



Media Release

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DONATION HELPS CDI-FM GET BACK ON AIR

PORT MORESBY – Esso Highlands, Operator of the PNG LNG Project, today presented a donation of K80,700 to Community Development Initiatives (CDI) to upgrade radio equipment and assist the community radio station, CDI-FM, to resume broadcasting.

CDI is a non-profit NGO dedicated to progressing social change and development in the Southern Highlands and Gulf Provinces of Papua New Guinea. Its program focus areas include public health, education & training, and sustainable livelihoods.

CDI-FM has been off air and not broadcasting since March 2007 but had previously played a major role in supporting CDI's community activities in the south-eastern Southern Highlands and Kikori District in Gulf Province.

In addition to providing news and entertainment to remote communities with no other access to media, CDI-FM also provided a broad range of development programming and health awareness messages. The radio broadcasts were also critical to CDI's ability to mobilise people from distant locations and villages to a central site for specific activities such as childhood immunization drives and safe motherhood education.

The donation from Esso Highlands will be used to purchase software and hardware to upgrade the CDI-FM operating systems and to train CDI FM staff. Future plans are to expand and improve the current coverage of CDI FM, increase staff capacity and strengthen the quality and frequency of information.

CDI has also obtained an AusAID funded mobile radio kit which will enable the CDI-FM team to visit and produce radio programs in remote villages.

"Esso is very pleased to support CDI-FM's upgrading and return to broadcasting. We believe it performs an important community service, particularly for remote and inaccessible communities and we are happy to help get their radio station back on air" said Mr Patrick Henretty, Managing Director, Esso Highlands.

CDI-FM broadcasts on frequencies; Kikori – 92.3, Samberigi – 90.9, Kutubu-89.3.

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