

Media Release

PNG LNG PROJECT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEAN WOMEN

PORT MORESBY, November 29, 2011 – The women of Papua New Guinea are rapidly establishing community development initiatives in areas throughout the PNG LNG Project sites as the Project continues its commitment to empowering women. The Project's third quarter 2011 Environmental and Social Report features many examples of women helping to drive the Papua New Guinean economy with support from the Project.

The PNG LNG Project recognises that women are important to the workforce, communities and the nation.

"In addition to the 900 Papua New Guinean women who are part of the PNG LNG Project workforce, women are engaged in establishing a broad range of community development initiatives in areas such as education, health and safety, and community infrastructure," PNG LNG Project Executive Decie Autin said.

"The Project also continued to support many initiatives to help empower Papua New Guinean women and support women's groups this quarter," Ms Autin said. "For example, the PNG LNG Project was involved in the establishment of a women's forum, as well as a series of training sessions for women's groups to help them identify projects that would serve a need in their communities, including health and education."

"The Lea Lea Fish Market, launched by the women of Lea Lea recently, was one project identified in the women's forum," Ms Autin said.

This quarter the Project also continued its participation in the Papua New Guinea Government-led Country Gender Assessment Workshop.

"Meaningful and inclusive public policy is an important part of ensuring that women reach their full potential," Ms Autin noted. "PNG LNG has been proud to participate in the PNG Country Gender Assessment workshop with other key stakeholders including the World Bank, the United Nations, the National Council of Women, AusAID and Oxfam. The assessment will ultimately support policy development by the Papua New Guinean Government to ensure inclusive economic development."

The third quarter 2011 Environmental and Social Report is the seventh released by the PNG LNG Project and is available on the Project's website at pnglng.com. It discusses the Project's progress in keeping PNG citizens, non-government organizations and other stakeholders well-informed.

The PNG LNG Project is an integrated development that includes gas production and processing facilities, onshore and offshore pipelines and liquefaction facilities. Participating interests are affiliates of Exxon Mobil Corporation (including Esso Highlands Limited as operator, 33.2 percent), Oil Search Limited (29.0 percent), National Petroleum Company Papua New Guinea (16.6 percent), Santos Limited (13.5 percent), JX Nippon Oil and Gas Exploration (4.7 percent), Mineral Resources Development Company (PNG landowners, 2.8 percent) and Petromin PNG Holdings Limited (0.2 percent).

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