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MRSM pays K19.4m in dividends to villagers



Korkit village leader John Tokona receiving dividend payment on behalf of his village from MRDC COO Mr. John Tuaim and a representative of the OTML.

The Mineral Resources Star Mountains Limited (MRSML) has distributed K19.4 million dividend payment to the 12 Ok Tedi Mine Villages.

This is by far the biggest dividend payment made by MRSML to its beneficiaries and is part of the dividend proceeds from MRSML's 9 per cent equity in the Ok Tedi Mine Limited for 2020.

The event was held at Migalsim village and witnessed by the communities of the various mine villages and representatives from key stakeholders which included the leaders from the 12 Mine Villages, Governor for Western Province, Hon. Taboi Awi Yoto, Ok Tedi Mine and MRDC.

Under the Revised Benefit Sharing Agreement decision of the MRSML Board of 22 May 2021, the disbursement of K19.4 million was distributed as cash payments to the twelve (12) mine villages of Aremkit, Kavorabip, Finalbin, Bultem, Wangbin, Migalsim, Kumkit, Ok Tedi Tau, Ankit, Noiksikwi, Korkit and Kawengtikin.

Speaking during the event, Chief Operating Officer for MRDC, John Tuaim described the dividend distribution as a milestone achievement for MRSML and its beneficiaries.

"This is a milestone dividend payment for MRSML to its communities and I am pleased with the MRSML Board for its strong leadership and for delivering this payment which rightfully

belongs to the 12 villages," said Tuaim.

"MRDC will continue to work with the board of MRSML to improve the quality of life for the MRSML beneficiaries through prudent management of project benefits and investments," Tuaim added. Mr Tuaim encouraged the beneficiaries to use their money wisely and save some for the future.

MRSML Chairman David Kaiankim said, "on behalf of the Board, we are so happy to present these monies to them."

"This is a result of the good business decisions, strong leadership and the support that MRSML continues to receive from MRDC – who are our trust fund managers."

Kaiankim also commended MRDC for understanding the aspirations and development priorities of the beneficiaries and working with MRSML to realize these priorities.

"A large portion of MRSML's income comes from revenue from the Ok Tedi Mine and 2020 was a challenging year for all business including Ok Tedi due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Kaiankim.

"I want to acknowledge the OTML management for its decisiveness to rethink and adjust their business to mitigate the impact created by the pandemic which saw that the mine remained operational and continued to contribute to the national purse and dividends to its shareholders."

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Managing Director's MESSAGE

Augustine Mano,
Managing Director, MRDC

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the 2nd quarter of the Tokaut Newsletter. In this newsletter, we will share all our highlights for this Quarter with you.

Our operations continues to be guided by the COVID-19 measures and while vaccination is not compulsory, we are encouraging our staff to be vaccinated.

Payments

In June, we facilitated MRSM's biggest dividend payment to date - K19.4 million. This was paid to the 12 landowning villages of Ok Tedi mine.

Facilitating cash payments for landowners is not a seamless exercise. There are processes and laws that we follow and multiple stakeholders we work with to complete these exercises.

There are outstanding payments which our team at MRDC are working hard to complete.

Community projects

Our purpose has always been about improving the livelihoods for our beneficiaries through prudent management of their funds.

As we continue to work at creating wealth for our beneficiaries through sound investments, we also want our beneficiaries to continue to access basic but vital services such as health and education.

We are building momentum in completing the community projects earmarked for this year and our team is working hard to complete these.

The Porebada CITF project was the biggest we launched in June. These projects were funded by its Trust company, Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited (GR-PNGLNG PL).

The key highlight was the opening of its fully equipped and functional Level 2 health Centre which is currently serving more than 20,000 plus population in the village and nearby communities in the West-Hiri LLG.

We are supporting our subsidiaries to provide scholarships for the beneficiaries. Scholarships are available for tertiary, secondary and primary education.

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A total of K49.5 million was received by MRSM from OTML as dividend in December 2020. Of this, 60 per cent (K29.7 mil) was retained for investments and education while 40 per cent (K19.4 mil) was distributed to the 12 villages.

For tertiary, the vetting of the 2021 scholarships is almost up and we will be making payments to educational institutions in August this year.

Once the 2021 scholarship payments are completed, we will announce the 2022 Scholarships.

We are also facilitating the school fee support for secondary and primary education through our Directors' Public Relations Funds.

We believe in developing human resources who are the next generation of leadership from the project-impacted areas.

Inside this newsletter

There are many interesting stories in this newsletter, which I am sure you will enjoy reading. Some, which I personally enjoyed reading are:

- PRG's support to the Gobe students at Aiyura National High School on page 8,
- a thriving fish farm in Southern Highlands which we supported on page 5,
- Presentation of laptops to Western Province students on page 8.

You might also want to get to know one of our directors, Simon Danny on page 9 and how he is trying to bring back essential services to his community of Benaria that has been impacted by years of tribal fights.

For education and awareness, you might also be interested to read our 'Tech Tok' on page 10 where our engineers explain about how resource projects come to be.

With that, happy reading!

Stay safe and healthy and always remember to do the COVID-19 5, which are:

- Always wash your hands with soap and water
- Practice social distancing of 1.5M
- Wear face masks
- Always have your temperature checked
- Cough into your elbow

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Plan for your children's future, Governor tells mine villagers



Carefree children of Ankit Kumkit playing in the grass.

Governor Taboi Awi Yoto wants the 12 landowner villages of Ok Tedi mine to start planning for their future with the money they receive from Ok Tedi dividends.

This is to ensure their children's future is secured when the mine closes.

Speaking during MRSM's dividend payment in Migalsim village in late July, Governor Yoto urged the MRSM beneficiaries to put to good use the money they receive and look at investing in income generating opportunities that will in the long-term, sustain their livelihoods such as in education, agriculture, properties among others.

"These resources – the gold and copper will one day be gone – the mine I'm told has about 7-8 more years before it closes so we have to start thinking about the future of our children."

"I want to encourage MRSM villagers to think about the long term by investing your money in your children's education, go into agriculture projects, buy properties or start up small businesses."

He told the villagers that the current task of his provincial government is to look at how to sustain the economy of the Western Province once the mine ceases operations.

"The provincial government budget is heavily reliant on the money it receives from Ok Tedi."

"Our current biggest challenge is how the provincial government will look after its people when the mine closes given our budget is mostly from the dividends paid by the mine."

He explained that the province has started looking into alternate income generating projects like building access roads linking the province to new projects such as the Telefomin road to Frieda Mine and the Olsobip road to P'nyang.

The provincial government through its company Mineral Resources Ok Tedi 2 (MROT2) is also investing in long-term income generating opportunities such as in real estate and other businesses.

"I commend your MRSM leadership team for the head start in investing in long-term business opportunities - some of which are joint ventures between MRSM and MROT2 such as the Star Mountain Plaza and the Star Mountain Service Station in Port Moresby."

He said while the MRSM and MRDC are building the investment portfolio for the beneficiaries of MRSM, the beneficiaries also need to play their part and manage the money they receive from the Ok Tedi dividend and compensation.

Over K3 mil community projects for Porebada village



35 beneficiary clan chairmen who were delighted to receive the much needed services through their CITF managed by GR-PNG LNG PL and MRDC

MRDC and Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited (GR-PNGLNG PL) handed over more than K3.7 million worth of community projects to Porebada village.

These include:

- a fully-operational community health center kitted with 3 incinerators, 3 generators, a water tank and 3 staff houses
- 35 dinghies with outboard motors;
- 4 community trucks;
- 1 multi-purpose tractor;
- a board walkway for the Porebada-east community.

The trust company GR-PNGLNG PL funded these projects under its 2019-2020 Porebada Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF).

Speaking during the hand-over, Managing Director for MRDC, Augustine Mano said, "these are vital projects that will deliver broader community benefits to the Porebada village."

"I am glad to see that under the strong leadership and cooperation of the GR-PNGLNG PL board and the support from our key partners and stakeholders, these projects are now completed," said Mr Mano.

MRDC's vision has always been about improving the quality of life for our beneficiaries through prudent management of their wealth from the resource projects.

"Under the MRDC management, your company is certainly realizing this vision," he said.

The onus is now on the community to take ownership of these investments and look after them so that the community can continue to benefit from them.

Mr Mano told the Porebada community and the key stakeholders that gathered to witness the event – the Central Provincial Government and its relevant agencies and partners, that MRDC recognizes and values this public-private partnership.

"This partnership is valuable for the success of our CITF programs and we look forward to continuing this partnership and working with all our key stakeholders."

As the trust company representing the four main villages of the PNG LNG Plant site – Papa, Lealea, Porebada and Boera, GR-PNGLNG PL ran one of the most successful CITF program, delivering many social improvement and economic empowerment projects across the four villages since 2017.

CITF is a 30 per cent portion set aside from all landowner payments per the Oil & Gas Act to build infrastructure projects and support initiatives, which benefits the entire community.

Another 30 per cent is put aside for investment while 40 per cent of any benefit acquired by the landowner company is given as cash payments to the beneficiaries.

Fish farming in Mt Giluwe



One of the fish ponds in Kalopa Fish Farm.

Situated right under the foot of the majestic and misty Mt. Giluwe in Southern Highlands province is Kalopa fish farm, named after the river where the farm source its water.

Operating as the Mt. Giluwe Kalopa Corporative Society Limited, Kalopa farm engages in a variety of agribusiness activities.

While cattle farming and agriculture produce are some of the agribusiness activities the corporative society engages in, its main commercial venture is rainbow trout farming.

Kalopa produces rainbow trout or tropical salmon, which are sold locally to the community for consumption or sold to nearby hotels and lodges who ensure their guests have local fish as a choice on the menu.

The rainbow trout farming venture of the corporative society is by far the largest commercial fish farming in the country in terms of production volume with its newly introduced hatchery production.

The hatchery produces and distributes rainbow trout eggs to centres in Southern Highlands, Hela, Enga, Western Highlands, Eastern Highlands, Simbu and Jiwaka provinces. The average egg production is up to 35-40 million a batch. The farm makes two batches annually.

The Kalopa Corporative Society has reported that since the engagement of youths in the different farming activities, the community has become much peaceful and safer, achieving its vision of their Smart Village Concept.

A portion of the revenue made from the fish farming is diverted to community intervention programs such as education subsidy, peacebuilding and safer community programs.

"The initial seed capital for the cooperative society was provided through cash contributions from each villager, so it's only proper that they benefit from some of the revenue we generate from the trout farm," General Manager Mr. Andrew Tipi said.

The Mt Giluwe Kalopa Corporative Society is a vehicle of change within the community that not only brings about



GM Client Services Mr. Imbi Tagune presenting the cheque of K50,000 to Kalopa Corporative Society General Manager Mr. Andrew Tipi.

social change but is also imparting the skills and knowledge of commercial and integrated farming.

Managing Director of Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) Mr. Augustine Mano visited the trout farm in the rural outskirts of Upper Mendi and was impressed.

He was pleased to learn that not only had the villagers contributed from their own pockets to fund the project but that the farm is now operating as a viable business, and expanding.

MRDC donated K50,000 to the cooperative society to kick start the technical and capacity building to assist landowners in the project areas in fish farming.

The cheque was presented to Mr. Tipi by MRDC Client Services General Manager Mr. Imbi Tagune.

Teaching is more enjoyable at Boera Primary School



Ms. Aloisia Charles chatting with her sister in her house during lunch. This house plus eight others were built by GR-PNGLNG PL under its CITF for the staff of Boera Primary School.

Shortage of housing remains a major challenge for teachers throughout the country. Many seek shelter with friends and relatives and commute to school to teach. Others are forced to live in classrooms converted to makeshift homes.

This was the case at Boera Primary School in Central province, until the intervention of MRDC and its trust subsidiary Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited (GR-PNGLNG PL).

"I'm enjoying teaching here now. I no longer have to worry about maintaining a makeshift house or waking up at the crack of dawn to clear the classroom for the day," says Aloisia Charles, a grade six teacher at Boera Primary School.

Teachers at the school are now more focused, and enjoy their job because their biggest challenge that is accommodation has been taken care of.

As a community impacted by the PNG LNG Project, clans in Boera and three other villages in the area receive royalty and equity benefits from the project.

Their landowning trust company GR-PNGLNG PL is tasked to deliver social development projects in the community with 30% of the royalty and equity benefits.

In seeing this need, GR-PNGLNG PL decided to build two state of the art teachers' duplex that accommodates eight teachers.

This is in line with their vision to use their Community Investment Trust Fund (CITF) to help provide services and infrastructure that are lacking especially in education and health sectors.

Ms. Aloisia Charles described the new homes built as of high quality and spacious for her family.

"Everything is accessible here, with kitchen and bathroom inside the house. I can stay up late at night marking papers or preparing lessons" said Charles.

Grade five (5) teacher Karen Kalu shares the same sentiments.

"Before moving into the duplex, my family and I had to live in an old colonial house that was almost falling off. It wasn't conducive for living as I fell and injured myself several times," said Kalu.

Kalu further stated that most of her time would be taken up worrying about her family's wellbeing, which would affect her state of mind, resulting in having little energy in teaching.

Now that she has moved into a unit in the duplex, Kalu is very enthusiastic in her teaching and her passion to educate has only gotten stronger.

As the duplexes have improved the standard of living for the teachers, it has certainly improved the standard of teaching, moreover added value to the school and village at large.

At a total cost of K900, 000 each, funded through the company's Community Investment Trust Fund (CITF), the two teachers' duplex accommodates eight out of 10 primary school teachers.

The first duplex was delivered to the school in 2018 and the second one in 2020. Each duplex comprise of four units, two on the top level of the building and two on the ground level.

Boera is represented by their director Miss Ulato Avei, who is also the Chairperson on the board of GR-PNGLNG PL.

Porebada Health Centre serving the communities



Nurse Julie Kirakai attending to a patient and guardian at the Health Centre.

Since it opened its doors on the 7th of March 2019, the Porebada Health Centre has been receiving no less than 30 patients every day.

People in Porebada and the surrounding villages no longer have to travel into Port Moresby to seek medical treatment.

They have a Level Two Health Centre right at their doorstep, built for them by MRDC and GR-PNGLNG PL.

“Most of the basic health services are available here,” says Mr. Morea Vaburi, a volunteer Community Health Worker who runs the Clinic.

The clinic offers a full range of health services such as antenatal care, family planning, TB treatment, HIV drug supply, outpatient, inpatient and referrals for Port Moresby General Hospital.

The observation room in the Health Centre allows for inpatients, while an ambulance is on standby to make referrals to Port Moresby or Gerehu General Hospitals for more serious cases.

The health centre serves 14,000 plus people in Porebada, the other three PNG LNG Plant villages of; Boera, Papa, Rea-Rea and other neighboring villages like Roku, Koderika, Kido, Coco and Manumanu.

Vaburi said the health centre serves 30 to 50 patients on a busy day.

“We get 30-50 patients on busy days like Monday. We treat patients for malaria, cold and flu, and many common sicknesses.

We even treat TB patients here according to directions by Port Moresby General Hospital TB Doctor, Dr. Rendy Moke who is always a phone call away” Vaburi said.

The Health Centre is operated by four volunteer staff - Mr Vaburi, an ambulance driver, a nurse and a first aider.

Being volunteers mean their only income is from the fees that the clinic charges for treatment and other services offered by the clinic. Gari Vaburi from Gunina NO.1 clan in Porebada said they used to spend upwards of K300 to hire a vehicle and take their sick into the city to seek medical help. Not anymore.

“The health centre charges K2 for treatment, K5 for referral, K20 for medical certificate and K50 for emergency transfers. That is a total of K77 which is much cheaper than what we would spend in the past” said Vaburi.

The health centre was funded by GR-PNGLNG PL at the cost of K950, 000.00 from its Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF).

The health centre is registered under the Central Provincial Health Authority (CPHA), as such the CPHA supports the health centre with medical supplies such as drugs, protective gears and other medical necessities.

Aid posts and other health facilities along the Napa-Napa road provide situational and statistical reports to the Porebada Health Centre, which is then reported to the CPHA.

The health centre is also affiliated with Child Fund, an NGO who helps them conduct integrated patrols in the Hiri-West communities. Child Fund also supports with mosquito nets that are supplied to malaria patients and antenatal mothers.

Other support and donations throughout the years came from the Rotary Club, Save the Children and ExxonMobil PNG.

PRG completes scholarship payments for Gobe students



Gobe students attending Aiyura National High School pose with PRG Chairman Mr. Matthew Sisimolu.

30 students from Gobe currently attending Aiyura National High School had their 2021 school fees fully paid for by Petroleum Resources Gobe (PRG) and MRDC.

A total of K85, 000 was committed by PRG and MRDC early this year for these students to ensure they complete their secondary education.

The commitment was then paid in two parts – first payment of K50, 000 was made earlier this year to the school while the remaining K35, 000 was paid into the school's account in July this year.

The funds covered the students' tuition and boarding fees for this academic year.

During the presentation of the K35, 000 cheque to Aiyura National High School, PRG Chairman Matthew Sisimolu said improving the quality of education is a focus for the PRG board.

"We remain committed to improve the quality of education by building school infrastructures and providing scholarships for our students to ensure our future Gobe leaders are educated."

"The PRG board wants to help produce the next generation of Gobe human resources. There are many bright kids in the Gobe region but due to lack of school fees and education infrastructures such as classrooms and teacher's houses, many school-aged children are missing out on education."

With support from MRDC, the PRG board is revisiting schools in it's project area and building classrooms and staff houses as part of its Community projects.

The Board is also supporting Gobe students with school fees so they are able to complete their education and contribute to the development of the Gobe region.

Students receive laptops & printers

CMCA and MRSM students studying in various tertiary institutions in Port Moresby were proud recipients of laptops and printers.

More than K30, 000 worth of laptops and printers were purchased and donated in May this year by MRSM Director Amos Kiki to these students including eight from the Pacific Adventist University (PAU).

In a small ceremony held at the PAU campus outside Port Moresby, Director Kiki told the eight students that this was part of his vision to support the future leaders of CMCA regions & MRSM with resources such as laptops to help them in their studies.

Director Kiki said he went out of his scope to support students from other areas of Western Province as they are intellects of the province and they will still come back to serve our people in various capacity when they complete their studies."

The students were elated by the donation and thanked Director Kiki for seeing their needs and supporting their education.

Director Kiki who represents the Wangbin and Migalsim villages on the board of MRSM, also presented laptops and printers to students attending the Port Moresby Technical College and International Training Institute.

Similar donations were also done in Western Province to the



Director Kiki presenting the laptops & printers to Western Students in PAU witnessed by MRDC Communications Manager Geraldine Vilakiva

Callan Services in Ningurum and to the police in Tabubil. The equipment were bought from Director Kiki's Public Relations Funds.

A bright future for Benaria



(Insert; Director Simon Denny.) Benaria Primary School Students with their teacher.

Rebuilding a community devastated from years of tribal conflict might be a difficult task, but it is not impossible.

The Benaria area of Hela province is nestled in a remote area that borders the Southern Highlands province. A tribal fight that raged for over 10 years has left homes and properties destroyed, including school and health facilities.

Most of the 10,000 villagers have fled to other parts of Hela and nearby provinces to settle.

But a peace initiative instituted by the Hela Provincial Government and leaders from Benaria is bearing positive results.

Benaria in the Komo-Magarima LLG is an important part of the PNG LNG Project footprint.

It hosts a section of the 700km gas pipeline, which runs from Hides through to Kikori in Gulf into Caution Bay in Central province, where the LNG processing plant and export facilities are located.

Clans whose land the pipeline uses receive royalty and equity benefits from the PNG LNG project. The clan leaders last year voted Hopi Clan Chairman Simon Denny the Director of Pipeline Segment 3.

Mr. Denny represents segments 1, 2 and 3 in the landowner trust company Gas Resources Pipeline Limited, which is a subsidiary of Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC).

Since his election last year, he has worked hard with the Hela Provincial Government and others to broker peace and rebuild trust among the different clans.

"Being host of a major segment of the gas pipeline, we are privileged to receive benefits from the PNG LNG Project. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity we have, to use the benefits to rebuild our lives, restore health and education facilities

that have been destroyed, build a good road to open up our remote community to business opportunities and government services," Mr. Denny said.

Under the Oil and Gas Act, the benefitting clans will receive 40% of the royalty and equity benefits in cash paid into their accounts which MRDC has helped them set up.

The remaining 60% will be split equally between community development projects (CITF) and investment.

"The board will determine the projects in Benaria, but our focus will be to re-open the community school, closed three years ago, and the health centre. We will start building classrooms and teachers houses this year."

Mr. Denny hopes to travel with MRDC project engineers to Benaria to assess the projects.

Upgrading the road from Benaria into Tari is also a top priority.

"Our CITF funds are not enough for the road. We will have to seek help from the Hela Provincial Government. A good road opens up our area to a lot of opportunities, and that is good for our people," he said.

Mr. Denny's 18 years of experience working on building infrastructure like roads and airstrip in the Kutubu and Gobe oil project areas places him in good stead to guide infrastructure development in his own area.

He was civil foreman with Iagifu Oil and Gas, the landowner company that helped build the Moro airstrip and road in Kutubu in 1993.

He was also part of the Gobe Field Engineering team that built the airstrip and roads for the Gobe oil project in 1997.

"I think I have the experience, the drive and the energy to help deliver the change that the people of Benaria need in order to build a bright future for themselves and their children," Mr. Denny said.

PART 2.

GUIDELINES FOR FIELD DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Feasibility Study

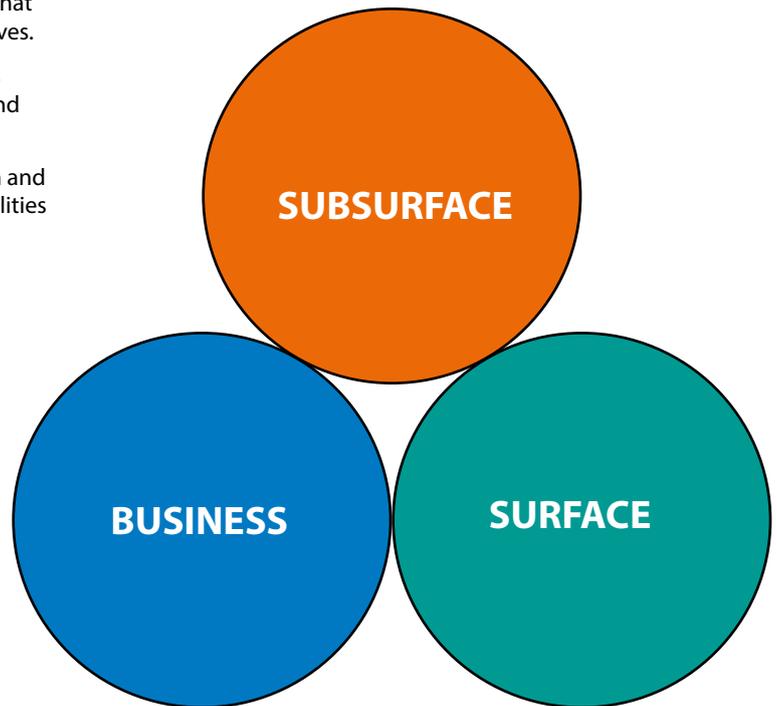
The task is to identify opportunities and perform all required studies (Feasibility Study) to generate a development plan that satisfies an operator's commercial, strategic and risk objectives.

The execution of the Feasibility Study involves a continuous interaction between key elements of sub-surface, surface and business.

The process requires continuous and effective collaboration and alignment between reservoir, well construction, surface facilities and commercial teams.

The main objective of Feasibility study is to identify opportunities and provide consistent and reliable answers to questions like:

- Does the technology exist?
- Is it technically feasible?
- Can it be built to the required size?
- Can it be installed?
- Do the risks appear manageable?



During the execution of the feasibility study, the engineers will:

1. Investigate the multiple technologies to be used.
2. Evaluate the costs of each solution, especially during the total life cycle of the project including capital expenditure for the construction (CAPEX) and operational expenditure (OPEX) to run the plant.
3. Estimate construction challenges versus benefits in operations and vice-versa.
4. Measure the impact on the environment (foot print, water and energy consumption, CO2 emissions, local acceptance, decommissioning and restoration costs),
5. Draft planning corresponding to each solution to identify critical items.
6. Identify potential risks on the project and hazards for personnel.
7. List all the required offsite and utilities.
8. Determine all the infrastructures needed to bring in the feedstock and to export the production.
9. Include local constraints about regulation, taxations, employment, content.

MRDC celebrates mid-year amidst COVID-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused havoc in the country since its outbreak last year. It's still an ongoing crisis, but with strict adherence to guidelines put in place by the government, the MRDC has successfully reached its mid financial year without incident.

The company held a small ceremony at the Element Restaurant to thank its staff for their commitment and tireless efforts in making sure that MRDC performs its core duties.

MRDC's main function is to manage the peoples' interest in the resource projects, and so this means a daily interaction with the people. It has been a great challenge mitigating the COVID-19 pandemic and managing the expectations of the project impacted beneficiaries.

Chief Operating Officer Mr. John Tuaim acknowledged that without the hardworking staff the company would not have made it through the half of the pandemic year.

"We are in June, which means we have come half way of the pandemic year 2021. It has been a difficult year with the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. But I am glad to say that we have not lost a member of the organization.

He encouraged staff to reflect on what they have accomplished in the six months, revisit their goals and plan to achieve the rest of their goals in the remaining months.



Chief Operating Officer-Mr. John Tuaim thanking the staff at the Mid-Year function.



Staff in their toana wear waiting in line for their food.

Floor wardens get training from PNG Fire Services



Floor wardens participating in a discussion.

Floor wardens from MRDC Haus underwent a safety and emergency training on fire emergency.

Conducted by the PNG Fire Services Training Division, the training helped the floor wardens – who are representatives of companies (tenants) occupying the MRDC Haus to learn about fire emergency and the procedures to safely evacuate occupants out of the building in the event of an emergency.

The wardens were also shown how to use the building's emergency warning and intercommunication systems.

This is the first of three trainings. The other two will include how to operate different types of safety and first aid equipment and practical fire drill test.

MRDC Haus Building Manager, Gabriel Vao said, having trained wardens in place is the first step of preparedness for emergencies.

"As the building manager, the safety of our tenants is paramount and our priority to ensure that they are safe within the building and during an event of an emergency," said Mr. Vao.

This training is part of an extended series of safety and emergency trainings that these floor wardens will go through so that they are knowledgeable and fully prepared to assist in emergency situations such as fire, explosion, accidents, natural disasters, civil unrest, arm robbery among others.

"These trainings will complement the emergency manual which we have drafted and will be distributed to all tenants. This manual will cover what a person should do in an event of an emergency," said Vao.

A similar training will also be done for floor wardens at the Pacific MMI Building, which is also owned by the MRDC Group.

While it is important to be prepared for emergencies, it is more important that we as occupants of the MRDC Haus and PMMI Building be responsible and prevent emergencies such as a fire.

Here are some basic things you should do to prevent fire:

- Switch off all kitchen electrical appliances at the end of the day;
- Switch off all other electrical appliances at the end of the day;
- Switch on and off electrical appliances with dry hands;
- Smoke in designated zones;
- Properly dispose flammable material;
- Charge electrical appliances or gadgets to their charge limit and not overcharge;
- Avoid leaving electrical appliances or gadget to charge overnight and unattended.



Star Mountain Football Club team after a match in Port Moresby.

MRSM maintains support to Star Mountain FC

The Star Mountain Football Club (SMFC) is more than a soccer club; it is a vehicle of change for the young people of Star Mountains of Western province.

Since the club's inception in 2019, Mineral Resources Star Mountains (MRSM) has been the naming rights sponsor for the club with K200,000 sponsorship.

MRSM, a landowning company for the 12 mine villages of Ok Tedi mine has renewed its sponsorship to the club for this year, making this its third year as naming rights sponsor.

The impact the club has had on the community, especially youths from the mine villages has been huge, and the MRSM will continue its support.

Club Chairman Mr. Maino Lucas stated that SMFC is more than a soccer club, it is a vehicle for social change and an avenue for many opportunities for youths.

"Star Mountain FC aims to create opportunities through sports for the youths from the mine impacted villages.

SMFC scouts raw talents who are molded, shaped and trained to meet the demands of playing at the national level where their potentials are exposed" said Lucas

What drives the club is not its aim to be at the top of the football ladder but rather its vision to improve the livelihood of the people

"As a club we are motivated to do what we can do for a greater cause. It is much bigger than winning a competition or being at the top, what's important is as long as a person is being developed, we believe that he will influence his family and his

community at large" continued Lucas

The SMFC was an initiative of the MRSM Chairman Mr. David Kaiankim who strongly believes that sports is one of the most effective tools that can be used to mobilize youths and influence them to bring about positive social change within the communities.

"SMFC was created on Chairman Kaiankim's vision to give opportunities to the youths that were unable to make it pass grades 10 and 12" Lucas Said.

Lucas stated that soccer was a common sport many youths participated in but only at the community level, where it was played occasionally during celebrations such as independence and Christmas festivities.

With SMFC in place, it has created the opportunity for the team to participate on the national level where they get to rub shoulders with top teams like the Hekari United FC.

"The boys are doing very well, they were able to beat Hekari in one of the matches in 2020. This is an indication of growth and we are very proud of them" Lucas said.

Apart from MRSM sponsorship, the Fly River Provincial Government through its business arm; Mineral Resources Ok Tedi NO.2 (MROT 2) has also supported the club.

Star Mountain Football Club is grateful to MRSM for its continuous support for three consecutive years and MROT2 for two years.