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PNGLNG Pipeline Segment 7 elects director to LO company Board



Newly elected director Mr Oumabe (left) with MRDC's Imbi Tagune following his election

Landowners of PNG LNG pipeline segment 7 have successfully elected their representative director to the board of the trustee company, Gas Resources PNG LNG Pipeline Limited.

Mr. Wauro Oumabe from the Omati tribe was elected through an election process conducted by the Electoral Commission and facilitated by MRDC.

The election process follows a 2-week awareness and bank account opening drive for pipeline segment 7 landowners in Kikori, Gulf Province.

The 36 clan heads from the five major tribes - Omati, Kerewo, Kibiri, Rumu and Barikewa - nominated four candidates to contest including Mr Oumabe. Mr Oumabe came out on

top having received 21 votes out of 36.

MRDC Managing Director Augustine Mano congratulated Mr. Oumabe and thanked the 36 clan heads for a successful election process.

"You 36 clan chairmen represent your people and through this outcome, your people have chosen this leader who will represent them at the board level," Mr Mano said.

"I encourage him to represent his people and their needs well. I hope to see that he is able to make an impact in their lives as he holds this position for the next four years.

"The rest of the board and I look forward to officially welcoming

the new director and look forward to working with him to deliver the rightful benefits from the gas project to Segment 7."

Director Elect Mr. Oumabe thanked MRDC, DPE, Kikori Police and the Electoral Commission for their presence and for support in ensuring the election was a successful, open and transparent process.

He also thanked the clan heads, and reassured them that he would work together with them to make sure Segment 7 benefits flow.

Mr Oumabe will be joined by three other directors who will be elected to represent Segments 6-1 through a similar process soon.

Managing Director's Message



MRDC Managing Director - Augustine Mano

Welcome to the final edition of the MRDC Tokaut for 2018.

In this edition, we bring you the election of the PNG LNG Pipeline Segment 7 landowners' representative to the board of the trustee company, Gas Resources PNG LNG Pipeline Limited.

Omati tribesman Mr Wauro Oumabe was elected to the board. His election came after a 2-week awareness and bank account opening drive for Pipeline Segment 7 landowners to allow for easy distribution of benefits. We feature this election and the opening of the account on page 1 with a photo spread on the same event on page 7.

This edition also re-emphasizes contributions by landowners not only in improving their livelihoods, but to the nation as well. This is a far cry from perspectives of the past about landowners being uncooperative and serving their own interests. Landowners are now nation builders and assets to the country.

The opening of the Star Mountain Plaza Hilton Hotel Port Moresby, the biggest investment of its kind

in the country, stands testament of the landowners' contribution to the country's tourism industry and to the development of the nation in general through its multiplier effects. This billions of kina infrastructure development, like others, stand to benefit everyone and the nation not only now but in the future as well. The opening of the plaza and hotel is featured on pages 4, 5 with a photo spread from the event on page 6.

Furthermore, pages 3, 8 and 9 showcase some of the landowners contribution to the grassroots during the quarter through the Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF). On page 3, the Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited built a brand new modern teacher's duplex for Boera Primary School. In the Yesiku region of Kutubu, landowners opened a double classroom, teaching staff house for Aiio Primary School and a health worker's accommodation. More on this can be found on page 8. On page 9, we highlight two additional infrastructure developments by Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited (R-PNGLNGPL), Petroleum Resources Kutubu (PRK) and Petroleum Resources Gobe (PRG). GR-PNGLNGPL funded the construction of a community health post in Porebada and a classroom at Papa Primary School. PRK funded a double classroom built at Waro High School, five bush materials houses built by Peter Wawe, and at Gesege Elementary School, a four in one classroom and a teacher's house, construction of which are still in progress. PRG's support, enabled the construction of a double classroom and a teacher's house at Don Moresely Primary School. This is due to open early 2019.

On page 10, we take you back to the early years of the country's oil and gas sectors – how it all started. This is a

first part of a two-part series of these important resources we have been fortunate to be bestowed with.

On page 11, which is reserved for our staff updates, we held a financial literacy training for our staff on 21-29 November in the company boardroom. Staff members were taught on how to properly manage their money to be able to put aside enough to save for future needs and unplanned events.

During the quarter, we had two trainee lawyers from the Legal Training Institute (LTI) join our legal team for three week as part of their work placement. On page 11, they shared with us their experiences with MRDC and the legal team.

Also during the quarter saw the appointment of PRK director and former chairman Mr John Kapi-Natto as the President of the PNG Football Association (PNGFA) bringing to an end a divide that threatened to kill the sport in the country. We have more on this on our sports page – page 12.

In this final quarter of the year, we also reflect on the year that was. Our year was rattled with the fatal earthquake that shook the nation in the first quarter. It killed some of our own and displaced thousands more. Thanks to our spirit of working together and resiliency, we came back strong in the last three quarters. Lives returned to normal and it was as if nothing happened. We also pay tribute to our landowners whose resources and contribution have benefitted the country greatly.

We look forward to an equally successful year in 2019. We wish everyone well. Until the next Tokaut, Take Care.

GR-PNGLNG PL builds duplex for teachers as part of their commitment to improving education



Above: Boera Primary School teacher's duplex

Right: MRDC MD Mr Augustine Mano planting a palm tree in front of the duplex to mark its official opening



The Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited has built a brand new modern teacher's duplex for Boera Primary School in Boera village.

The new complex was commissioned on 23 October 2018. Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) Managing Director Mr Augustine Mano officially opened the duplex in a small but significant ceremony facilitated by its subsidiary company Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited (GR-PNGLNGPL).

The construction of the duplex is sourced from the Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF). This is the fund set up to capture 30% from all project revenue as required under the Oil and Gas Act. These funds are used to build infrastructure and projects enabling the provision of essential services to impacted areas and communities.

The Boera Primary School teacher's duplex is part of GR-PNGLNGPL's CITF project under the leadership of Chairperson Ms Ulato Avei who represents the village on the board of the landowner company.

In her speech, Avei emphasised that Boera Primary School has produced human resources that have contributed to nation building in professions such as lawyers, engineers, doctors, athletes and most importantly, teachers.

"Since 1962 it has always been a headmaster and the school board's dream to have good infrastructure development as part of making education excellent in the community," said Avei.

She said GR-PNGLNGPL's main focus this year is education because the

company strongly believes in investing in the younger generation.

Mary Sese who is a fifth grade teacher at the school, expressed her gratitude to GR-PNGLNGPL and MRDC for their commitment.

"I believe this will bring effective teaching in the school because teachers will have the motivation to teach the students," she said.

MRDC's main goal is to look after the beneficiaries, in terms of making sure they receive their rightful benefits from the projects to improve their lives.

"To improve the quality of life of our beneficiaries, there's only one formula, and that formula is 4:3:3=GL. Which means 40% to be distributed as cash to the landowners, 30% is for investment for the future generation and the other 30% is for projects like the one you see here and like the classrooms you see in Rea-Rea village and the ambulance," Mr Mano said.

"The most important component of the formula is GL, which is Good Leadership. Without this, it is impossible to improve the quality of life for all our beneficiaries," he added.

Mano in his speech asked a question that drew visualization of how life would be like if infrastructure and projects as such continue to rise in the life span of the PNG LNG Project.

"If we keep building classrooms, aid posts, if we support agricultural projects, you will forget about the 40% royalty you get but that 30% that we put into the community is what will improve the quality of life," Mr Mano said.

He also announced the company's support for women in agriculture by supplying two tractors to support the four villages.

Also present at the event were representatives from ExxonMobil PNG, Laba Holdings Limited, Central Provincial Government and MRDC.

Star Mountain Plaza Hilton Hotel Port Moresby is the fruit of partnership and commitment



SMP Hilton Hotel Port Moresby lights up in the night.

Three years (3) ago, three landowner companies; Petroleum Resources Kutubu (PRK) Limited, Mineral Resources Star Mountain (MRSM) Limited and Mineral Resources Ok Tedi (MROT) Limited came together and made a commitment to bring to life a concept of transforming the old man's fireplace into a modern and luxurious architecture that promotes and celebrates his culture and traditions.

Bringing to life this project was a challenge as the companies and the partners were hit by the global economic crash. The price of oil dropped from over US\$100 a barrel to less than US\$40 and to make matters worse, the giant Ok Tedi Mine came to an indefinite stop. The future looked bleak. Fortunately, the fire was still burning in the old man's fireplace fuelled by the shareholders' undivided support. At this point, failure was not an option and Mineral Resources Development Company would not let the fire die out.

As the custodians of tomorrow, the MRDC made sure to keep the fire burning for many generations to come.

Speaking at the official opening of the hotel, MRDC Managing Director Mr Augustine Mano said that it was the alliance between landowner companies, great partnership with BSP and the Government of PNG that enabled the completion of the project.

"This achievement would not have been possible without the contribution of these institutions and people," he said.

He also thanked MROT, especially its former Governor Dr Bob Danaya who made the initial investment as well as MRSM and the Directors for their commitment and dedication in the project during the shutdown of the Ok Tedi Mine.

Western Province Governor Hon. Taboi Awi Yoto who sits on the board of MROT said that a project like this is only possible through strong, visionary and active partnership of provincial government and landowner companies, which creates a lasting legacy for people and the children of Western, Southern Highlands and Gulf Provinces.

Mr Mano also extended his gratitude toward PRK.

"My greatest gratitude goes to the directors of PRK for their stubborn commitment to the project demonstrated by taking up 45% ownership of SMPL," he said.

Furthermore, MRDC extended his appreciation to the Hilton Group for their confidence in the landowners and for making PNG their 107th operating country thus putting PNG on the world map.

Hilton is a prestigious brand that will lift the profile of PNG particularly its huge tourism potential.

A spark was needed first to start the fire for the future generation, and that spark was the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation 2018 (APEC).

APEC triggered development and growth as you see in the Capital City and it also triggered investments such as the hotel.

"I would like to thank the State with the visionary leadership of our Hon. Prime Minister Peter O'Neill for hosting APEC. The contribution for APEC enabled us to build the facilities to host the gala dinner for CEO's on the 16th and the world economic leaders on the 18th November 2018. If it weren't for APEC, such world

class facilities would not have been possible," Mr Mano said.

The Star Mountain Plaza is a multi-staged development. The 16 storey Hilton Hotel consists of 212 rooms, 46 suites, two penthouses, executive club floor and three world class restaurants. Moreover, two 4 storey building, a spacious 3900 square metre Kutubu Convention Centre and a carpark building that can cater up to 441 vehicles to complete stage one (1) of the project.

This construction employed over 1000 people, majority of whom were locals, in which transferrable skills were taught and imparted by the foreign help.

Meanwhile the second stage of the project has begun which includes an 18-storey building comprising of 160 apartments and a 5-storey retail and commercial space that will house some of the most prestigious world brands. Stages 1 and 2 takes up a total investment of around K1.35 billion.

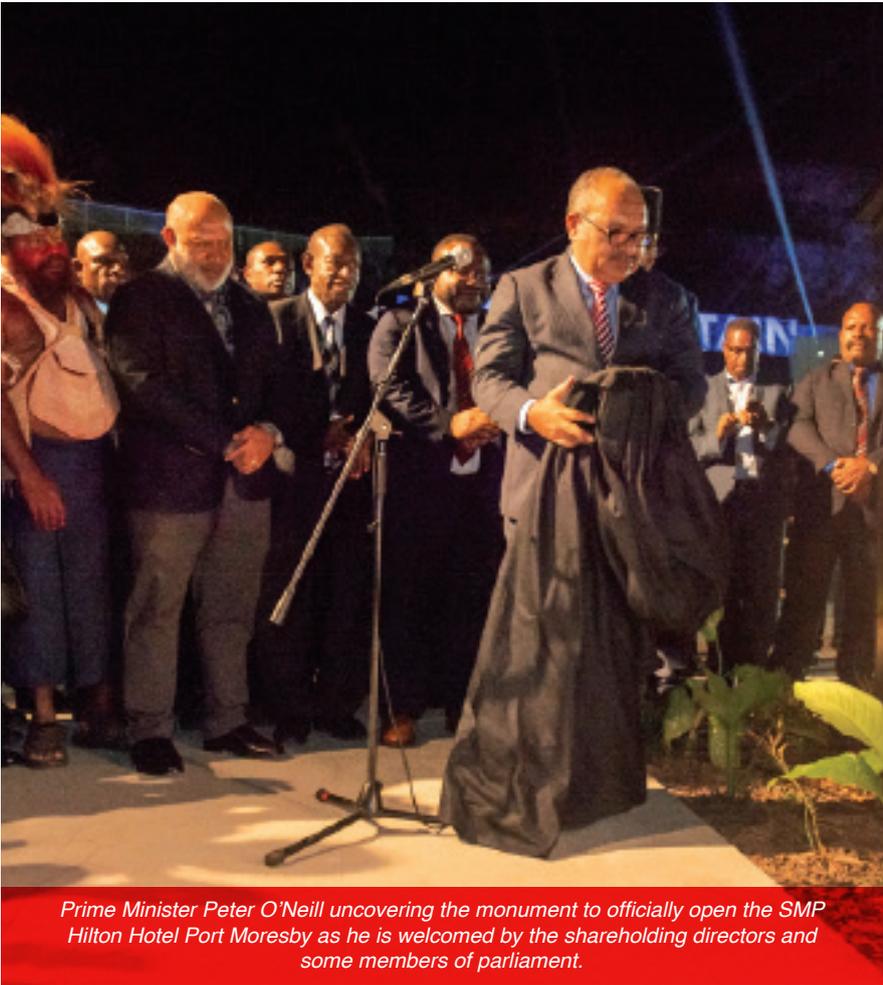
The Star Mountain Plaza will be Port Moresby's most secure, convenient and modern centre for hospitality, business, shopping, retail, fine dining and entertainment making it an international landmark for corporate and economic accessibility.

As we welcome development and modernization, this project is a reminder to the country and the people that we must not forget who we are and where we come from.

"The beauty and the pride of this world class facility can be vividly expressed as one senior statesman once told me; The voice of the people is in the parliament, but the soul of the people is expressed by the songs, dances, languages and designs." Mr Mano said.

In this fast and ever-changing world, driven by modernization and technology, the old man's fireplace must be kept lit.

PM acknowledges landowners as investors



Prime Minister Peter O'Neill uncovering the monument to officially open the SMP Hilton Hotel Port Moresby as he is welcomed by the shareholding directors and some members of parliament.

Speaking at the grand opening of the Hilton Hotel Port Moresby on the 12th of October, Prime Minister Hon. Peter O'Neill praised landowners as investors and acknowledged them for their contributions to the country.

"I am proud to acknowledge our landowners as major investors in their own right, as investors in their destiny," Mr O'Neill said.

"This is truly a project by the people, for the people."

Landowner companies such as the Petroleum Resources Kutubu (PRK) Limited and Mineral Resources Star Mountain (MRS) Limited represent the landowners contribution to the growth of the country. Under the mentorship and leadership of the Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC), these companies have become a wealth creation vehicle for landowners, for their

respective provincial governments and the country as a whole.

Pearl Resort Fiji, Taumeasina Resort Samoa and now Star Mountain Plaza Hilton Port Moresby are but some examples of the landowners' contribution to the country's tourism and hospitality industry.

Star Mountain Plaza Hilton Port Moresby is a physical representation of landowners partnership with a common goal for sustainability after the exhaustion of the projects.

PM in his remarks said that the project signified the beginning of an era for the landowners, the people and the country at large. Moreover, PM stated that SMP Hilton Hotel is the creation of a better future and is a testament of the hard work, commitment and the partnership by all stakeholders to overcome all hardships, trials and tribulations they faced.

Gulf Governor and PRK Director Hon. Chris Haiveta representing the people of Southern Highlands and Gulf Provinces stated that the people of these regions have been blessed with the Kutubu Oil Project that has supported the growth of PNG's economy since oil extraction started in the region in the 1990's to date.

"I am proud of the landowners as we not only sit on the receiving end of the spectrum as rent collectors of our land, but as business men and women. I am happy to see that the landowners and provincial government are moving away from receiving money but investing and making money for the future generation," said Mr Haiveta.

Petroleum Resources Kutubu has taken steps through the leadership of the Mineral Resources Development Company to make investments in PNG and abroad which will sustain the landowners in the long run.

PM also took the time to acknowledge MRDC for its commitment and dedication in ensuring the landowners and beneficiaries are taken care of.

Mr O'Neill stated that MRDC as the trustee of the people's resources have proven through strategic investments their ability to deliver successful tourism and hospitality developments such as the Pearl Resort in Fiji, Taumeasina in Samoa and now the incredible Star Mountain Plaza Project in the heart of PNG.

"MRDC under strong leadership continues to increase landowners wealth and investment portfolios, having increase the total assets of the landowners' interest from 600 million kina in 2008 to well over 6 billion kina in assets now," he added.

He also acknowledged MRDC's efforts in successfully completing the redevelopment of MRDC Haus and Pacific MMI thus adding value and opening doors to real-estate on behalf of the landowners.

Grand Opening of the Hilton Hotel Port Moresby



Segment 7 Bank Accounts Opening and Director Election



MRDC continues delivery of key infrastructure to communities in project areas

The official opening of a double classroom and a teaching staff house for Aiio Primary school and a health worker accommodation in the Yesiku Region of Kutubu are the latest projects delivered by MRDC under its Community Infrastructure Trust Fund program (CITF).

The three new buildings were funded through Petroleum Resource Kutubu CIT fund, managed by MRDC at a cost of over a million kina.

MRDC Managing Director Mr Augustine Mano was in Aiio in November to officially handover the completed projects together with PRK Directors Mr Johnny Yawari and Mr John Kapi-Natto.

Education and health are priority areas for the MRDC Group which has undertaken several projects that have completed and nearing completion in the project areas.

Mr Mano said his presence at the opening underlined MRDC and

PRK's commitment to deliver more community impact projects to the Kutubu people going forward.

"When I leave MRDC, I want the people of Kutubu to remember me for having improved their quality of life," Mr Mano said.

He said despite growing the assets of PRK through various business decisions, his 10 years at MRDC as managing director would amount to nothing if he did not do anything to change the lives of beneficiaries.

"The four regions of Kutubu - Hekari, Yesiku, Soro-Moro and Kaipu Sisibia will see more Infrastructure projects. We are committed to delivering these with your 30 per cent CIT funds."

PRK Director and PNGFA president Mr Kapi-Natto vowed to work together with fellow director Mark Sakai to deliver more projects in their area.

The two directors have been in

loggerheads over the chairmanship of Namo Aporo Landowner association for many years.

"Our issues can be put aside so we can bring services to our people. I urge you all to do the same," said Mr Kapi-Natto.

He thanked Mr Mano for his leadership in getting services to the ground.

The four regions are the largest beneficiaries in the Kutubu Oil project with a 90 per cent interest shared among 117 ILGS.

MRDC, via the CIT fund, has constructed and completed more than 20 education and health infrastructure (classroom, health centres, accommodation) in the last two years including the three in Aiio and one duplex for Boera Primary school teaching staff, which was handed over to the community in November.



Aiio double classroom



Aiio teacher's house



Aiio health staff house



MD Augustine Mano officially opens the Aiio classroom

CITF Project Update

Community Infrastructure Trust Fund is a savings account set up to capture 30% from revenue earned from all oil and gas projects as per the Oil and Gas Act. The fund is set aside to build critical infrastructure such as classrooms and health centres in project impacted communities. Each landowner company managed by the MRDC builds CITF projects that brings in tangible essential services such as health and education.

Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited (GR-PNGLNGPL)

Porebada Community Health Post

This is a 2-level community health post that consists of 4x patient bed, delivery room, emergency procedure room, consultation and treatment room, admin and general storage room, meeting/training room, a drug store, a utility and general purpose room and an outpatient and waiting room. Health Post plans and designs are compliant with the National Department of Health (NDoH) standards. Moreover, the design has been adopted from the NDoH standards.



Exterior view



Interior view



Papa Primary School classroom

The Papa project is a double classroom built under an existing high post double classroom. Double classroom construction in progress while the two classrooms upstairs will have minor work done such as a paint job, removal of floor and re-flooring.



Petroleum Resources Kutubu Limited (PRK)

Waro High School

Waro High School project is a double classroom that is almost complete. Also seen is one of the five bush material houses built by Peter Wawe.



Waro High School double classroom almost done. Seen here is Peter Wawe standing in front of the building under construction.



Gesege Elementary School

Work in progress on a 4 in 1 classroom and a teacher's house.



Gesege elementary School, 4 in 1 building.

Petroleum Resources Gobe (PRG)

Don Moresely Primary School

Double classroom and teacher's house completed and due to open early 2019.



Don Moresely teacher's house



Don Moresely double classroom

TECH talk From oil fields to the dawn of gas fields in PNG



Jack Hides, PNG Explorer with lumburave people. Photograph from "Papuan Wonderland" by Jack Hides, Black & Son Ltd, London and Glasgow, 1935.

PART 1

There are only four oil fields that were discovered and are producing oil in Papua New Guinea. The latest discovery was the Kutubu fields in 1986, but production did not start until six years later, in 1991.

However, history has it that exploration of petroleum in PNG started as far back as 1911 when the first oil seeps were discovered near the mouth of Vailala River, 60km northwest of Kerema, in the Gulf Province.

Since then, over the next 82 years, many geologists have come to explore the then British New Guinea which is now known as the north New Guinea basin and the Papuan Basin. A handful of discoveries of gas fields were made but abandoned because it was not considered as commercially viable then.

The first real oil discovery in the Papuan Basin was made in Puri in the Gulf Province in 1958. It produced 1600 barrels of oil per day from its

fractured Miocene carbonates but watered out during testing. However, it made world history for being the first well to be fully supported by helicopter.

It was not until 1986 when the exploration milestone was reached when oil was discovered in Kutubu. Hides which was discovered a year later in 1987 has a gas-condensate field with commercial value.

Hides was approved as PDL 1 as a small scale development project to provide gas to power the gas turbine to produce electricity in the nearby Porgera gold mine. Kutubu was approved as PDL 2 to be PNG's first oil producing field.

Gobe, SE Mananda and Moran fields were later discovered in the early 1990s and became the only three other oil producing fields to date. No other oil field discovery was made since then, rather only gas and condensate fields are continuously being discovered in PNG.

Oil Production History

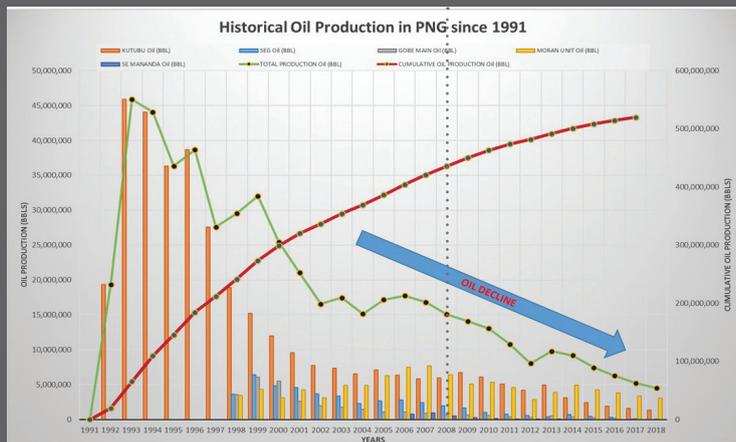


Chart 1. Showing Oil Production History in PNG since 1991.

of the four fields. Unfortunately, SE Mananda ceased production in 2015.

Hence, chart 2 illustrates the remaining reserves for each petroleum resource subsidiaries and will show that the Gobe fields are expected to cease production between 2018 and 2025 with an estimated 2 million barrels of oil remaining. Moran and Kutubu have at least over 20 years before end of oil production, with a combine reserves remaining to be produced estimated at 49 million barrels.

Since 1991, cumulative production is estimated at over 524 million barrels produced to date from the Kutubu, Gobe and Moran fields. All fields are now considered as brown fields as they are naturally declining in oil production as seen in chart 1.

The interesting question to ask is what is the current reserves of oil remaining and when will each field cease production? Both questions depend on continuous efforts to optimise production from each

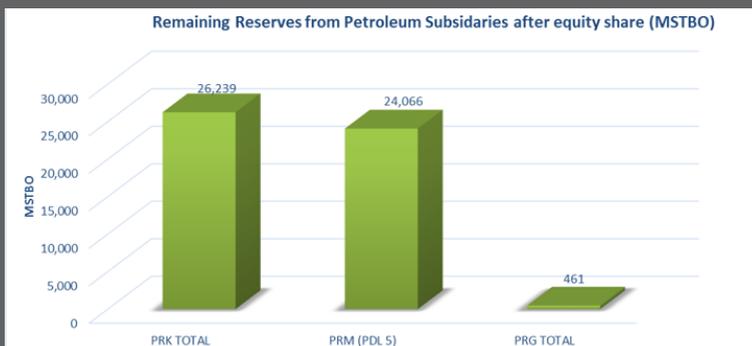


Chart 2. Remaining Reserves from respective petroleum resource subsidiaries.

Financial literacy training for MRDC staff



The Staff of the Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) were privileged to undergo a financial literacy workshop held in the company boardroom on 21-29 November 2018.

The workshop was initiated and facilitated by Corporate Services General Manager Mr Owen Makindi.

The workshop aimed to train staff on how to effectively set a visual plan for their smart goals and make them aware of what their spending habits are, to identify areas to improve in managing personal expenses, create a realistic personal budget that will save money and to comfortably say no to people asking for money. Basically the aim was to educate staff on how to budget wisely by being more aware of personal finances in order to manage well and safe for future needs.

The workshop covered five simple yet significant topics on how one can effectively save money. In topic one, staff learnt how to SMART plan their future goals. Topic two was about realizing spending habits, in which they identified unnecessary spending habits to cut down on or completely stop. Furthermore, they identified areas to improve in managing personal expenses in topic three. Topic four taught staff how to create a realistic personal budget that will save money while topic five trained them how to comfortably say NO to people asking for money.

Imelda Hanasbey from financial services said that the workshop was very helpful particularly the sharing aspect where fellow workers shared their various money management challenges which made it more practical and relatable.

Trainee lawyers share their MRDC experience

MRDC recently had two trainee lawyers from the Legal Training Institution (LTI) join our legal team for three weeks as part of their work placement.

Here's what they had to say about their experience with MRDC and the legal team;

Amos Taso

Working with the company (MRDC) has taught me more about what it takes to work in a competitive and challenging working environment such as MRDC. The breadth of knowledge, as well as the varied tasks that this company manages provided an environment that was both exciting and challenging.

The most notable and exciting lesson I learned which really changed my focus in terms of wise use of my monies was when I was given an opportunity to attend a Financial Literacy Workshop conducted by the General Manager Corporate Services Mr. Owen Makandi. I believe that if such workshop continues, drastic transformation and reformation will take place in the lives of professionals working here in this company (MRDC) if they seriously put into practice what's been imparted and taught in the workshop. As I move forward I will take with me all that I learned from this company (MRDC) under the excellent guidance and supervision by the Legal Manager Ms Valentina Kaman and

"I am grateful to have been a part of this training as it is beneficial in life and now the real challenge for me will be to follow my budget," said Hanasbey.

Rhonda Tau from Property also expressed that the workshop was very helpful especially in money management. Moreover, the workshop gave a clear picture on how to set goals and the actions to take and not to take in achieving these goals.

While the workshop was beneficial to the staff, Tau suggested that a follow up workshop should be conducted as well as other in house training on administration and basic professional

her wonderful legal team. I can only hope that I find full time employment with a firm that is as competent and experienced as MRDC.

Alison Kult

My three weeks' internship with MRDC was an enlightening and remarkable experience. My colleague Amos Taso and I were received well by not only the Legal but by other teams as well. It was an honour to be part of the entity that administers section 176 of the Oil and Gas Act.

I was very privileged to assist the Legal Team in performing, among others, its due diligence and compliance requirements. One other interesting opportunity I had was to participate in the Financial Literacy Workshop run by General Manager Owen Makindi where I learnt the significance of saving and knowing how to spend money wisely.

I thank the MRDC Management, the Legal Team and other employees of MRDC who have made this experience a remarkable and eye-opening one.

conduct which would be beneficial to the staff and company at large.

Office Assistant Reynold Samo found the workshop very beneficial as it encouraged him to keep on saving and also taught him more effective ways of saving and maximising his savings.

"Displa wokshop helpim mi lo makim ol plans bilong mi lo behain taim karim kaikai, mi interest stret lo toktok blo lukautim moni, bikos em kam klostu lo pasin lotu so mi hamamas," said Samo.

MRDC plans on training its employees in much needed areas and skills.

Kapi-Natto elected PNG Football Association President



PNGFA President Mr John Kapi-Natto and senior Vice President John Wesley Gonjuan PC; Radio NZ

Petroleum Resources Kutubu (PRK) Limited director and former Chairman Mr John Kapi-Natto is the newly elected President of the PNG Football Association (PNGFA).

His appointment on 27 November 2018 at the Crowne Hotel in Port Moresby, ended the division between two factions of football in the country.

The divide came about three years ago following a disagreement over the selection of the president of PNGFA with Mr Kapi-Natto, a patriot at heart, insisted that important positions as such should be given to locals and not expatriates. When his suggestion was not considered, he moved on to establish Football Federation PNG (FFPNG), with a view to remind his countrymen that they have capable people to lead. Mr Kapi-Natto's decision was welcomed with 12 football associations that were suspended by PNGFA joining the newly established football body.

Though not registered and recognised by the world soccer governing body FIFA, FFPNG has done a superb job in raising the profile of the sport in the country.

But, that was not enough to unite the local football fraternity. So, FIFA intervened by having John Wesley Gonjuan, Senior Vice President of PNGFA and Mr Kapi-Natto sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to come together as one for the good of the sport.

The PNGFA congress president election was held soon after and Mr Kapi-Natto was elected President while Mr Gonjuan remained Senior Vice President with the backing of all 18 presidents of the PNGFA.

Speaking to the media after his election, Mr Kapi-Natto said that good governance is the way forward to building a better PNG Football Association and its member associations.

"I would also like to announce to all our football stakeholders and partners such as the office of the Vice Minister Wesley Raminai, the FIFA, the Oceania Football Confederation, our business sponsors, supporters and players, especially the young people that football in PNG has come together as one body," stated Mr Kapi-Natto.

President of the Port Moresby Soccer Association Joseph Ealedona said that PNG football will become stronger under the leadership of Mr Kapi-Natto and the support of Mr Gonjuan.

"I saw two things that emerged in the congress; two energised football leaders with the same vision, thinking and drive. We cannot go wrong from here," said Mr Ealedona.

Mr Kapi-Natto says that he will do his best in making sure that FIFA, Oceania Football Confederation, PNG Football Association and corporate partners' assistance are delivered to our PNG Football Association for the development of soccer.