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Gutpela dei lo yupela olgeta!

First of all, I would like to congratulate the newly elected presidents of Baimuru LLG and Ihu LLG and the elected councillors of the following wards in the Papua LNG project area which include: Aikavaravi, Akoma, Apiope, Ara'ava, Aumu, Ikinu, Kairimai, Kapai, Kapuna, Kinipo, Maipenairu, Mapaio, Mariki, Poroi and Wabo within Baimuru LLG, and Arehava, Avavu, Harevavo, Harilarewa, Kaivukovu, Kavava and Lariau within Ihu LLG.

The elections which took place end of July 2019 are an important exercise that will empower the elected Ward councillors and LLG presidents to promote inclusive community-led development and bottom-up community driven planning. This is an opportunity to strengthen relations between local communities, provincial and local level government, national agencies, development organisations and the Papua LNG project.

Project Updates

As you may be aware, the Papua LNG project has received the go ahead from the Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea. Today the key element before launching the next phase of the project lies in the Caution Bay LNG Plant site. The gas will be extracted from PRL-15 and transported through the export pipeline to the Caution Bay LNG Plant where it will be processed by LNG treatment and liquefaction units (also called LNG trains, in photo below). Feasibility studies were conducted jointly with PNG LNG who also need to build another LNG train for a separate project. These studies concluded that the most technically efficient and cost-effective plan is to combine the two project requirements by building three (3) LNG trains within the Caution Bay LNG Plant site. This optimal scheme combining 3 LNG trains is a critical factor for the success of the Papua LNG project, and was used as a basis for all the project technical and integration studies. The progress of the Papua LNG project is therefore directly related to the expansion plan of the Caution Bay LNG Plant site. The PNG Government and PNG LNG are working together to resolve the conditions required to trigger this third train before both projects can proceed to launch simultaneously a more advanced design phase which is called Front End Engineering and Design (FEED).

The FEED will consist of defining the Papua LNG project technical details: we know where we want to build our house, we know what the house will look like, the next step will be to design the detailed plans of this house and methods of construction. For the Papua LNG project, the launching of the FEED study will also coincide with the beginning of the preparatory works in PRL-15 to conduct minimal land clearing in priority areas as a preliminary step before site preparation and construction. An environment permit has been already granted for these preparatory works. Prior to any activity, we shall conduct a community awareness campaign followed by pre-construction surveys and land access and compensation.



Therefore, until the third train of the Caution Bay LNG Plant site has been fully sanctioned, limited activities will happen in PRL-15 and the proposed export pipeline corridor. The Papua LNG project shall therefore take a short breather before moving forward.

The Papua LNG project Environment Impact Statement (EIS) is being finalized and will soon be submitted to the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) for review. Early next year, we anticipate that this review process will involve a public disclosure of the contents of the EIS. A roadshow will also be organized by CEPA to visit the villages in the Project Area of Influence to present the findings of the EIS and to collect comments from the communities, LLG, District, and Provincial stakeholders.

Environment Impact Statement

Following the completion of the Environmental Inception Report (EIR) including a roadshow display in communities in the project area, the Director of Environment approved the EIR in December 2016 and TEP PNG was directed to submit an Environment Impact Statement (EIS). We first carried out environment and social baseline surveys in the project area, before preparing the EIS for the Papua LNG Project. The EIS will soon be submitted to the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA).

The next key activities will include:

1. Internal review of the EIS by CEPA to confirm that the EIS submission is satisfactory;
2. Third-Party review of the EIS procured by CEPA;
3. Public Review of the EIS :
 - The EIS document will be disclosed in locations accessible to the public, these locations will be communicated through newspaper adverts. The public will have the opportunity to read the EIS and to submit their comments;
 - CEPA will also communicate the EIS to national and provincial administration and institutions for their respective review. Other stakeholders may also procure their own third-party review of the document;
 - In parallel CEPA will conduct an EIS roadshow to take place in the Project Area of Influence, Gulf Provincial Capital of Kerema, District Headquarters in Gulf and Central Province and in Port Moresby. All of the comments collected will be presented to the Environment Council;



Example of roadshow display, undertaken during the 2016 EIR disclosure in PRL-15.

1. The Environment Council will issue its recommendation to the Minister of Environment to grant the "Approval In Principle" if it is satisfied that the EIS fulfils the requirements of the Environment Act 2000 and based on its assessment of the comments received from the public review and the road show;
2. The Minister of Environment grants the Approval in Principle for the Environment Permit for Papua LNG Project;
3. CEPA will prepare the Environment Permit to be issued. It is only after the Environment Permit is issued, that work can officially commence in compliance with the permit conditions.

Environmental Monitoring



Scheepmaker's Crowned Pigeon

Wildlife Camera Trapping Study

As part of our long-term monitoring program, we initiated a pilot wildlife camera trapping study at selected sites in PRL-15. The study aims at improving our understanding of bird and mammal diversity present in sampling areas and contributing to monitoring of population trends (increase/decrease) and activity patterns of target species over time and space. A total of 26 camera traps were installed, for a duration of 3 to 6 months between November 2018 and June 2019. The data is now being analysed and a report is under preparation.

Nation Content – Training and Capacity Building

Technical Vocational Education & Training Scholarship Program (TVET) - Forty one (41) young men and women from Gulf Province sponsored by Total E&P PNG Limited to attend Port Moresby Technical College.

The program aims to provide TVET training to graduates from Gulf Province secondary schools so that they become better equipped to apply for future jobs with contractors working for the Papua LNG Project. We received over 200 applications from interested Year 12 Graduates living in Gulf Province. Interviews, medical tests and academic tests were conducted in Kerema, capital of Gulf Province. Applicants also submitted their choices of career ranging from Engineering, Building & Construction, Hospitality and Logistics. Screening was conducted using the various test results and students choices. After completing the National Certificate 1 (NC1) program in 2019, the successful students will progress to NC2 and NC3 in 2020.

Maritime Cadets – Ten (10) young men and women from the Project Area of Influence in Gulf Province completed a 10 week training program at the Pacific Maritime Training College in Port Moresby.

We received 97 applications from interested youths from 9 different communities along the Purari River in Gulf Province. Following the screening of applicants, medical tests and the completion of written academic tests and interviews, nine young men and one woman were selected to attend the training. The 10 cadets are now ready to undertake a 6 months probationary work placement on coastal vessels in PNG waters. At the end of their probationary period, successful cadets will receive their General Purpose Rating 2 certificate, qualifying them as seamen to work on vessels.

This is the second group of maritime cadets to be sponsored by Total E&P PNG Limited. The first group completed their training in 2016 and continue to work on shipping vessels on Purari River.



IBBM Training of 21 Clan Leaders of PRL-15 project area with Richard Kassman (TEP PNG Public Affairs External Communication Manager).



TVET Trainees at Port Moresby Technical College, with Hon. Christopher Haiveta (Governor of Gulf Province), and Koen Bracquene (TEP PNG Director Operations).



Out of the 41 TVET Trainees, 17 young women are pursuing construction and engineering training courses.



Maritime Cadet Trainees at Pacific Maritime Training College, with Hon. Christopher Haiveta (Governor of Gulf Province), Koen Bracquene (TEP PNG Director Operations), Trevor Birney and Susan Age (TEP PNG Workforce Development).

Business Development Training of the Directors of Koko Nene Henaru Resource Limited (KNHRL), a community-owned company established by the customary landowning clans of PRL-15.

Twenty-one (21) clan leaders from PRL-15 area have benefited from a training in Business Basics and Essential Skills at the Institute for Banking & Business Management (IBBM) in Port Moresby: 10 Directors of KNHRL and 11 Directors of the Investment Companies that own KNHRL. These are: Meropa Ltd., Apea Investment Ltd., Peasoh Investments Ltd. and Hou Resource Investment Ltd.

Community Investment

Kapuna Health Centre Upgrade

The launching of the upgrade works took place on 23 May 2019, attended by Gulf Province Governor – Hon. Chris Haiveta, Australian High Commissioner – His Excellency Bruce Davis, Gulf Provincial Administrator – Mr. Marc Avai, Incentive Fund Phase 4 Program Manager – Mr. Rene Dierkx, Total E&P PNG Limited – Mr. Richard Kassman, Kapuna Health Centre staff and surrounding communities.



Ground-breaking by Hon. Chris Haiveta (Gulf Province Governor) and His Excellency Bruce Davis (Australian High Commissioner).

HPV Vaccinations in PRL-15

In partnership with Boroko Rotary Club, we provided logistics support for the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign conducted by Kapuna Health Centre for primary schoolgirls, female teens and youths in Poroi 2 and Wabo Villages.



Kapuna Health Worker vaccinating a schoolgirl of Poroi 2 Village.



Kapuna Health Worker conducting awareness prior to vaccination in Wabo Village



TEP PNG Logistics support for transportation of materials for Kapuna Health Centre upgrade works

Malaria Prevention along the Pipeline Corridor

We donated 1074 mosquito nets to all 23 communities in Muro Inland and Orolo Coastal. The distribution of these mosquito nets was done between March and August 2019.



Mosquito net distribution at Orolo coastal communities



Mosquito net distribution at Muro inland communities

Donation of medical equipment

A delivery bed was donated to Wabo Aid Post on 13 June 2019 to assist pregnant mothers to safely deliver their babies.



Bernara Ware and Andrew Joupe (LLU) donating the delivery bed to Peter Kinomi (Wabo Aid Post CHW).



Community Notice Board at Wabo.

Improving Communication

A total of 5 Community Notice Boards have been constructed and set up in the PRL-15 communities. The objective of this initiative is to provide a public platform in which notices and toksavees from both the company and from the community can be displayed for all to access. The communities include Poroi 2, Wabo Station, Subu 2, Kaevaria and Evara.

As well, should you need to get direct information on the Project, please call the TEP PNG Toll free line (70 111 777).

Community Investment (continued)

Adult Literacy Program

In partnership with the National Volunteer Services (NVS) and local communities around PRL-15, we completed in August 2019 the initial training of 10 volunteer community tutors in Port Moresby. Over the next two years, NVS will mentor each tutor within their community to set-up adult literacy classes and learning materials.

Community Infrastructure Projects

In partnership with Digicel Foundation and the Gulf Province Administration, we are supporting the construction of a new Aid Post in Poroi 2 village, and two double classrooms in Orokolo Bay, respectively in Kavava and Larihairu villages. Each facility is being equipped with toilets, water tanks, and solar panels for lighting.



Jean-Marc Noiray, (Managing Director of TEP PNG), Mollie Willie (Executive Director NVS), Lester Sauka (Gulf Province Deputy Administrator – Tech & Social Services) and Joyce Melepie (TEP PNG Community Investment Coordinator) with 10 Community Volunteer Tutors and NVS Trainer Oyafa Yavi.



Construction of Poroi 2 Aid Post



Orokolo Bay Communities providing support to transport classroom materials.



Construction of a double classroom for Arehava-Harevavo P/S, Larihairu Village.



Dry Toilet in partnership with SAGO Network for Arehava-Harevavo P/S in Larihairu Village.

NID Program Update

We provide logistical support to the PNG Civil Identification Registry to perform individual registration in the project area and enable the delivery of national identification cards. Over 1500 people have registered through the NID campaign carried out in 2018 and 2019 in the communities around PRL-15. The data collected is being processed by PNGCIR for verification and printing.

Between September and November 2019, the NID campaign is being rolled-out in the communities along the pipeline corridor. The pre-registration and biometric registration for the Popo inland communities around the Muro area were completed in September. The villages covered included Muro mission, Ere, Kilavi, Huruta, Avavu, Hepere, Paevera and Arehava 2. In October the NID campaign will proceed to Orokolo Bay communities.



NID registration (facial photograph) at Ere-Kilavi community on 19th Sept 2019

Conclusion

You have demonstrated to us over the last four years that the people of Gulf Province are hardworking people. Regardless of this moment of lower activity in the project area, we remain fully committed to the development of Elk and Antelope fields, and to a positive contribution for the welfare of all the communities involved and the people of Baimuru and Ihu and Gulf Province as a whole. I am confident that the PNG government and PNG LNG partners will resolve the issues at hand to enable the combined projects to proceed. In the meantime, I am sure the relationship we have established over the years with all the communities in the Project area will remain strong. I look forward to a positive and constructive dialogue through the road show to be carried out with CEPA on the Environmental Impact Study early next year.

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