

## Media Release

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### **PNG LNG PROJECT COMMEMORATES WORLD AIDS DAY 2011**

The Esso Highland Limited (EHL) PNG LNG Project office in Port Moresby was dressed in red on 1 December 2011 as the workforce commemorated World AIDS Day to help raise awareness of HIV / AIDS in Papua New Guinea.

Project team members based in Port Moresby attended a session on the prevention, testing and treatment of HIV / AIDS which included motivational speeches by people who live with the virus. Project sites including Moro, Kobalu and Juni were supplied with brochures and posters to increase awareness and education of HIV / AIDS.

In addition to activities on the day, EHL assisted with the refurbishment of the Port Moresby General Hospital Heduru Clinic, a facility that treats people with HIV / AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Infections, by providing the Centre with new equipment and assisting with minor repair work throughout November.

The EHL Medicine and Occupational Health (MOH) team also donated 5000 HIV Rapid Assay Test Kits to various STD / HIV clinics in Papua New Guinea. The kits will help test thousands of people for the virus.

Mr Peter Graham, Managing Director of EHL, the operator of the PNG LNG Project, said the company is committed to educating individuals on the prevention of HIV / AIDS in Papua New Guinea.

"We are proud to raise awareness of the virus in an effort to help combat this disease in Papua New Guinea.

"Through our involvement we aim to help communities become more aware of the prevalence of HIV / AIDS and to take action to reduce the transmission of HIV," Mr Graham said.

World AIDS Day is one of the most globally recognised events of the year. It is celebrated around the world to raise awareness in the community about the issues surrounding HIV / AIDS.

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