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New-look board for MRSM



An Ok Tedi Mine landowner beneficiary from Migalsim village happily places his vote into the ballot. Him and many others were thankful to MRDC for allowing the people decide who gets to represent them on the board of their company, MRSM Limited.

John Atmeyok is the lone returnee in Mineral Resources Star Mountains (MRSM) new-look 4-member board that was appointed last November during elections in Finalbin Village.

He retains his seat as representative of Ankit, Kumkit, Nioksikim and OK Tedi Tau villages.

Atmeyok is joined by Amos Kiki - representing Wangbin and Migalsim villages- who replaces Borok Pitalok; David Kaiyankin - representing Bulterm and Finalbin villages - who replaces outgoing MRSM Chairman Bill Menim; and Wilson Sokim who replaces Toby Nongkim as representative of Atemkit and Kavorabip villages.

The directors represent the 10 villages surrounding the Ok Tedi Mine Special Mining Lease Area and represent a landowner population of more than 3000 people.

The elections were a first of its kind, where landowners of the ten mine villages surrounding the giant Ok Tedi Mine given the opportunity to elect their landowner representatives to the

board of their trust company, Mineral Resources Star Mountains Limited (MRSM).

The election process was one of several policies changed following the restructure of MRSM after receiving an additional six per cent (6%) from the government's 33% share transfer of the Ok Tedi Mine nine months ago.

The company previously owned 3.6% of the mine. The additional 6%, brings the company's new share to 9.6% with an asset value of more than K250 million.

The holding of the election was part of the MoA regarding the distribution of the 33% by the State which was signed by MRSM core group leaders in Alotau early last year. It was agreed that the company would hold fresh elections and thereafter hold new elections every four years to elect the directors representing the company.

As trustee of MRSM, Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) had implemented the election process

to ensure an effective system of landowner representation on the board level.

"I want to thank each and every one of the former directors of MRSM for taking the lead by voluntarily stepping down to allow this process to take place," said Mr. Mano.

"The maturity you've displayed is unprecedented, and I hope the other landowner companies will follow suit in according their people the right to vote them in to the board to represent them."

The election was also witnessed by key Ok Tedi Mine and Government stakeholder representatives. MRDC facilitated the election process with the help of the Electoral Commission of Papua New Guinea who ran the nomination and voting process.

In the weeks leading up to the elections, MRDC carried out an extensive awareness phase to educate the landowners of the process.

Managing Director's Message



MRDC Managing Director - Augustine Mano

Welcome to our December edition of the MRDC Tokaut which is the final issue for the year 2017, definitely a year of firsts.

In keeping with the trend set in the first three quarters, the final quarter also featured a first not only for the company but for the country as well with the election of the new MRSM Board. The election was the first for any existing landowner company under MRDC.

The new 4-member MRSM Board elected during the quarter at Finalbin village comprises John Atmeyok as the lone returnee who is joined by Amos Kiki, David Kaiyankin, and Wilson Sokim, all of whom were voted in by the beneficiaries. You can find more on the elections on pages 1 and 3 as well as pictures from nomination day and the elections proper on pages 4 and 5.

On page 2, we bring you the staff's Christmas gift exchange which was fun-filled and enjoyable for everyone.

Also during the quarter saw the resumption of the Landowner Beneficiary Identification (LOBID) for PNG LNG Project pipeline and brown field areas. This is covered on page 6.

Featured on page 7 is the crowning of Miss Niawali Anastasia Twain as the 2017 Miss Pacific Islands (PNG) Pageant; a pageant supported

financially by the MRDC as part of its efforts towards the empowerment and promotion of our women. The pageant is a platform that also allows our young countrywomen to grow in confidence and strive for the best whilst promoting our beautiful country and culture.

On page 8, we bring you the launch of MRDC sponsored Football Federation of PNG's (FFPNG) new website and calendar of events for the year. The launch in December will certainly boost efforts to spread football across the country especially into the rural areas – a task that has been challenging to do in the past.

With that, we bid goodbye to an eventful 2017 as we look forward to what 2018 has in store for us. Until the next issue of the Tokaut in 2018,

Happy Holidays!

MRDC staff share the Christmas spirit



Each staff had to pick a name on the gift boxes under the Christmas tree to present to a staff member. Here is Jack Lohia presenting a gift to Imelda Hanasbey during the gift exchange ceremony in the boardroom.

The spirit of Christmas was very much alive at MRDC during Christmas. It's not only a time when staff members get to share the Christmas cheer with close friends and family but also with colleagues.

In a long standing tradition, staff participated in a 'Secret Santa' raffle,

picking out random names to buy a gift for.

Staff gathered in the boardroom in the second week of Christmas to exchange gifts.

Admin Support Officer Hane Magaru who coordinates the raffle annually was pleased with the outcome with

more than 40 out of 50 staff taking part.

The gifts were fantastic, and well-thought out.

At the end of the day, no matter how big or small the gifts are, it should always be the thought that counts.

Happy Christmas!

Menim calls it a day as MRSM Chair



MRSM Group MD Paul Povey and Mr Menim sharing a moment during the launch of the elections.



Mr Menim speaks to his people in Finalbin village after the announcement of his retirement on the board of MRSM.



MRDC MD Mr Augustine Mano and Mr Menim during the Launch of the MRSM Directors elections.

After 16 years of service to the people, Bill Menim has retired from his post as Chairman of the Mineral Resources Star Mountains Board.

Tears were shed and accolades given as Menim made the announcement before fellow Finalbin villagers last November.

He said it was time to make way for young leaders on the board.

Mineral Resources Development Company Managing Director Augustine Mano applauded Menim

on the move and thanked him for his services and efforts towards the company during his 16-year term.

"Thank you Bill Menim for volunteering to step down as Chairman and director of MRSM. I salute you for your 16-year contribution to the company," Mano said.

He commended Menim's actions as exemplary in realising that he had done his part and now needed to make way for younger and energetic leaders to run the affairs of the people.

His fellow villagers accepted the news with a heavy heart.

In stepping down, Menim paved the way for younger leaders to contest the MRSM elections who were initially reluctant to do so because it meant challenging Menim who had a good standing as a principal Ok Tedi Mine landowner.

The elections saw the appointment of Bultem villager David Kaiyankin to take Menim's place as director on the MRSM Board as representative of the Finalbin and Bultem people.

MRSM Election of Directors

Awareness and Nominations

MRDC's External Affairs team ran an extensive awareness program before the elections to prepare the Ok Tedi landowners on how the election process and program would run. The team covered the 10 villages Wangbin, Bulterm, Atemkit, Finalbin, Kavorabip and Ok Ma Region villages Ankit, Kumkit, Ok Tedi Tau and Niokswikim. The awareness program was followed by a week of nominations to give the team time to prepare the ballot papers.



MRSM Election of Directors

Polling Day and Declaration

Polling day in the 10 villages run by the PNG Electoral Commission team to ensure fairness and transparency in the whole process. Stakeholder representatives from various government agencies were invited to observe the process. The election voting process took a week. Votes were counted right after polling and winners declared on the day of voting for each village.



Landowner beneficiary ID for PNG LNG Project continues

The Landowner Beneficiary Identification (LOBID) for PNG LNG Project pipeline and brown field areas has resumed.

Formerly known as Clan Vetting program, the process is now being undertaken by a high-level multi-stakeholder team. The team consists of the petroleum department and other government agencies, including Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) and Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited.

According to Petroleum Minister, Dr Fabian Pok, the government is hopeful of completing the program by Christmas with a budget of K3 million.

Following the successful completion of the distribution of royalty benefits in the plant site area last month, the department is now focusing its efforts in the completion of the LOBID programme in other project areas.

Minister Pok said a degree of planning, coordination and funding of the activities was required. Based on the work done by the department and other government agencies, the National Executive Council (NEC), on 2 November 2017 approved funding for the LOBID programme.

MRDC provided support and guidance to the DPE CVP team during the first part of the LOBID Program.

The LOBID program has so far been carried out in Kikori, Kopi, Gobe, Moro areas. Progress update is as follows from December 2017.

- Pipeline segment 1, 2,3,4,5 & 7 completed
- Pipeline Segment 6 incomplete – Imawe Bogasi clan disagreed with the percentage allocation.

Following the program, the Petroleum Minister, Dr Pok, will be required to sign a final gazettal notice for publication. Should there



Vice Minister for Petroleum and Energy Hon. Manasseh Makiba addressing the people of Kikori during the start of CVP in the area.



Villagers gather at the CVP station set up by the DPE team to carry out landowner identification in Kikori.



A landowner in Moro area filling out identification papers as the DPE team looks on.



The state team of DPE, the Minister and MRDC welcomed on arrival in Moro by the Exxon Mobil and Oil Search teams as they prepare to mark the start of the CVP in the Pipeline Segments in Moro and Kikori.

be no objections on the ministerial determination from the landowners within 28 days, the MRDC together with DPE will conduct awareness,

develop benefit certificates, open bank accounts for registered clans and conduct the board of directors' elections in the field in 2018.

Pageant with a purpose



Miss Niawali Anastasia Twain (centre) after she was crowned Miss Pacific Islands PNG 2017. Photo via MPNGPI Facebook page

Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) renewed its sponsorship of the 2017 Miss Pacific Islands (PNG) Pageant with a K20,000 sponsorship which saw the crowning of Miss Niawali Anastasia Twain.

The crowning was held at the Crowne Plaza in November.

Ms Twain went on to represent Papua New Guinea at the regional Miss Pacific Islands Pageant that was held in Nadi, Fiji.

Leading up to the regional event, Ms Twain stated on her Facebook page; "Today is the day we take the Nation to Nadi, Fiji for the 2017 Regional Miss Pacific Islands pageant. I am humbled and honoured to represent my island nation Papua New Guinea. I have solid faith in Yahweh. He will see us through and establish His will."

MRDC Manager External Affairs Mr Imbi Tagune presided as one of the judges on behalf of the sponsors.

"It's a great opportunity to be a part of the pageant, to see beautiful and confident young Papua New Guinean women put their hands up to be cultural ambassadors of their country," Mr Tagune said.

"I can imagine how daunting it must have been to put themselves through a beauty contest to be judged on every level. One has to be brave and courageous. It wasn't an easy task as well from the judging panel because I believe all of the ladies deserved to be a winner," he said.

The pageant was initiated by the Government of Samoa to promote the numerous cultures of the Pacific Islands.

It also aims to gain exposure for host nations, and bring publicity to the region and its many tourist attractions.

The MPIP PNG is a non-profit organisation with the wife of the Prime Minister Peter O'Neill, Lynda Babao-O'Neill, as patron.

The MPIP PNG also raises funds to assist young women to complete or continue their education in tertiary institutions throughout the country each year.

Since the first pageant, over K600,000 has been raised to assist in the education of over 190 young women around the country.

The regional crown has been won once by former Miss Papua New Guinea, Abigail Havora in 2015.

Staff News

MRDC & PPT welcome three new staff this quarter. We are excited to have on board:

Jason Mokola Manager Accounts



Jason joins as Accounts Manager. Hailing from Semberigi area in Southern Highlands' province, Jason

has worked for similar resources companies in PNG and the Pacific including Chevron Niugini at Ridge Camp, Kutubu, Shell PNG Ltd and Interoil, Morobe Mining Joint Venture- Hidden Valley, Gold Ridge Mining Company- Solomon Islands and IPI Catering.

Jason finds his new role a challenge but hopes to use his vast experience in the industry to improve MRDC's accounting processes.

Sharon Askon Supervisor PPT & Internal Audits



Sharon Askon from Enga province joins PPT as the Internal Auditor. Her last job was with Puma Energy PNG Limited.

With a background in Accounting and Finance she joins MRDC to extend her knowledge in Oil & Gas Industry.

Willie Sam PPT - Pacific Place Building Manager



From the Southern Highlands province, Willie Sam is in charge of the PPT building, ensuring tenants are looked after. A

Building Technologist by profession, Willie has experience in Real Estate, having worked with DAC Real Estate and the National Development Bank. He says MRDC is a choice employer and provides an opportunity to grow his career.

FFPNG launches new website, season calendar



Founding President of FFPNG John Kapi Natto during his speech in Maprik this year. FFPNG has extended its reach to rural settings, going into Highlands, Northern, Southern and Niugini Islands.

In a bid to drive and spread the message of football across the country, the Mineral Resource Development Company sponsored Football Federation of PNG (FFPNG) has launched a new website.

The launch coincided with the release of the federation's 2018 calendar of events in December 2017 in Port Moresby.

The new website and season calendar will improve efforts to spread football

across PNG – from the city and towns and into the hearts of the rural population - something which has been tough to do in a country with a diverse culture, language numbering over 850, landscape and rough terrain.

"Football has never reached some of the towns and almost all rural population of this beautiful country and with our vision now, everyone can play and learn football at all levels of the society," FFPNG president John Kapi Natto said.

During the launch, the federation named four directors to oversee the running and establishment of football associations across the four regions namely Mamose (Northern), Southern, Highlands and Niugini Islands.

Kapi Natto said the two latter regions will be added in 2018 after a successful inaugural season in the Southern and Northern regions.

Former PNG national player Robert Upaiga will head the Highlands, and Spencer Manhi to oversee the Niugini Islands region. In the South, due to work commitment, Paul Isorua makes way for Erema Gulf FC Manager Edward Mimino while Stanley Khana takes over the Northern region from former Post Courier award winning journalist, Haiveta Kivia who assumes the post of acting secretary of FFPNG.

Meanwhile, Kapi Natto said the launch of the website and season calendar will ensure all member associations and players prepare well and are aware of FFPNG's plans for the 2018 season.

"With modern technology and world moving in this digital era, we want to run our Federation professionally and allowing all our member associations to know what we are doing and be informed well and the website is the way forward apart from other mediums," Kapi Natto said.

"It also gives them ample time to prepare and look for sponsors to attend various sanctioned events of the FFPNG which [are] all listed in the calendar."

Kapi Natto acknowledged MRDC's support for the successful launch and the progress made by the federation.

"I want to thank the Managing Director of MRDC, Augustine Mano, my fellow directors of Petroleum Resource Kutubu and the hard working staff for always getting behind our new Federation to help make it work," Kapi Natto said.