be more inclusive and make sure that investors have to work with the provincial government and local landowners.

We have grown over the years to understand the what we are now doing," Mr Togolo said.

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Estimated 10,000 people affected in Mulitaka

AN estimated 8000 to 10000 people have been impacted by the Mulitaka landslide in Enga Province, according to New Porgera Limited Country manager Karo Leila. Ms Leila said the number of lives lost is yet to be determined.

The natural disaster caused by long-term seismic activity over the years occurred on May 24 with the Enga provincial government acting quickly with a state of emergency declared and the PNG Defence Force moving in with donor agencies on the ground within days.

"The Mulitaka landslide site was declared a mass burial site and all affected survivors were moved into a care-centre.

Ms Leila said as an industry response to the landslide, the PNGCORE reactivated its disaster account to respond to the Mulitaka landslide.

"It's been really a collective effort by all the members of the PNGCORE," Ms Leila said.

"There are written guidelines to manage the appeal fund and how its used and under those guidelines, we will only support in kind and ensure that our support is fully documented and accounted for through the PNGCORE."

Ms Leila indicated that contributions from members to date highlighting support in kind that have already been utilised includes: nTotalEnergies with K1million with two helicopters;

- Barick and Zijin through NPL;
- ExxonMobil and Mobil oil with 40,000 litres of fuel;
- Kumul Minerals generators and food;
- MRA with relief supplies; and
- Puma energy by selling fuel.

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EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION NEEDED IN DISASTER RELIEF: KASOU

EFFECTIVE coordination and communication is needed between government, companies and all stakeholders during times of disaster, says Santos Senior vice president for PNG Stakeholder Management Wayne Kasou.

Giving a highlight of the Santos disaster responses during the 2018 earthquake in Hela and Southern Highlands that affected many communities in their project footprint, Mr Kasou said Santos has provided K16 million (US\$5 million).

"It is super important to promote effective coordination and communication with government, partners and key stakeholders involved in crisis management," Mr Kasou said reflecting on some of the experience and takeaways of the 2018 earthquake response.

"With much help still needed in so many areas, the company relied heavily on partnership with donors to ensure communities continue to receive relief supplies, clean water, sanitation systems and the provision of materials.

"The company also offered space at its warehouse in Moro camp where donors can store relief and supplies and provide logistical support to ensure supplies reached the disaster areas.

"Each donor or organisation provided a different skill set and experience.

And the company had to keep an open mind and manage the many challenge the unique challenges to accommodate and support everyone's recovery efforts

through effective and consistent communication and encourage a mindset of collaboration instead of competition.

"The earthquake resulted in the destruction of homes, social infrastructure such as schools, health post, roads and loss of basic necessities such as food, water and shelter," Mr Kasou said.

"Survivors had to deal with trauma, loss of loved ones and displacement from their homes and communities.

"For our business operations, there was considerable damage at the Kutubu refinery.

"Our company took a first responder role to provide to support the national government in delivery.

"The Moro airfield also enabled many of our close's friends including Australia, New Zealand and various Governments to deploy their aid assets including the national government," he said.

OTML DISPATCHED K51M IN DISASTER RESPONSES SINCE 2018

THE Ok Tedi Mining Limited (OTML) has since 2018 to date, released K51 million as part of its disaster response in various parts of the country, says OTML manager for Community Relations and Sustainability Jefferey Tom.

“Basically, as Ok Tedi and as part of our social corporate responsibility, we try to corporate and assist in that process of disaster response,” Mr Tom said. “Its not just in disaster, we do support in other areas such as Medivac and others.”

He was speaking during day two of the 2024 Papua New Guinea Resources Week yesterday at the University of Papua New Guinea.

“A total of K1.2 million annually has been distributed equally to the four projects footprint areas.”

“Also, as a 100 per cent PNG- Owned company, we look beyond Western province.

“We take two approaches in giving our support. Firstly, nationally, to the country where we look at cash donations. We have specific guidelines and specific approval levels.

“Why do we provide cash donations? We believe in established systems and also entities to provide that support to them. From our end we work with those agencies such as the National Disaster office, provincial governments and etc.



“Within Western province we also provide cash and kind because that is within our footprint and reach.”

Just recently, Ok Tedi Mining Limited (OTML) had announced a K20 million commitment towards relief, restoration, and relocation of communities along the Fly River in Western Province.

The funding announcement was made in the wake of severe flooding along the Fly River following continuous heavy rainfall.

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THREE THOUSAND DISPLACED BY FLOODING IN WESTERN PROVINCE

AN estimated 3000 people have been displaced in the recent flooding in Western Province in the Middle-Fly, according to OK Tedi Mining Limited.

This is due to continuous heavy rainfall between the months of March and May.

Providing an update on this during the 2024 Papua New Guinea Resources Week yesterday at the UPNG, OTML Community Relations and Sustainability manager Jeffery Tom said a rapid disaster response was undertaken “We have experienced recent floodings and an estimated 3000 people have been displaced with affected livelihoods and social services disrupted,” Mr Tom said.

“We experienced continuous rainfall during the months of March and May which have led to flooding down the fly river. “We have initiated initial supplies to affected areas in terms of foods worth 250,000 and supplies.”

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Province. The OTML Donations Committee distributed basic food supplies through the Community Relations & Sustainability (CR&S) Department and the Ok Tedi Development Foundation (OTDF).

The Sustainable Development

Program (SDP) also provided support through its health and well-being assessments conducted in the area. Supplies were initially distributed to the Middle Fly Villages of Kaviananga, Komovai, Kasa, Levame and Owa villages

based on the findings of an initial assessment conducted by OTML’s CR&S and Environment Departments, OTDF and SDP, as being severely impacted by flooding resulting in restricted access to food sources and safe drinking water.



PIONEERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RESOURCES SECTOR

In concluding the PNG Resources Week at the Gala Dinner held at the Hilton Hotel, PNG Chamber of Resources and Energy (PNG CORE) president Mr Anthony Smare presented Legacy Awards to two recipients, recognizing their humility and significant contributions to the resources sector in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

William Searson was presented the Legacy Award in recognition for being first national geologist and longest-serving Director of the Minerals Resources Development Company (MRDC).

“There were times when people thought PNG wasn’t worth investing in until Exxon and PNG LNG projects driven by the efforts of landowner seeking opportunities,” stated Mr. Smare.

Searson was instrumental in advocating for equity for landowners and was recognized by the Queen for his services to PNG.

The second recipient of the Legacy Award was Mr Robin Moaina who was recognized for his extraordinary contributions to Papua New Guinea as the first geophysicist and founding member of the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA).

Mr Moaina’s immense contributions to the resources sector, include conducting the foundational investigation of Sirinumu Dam.

He eventually became the Chief Government Geologist in the Department of Mining, representing PNG in roadshows across the United States and United Kingdom promoting exploration efforts. He also served as the Secretary for the Department of Mining.





OUTSTANDING LANDOWNERS RECOGNISED AT THE 2023 PNG RESOURCES WEEK

The 2024 Landowner Company Recognition Awards were presented last night.

The awards recognise landowner companies and other groups in the development of the resources sector creating a shared value culture for all stakeholders.

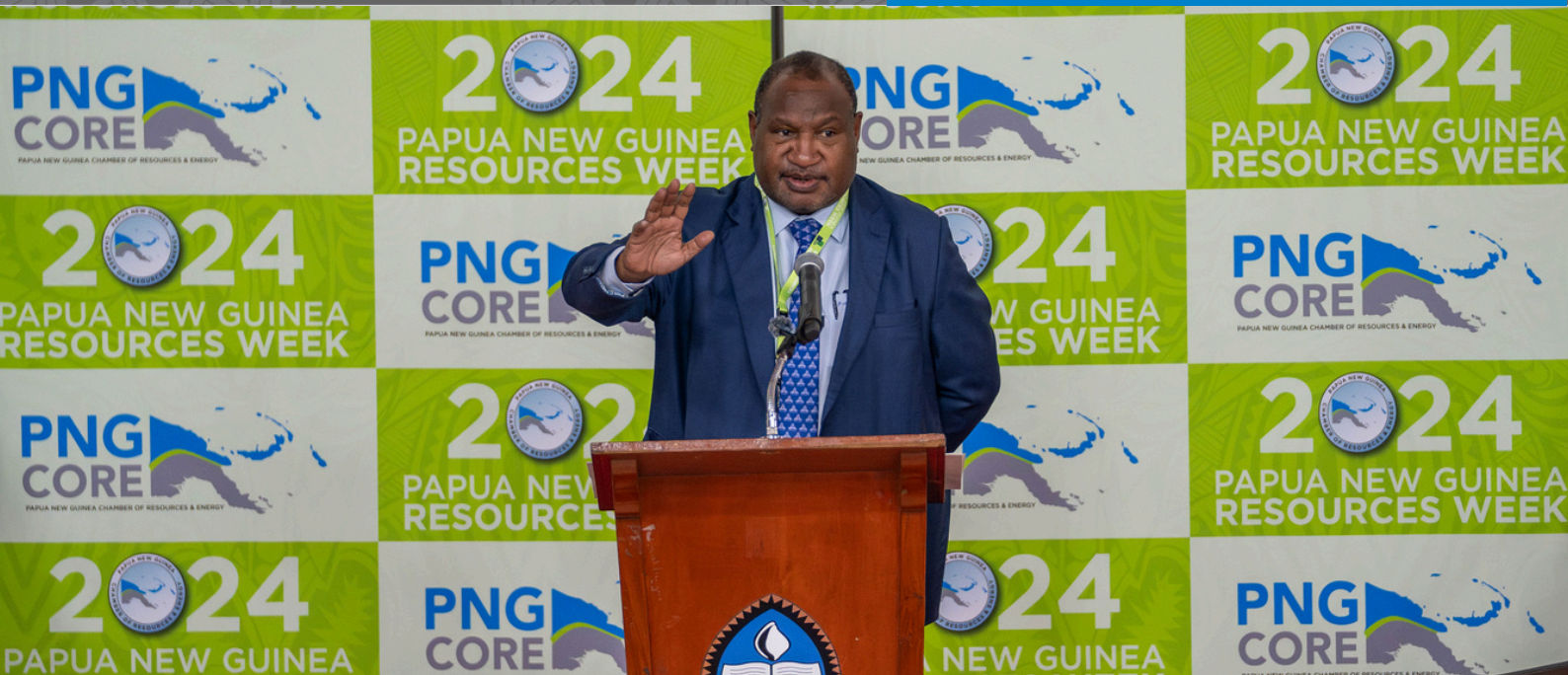
The award winners in the four categories:

- **Award in Recognition of Outstanding Landowner Company Shared Value Performance 2024** - Fubilan Catering Services Limited.
- **Award in Recognition of Outstanding Women’s Contribution in the Resources Industry 2024** - Mokut Women’s Association – Kutubu.
- **Award in Recognition of Outstanding Local Workforce Training & Development Champion 2024** - PNG Mining & Petroleum Hospitality Services Limited.
- **Inaugural Award in Outstanding Service Recognition in Finance and Banking Sector 2024** - Nasfund.

BEST DRESSED BOOTH WINNERS

Kinnect Limited and ExxonMobil came out as the winners of the best dressed booth among the 46 companies who exhibited during the PNG resources week. Judged by students engaged by PNG CORE as event volunteers; the students found the two companies more innovative in their display of products and services as well as been very interactive in their engagement with visitors to their booths.





MARAPE URGES RESOURCE SECTOR TO SCALE UP LOCAL CONTENT

PRIME Minister James Marape has urged resource companies in the mining and petroleum sector to up the scale when it comes to local content.

Mr Marape said this will ensure resource companies migrate Papua New Guineans from a resource rich underdeveloped country meaning- fully participate in the mining and petroleum space.

Opening the 2024 Resource week yesterday at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG), he also encouraged Papua New Guineans not to be lazy but to grow from the opportunities provided by the resource sector.

“Our country has had contact with mining and oil and gas for over 100 years,” he said. “We have come a long way and we can do well with lessons of the past which teaches every one of us what we must do going forward into the future.

“This second CANCONEX talks about building our legacy in the PNG Energy and resources sector.

“Legacy is not the convenience of today but the real impact we pass on to the next generation. To find real meaning of legacy conversation on national content and local participation and community, we must migrate them from ordinary recipients of royalties and equities every now and then to actual participants in business.

“We must migrate the people from just being recipients of royalty and equity to actually be owners of business participating in spinoffs in the resource projects themselves.”

This article was first published by Dale Luma in the Post Courier.

POPULATION PLAYS CRITICAL ROLE IN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

POPULATION consideration plays a critical role in resource project management, says University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) Vice-Chancellor Cecelia Nembou.

Giving her opening remarks at the 2024 Resource Week currently under way at UPNG, Prof Nembou said the size and growth of the population directly influences the demand and for resources such as water, food, water and energy.

She reminded industry participants, landowners, government officials and other delegates that: "We must constantly remind ourselves in the crucial role that population considerations play in resource project management.

"Effective project management requires accurate predictions of the population demands," Prof Nembou said.

"Understanding population dynamics helps in ensuring that resources are used with conservation in mind.

"Overuse can lead to depletion while underused can result in wasted potential and economic inefficiencies. Population data informs infrastructure development and ensures that water systems, energy grids and

food supply chains are shared appropriately to meet current and future needs.

"Uncontrolled population increases can lead to greater environmental distress. Resource management must balance the needs of the population with the capacity of environment to regenerate resources and absorb waste.

"Population consideration helps address issues of resource distribution ensuring equitable access to resource and reducing disparities among local communities.

"The PNG constitution guarantees all citizens equitable share in the country's wealth and participation in the economic benefits which are derived from the extraction and development of the natural resources."

"We must constantly remind ourselves in the crucial role that population considerations play in resource project management.

In terms of local content in the resource space various aspects, Prof Nembou said: "Local content refers the use and development of goods and services and human resources from the local communities or geographical regions where the project is taking place.

"Local can also mean community engagement with the people who own the land from which resources come from but involving the local communities in spinoffs business activities, investment or employment opportunities.

"It gives them a sense of ownership, promotes investor and government acceptance, generates goodwill and ensures peace and harmony and hence the sustainability of the resource projects.

"Community engagement can also involve economic development and transfers of skills and knowledge for community empowerment."

She also highlighted that resource projects have good, bad and ugly side indicating that projects contribute to economic growth and infrastructure development, however, also entails the bad and the ugly which includes corruption in resource contracts and damage to the environment.

GARRY: ISSUE OF NATIONAL CONTENT NOT ADDRESSED WELL

THE issue of national content has not been properly addressed in the mining act nor policies, says Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) managing director Jerry Garry.

Speaking during the 2024 Resource Week yesterday, Mr Garry pointed out that there is a National Content Policy released last year in March 2023 but there is no real guideline when it comes to administer community development obligations.

"Under the current arrangement, as a regulator to regulate the entire cycle of the mining business, under the current arrangement, when it comes to the development of a mine, there are several agreements," Mr Garry said.

"Mine development agreement is one of the major agreements that are normally signed for major projects.

"We use what we call the memorandum of agreement that is the agreement with the state and various stakeholders in terms of benefit sharing arrangements.

"The law is not very clear to how it should be done. So there is a gap in the mining act itself and the policies that we have.

"So we have been operating more or less on an haddock basis and on mutual understanding I should say.

"We have what we call tirpude agreement which is for alluvial miners and the third party who wish to come and operate as a joint venture partner for the alluvial mine tenements.

"And then the compensation agreement is a broad agreement signed between the landowners and the developer."

Mr Garry explained that in the country currently, there are two large scale mines which was previously Panguna and now Ok Tedi.

"We also have Wafi-Golpu that we and Frieda River coming on stream very shortly.

"We have two large mines we call epithermal deposits in Lihir and Porgera. We also have Ramu and Kainantu."

PNG LNG FIRST WITH WELL-DEFINED CONTENT PLAN



THE ExxonMobil operated PNG LNG project is still the country's largest investment is the first project to provide a well-defined national content plan, says Department of Petroleum secretary David Manau.

Mr Manau said the PNG LNG project national content covers work-force development, landowners' business, community investment and over the years human resource. He was speaking yesterday during the 2024 Papua New Guinea Resource week currently underway at the University of Papua New Guinea.

"The single biggest ever investment in the country, as we know, is the PNG LNG project investing K32 billion," Mr Manau said.

"It covers five provinces all the way down to Central province. In that context you can appreciate the length and breadth of local participation in the National content in the oil and gas in terms of the populous that we impact with.

"In 2009 figures, we were talking 60,000 landowners as we went to the Kokopo UBSA for the PNG LNG project.

"Over 15 years, that number has increased so in the national context you will note the challenges and the

work we, as a regulator, are working with the industry to implement policies that will bring back benefits to the people."

Mr Manau explained that in terms of the departments work in developing a national content policy: "As you all know, how constitution is the first basis that we look to in terms of Papua New Guineans participating and contribution to our economy.

"National goals and principals where the basis where we use to development our policy and develop petroleum sector national content policy. Also, we were guided by the medium-term development plan and

the oil and gas act section 129 which to use is the core backbone foundation for development a condition for the petroleum sector in terms of national content.

"We have developed a policy Government approved in July last year and we have promoted that through a launching in October of last year.

"The policy is comprehensive and the condition will basically guide the operations of the industry with the regulator in terms of going forward in utilising local participation, businesses and skills from the host project communities to the province and up to the National level."

LEADERSHIP AT NATIONAL LEVEL NEEDED, SAYS LOUNDES

WHEN it comes to disaster response leadership is needed at the top level from Government, according to the Australian High Commission.

Deputy High commissioner Joanne Loundes said any kind of disaster does need to be led by a Papua New Guinea authority whether it be at national, provincial and community level.

"And its our job as donors and the private sector to support that," Ms Loundes said.

"For us a foreign Government, we can officially respond until we get an official request and that request has to come from the National government."

Ms Loundes stressed that with Papua New Guinea being one of the most disaster-prone countries in the worlds, sitting on the Pacific ring of fire, it is important to invest in disaster preparedness.

She however said: "You can be assured that any kind of disaster in Papua New Guinea, there is very strong interest from the Australian Government to assist.

"So, understanding what the needs are and what we can do to assist early on is absolutely critical.

"We are absolutely always willing to be there first because we usually are because we have the capabilities but what we need to know is how we can respond."

With the recent Mulitaka landslide, the Australian Government committed to pay AUD2.2 million to Mulitaka.

Also recently, Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles, foreign affairs minister Penny Wong and Minister for International Development and the Pacific Pat Conroy visited Mulitaka.

CORE COMMUNITY: CAREER FAIR EXHIBITION

The inaugural PNG Resources Week's Career Fair was held at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) in Port Moresby which ran concurrently with the Community Affairs and National Content Expo (CANCONEX) on the 3rd and the PNG Resources Week Summit on the 4th of July.

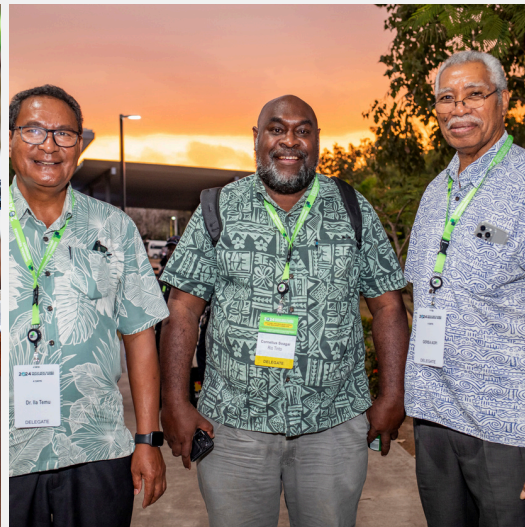
The Career Fair which was designed and based on the comprehensive objective to facilitate networking, industry insights, career guidance, professional growth, and recruitment opportunities; connected 2000 tertiary students with potential employers and provided valuable resources for career development.

The event saw the participation of 30 speakers from the resources industry, independent recruitment agencies, financial institutions and the legal fraternity presenting topics on trends in the resources industry, graduate and scholarship opportunities.

In addition, the students were given career talks focused on the craft of resume writing, interview skills, and industry trends, while industry professionals shared their success stories, offering inspiration and valuable insights to the students across the two-day event with the opportunity to engage directly with representatives from 46 companies who exhibited at the PNG Resources Week.

Participating tertiary institutions included the University of PNG, Pacific Adventist University, Institute of Business Studies (IBS), Don Bosco Technological Institute (DBTI) and Asia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC).







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- President
- Senior Vice President
- Vice President
- Councillors (Full Members) - Five (5) Vacancies
- Councillor (Associate Member) - One (1) Vacancy

The Council members will serve for a 2-year term commencing August 2024 and terminating August 2026.

A person is qualified to be nominated and hold office if they meet the following criteria:

He / She is a Full Member or an Associate Member, or a representative of an Associate Member (being a firm, association, or corporation) to qualify.

Nomination forms are now available from 16th July and will close on 5th August, 2024.

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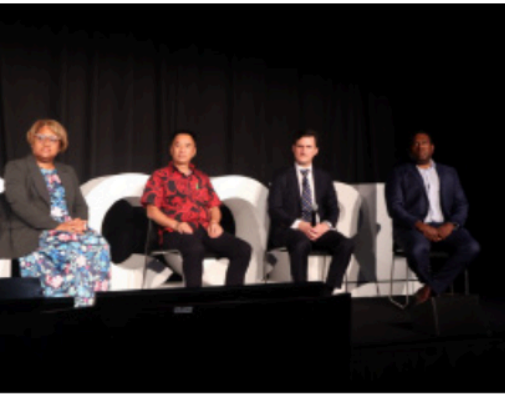
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