

## Media Release

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### **PNG WOMEN MANAGERS WIN SCHOLARSHIPS TO WASHINGTON D.C.**

Port Moresby – Esso Highlands Limited is pleased to announce that two of Papua New Guinea's leading female NGO managers have been awarded all expenses paid scholarships to attend the 'Global Women in Management Program: Building Leaders for Development' in Washington D.C.

Ms. Marilyn Peri and Ms. Margaret Rombuk will depart Port Moresby on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July to attend the course which is run by the Centre for Development & Population Activities (CEDPA), an international non-government organization working in education, health and governance for women and children worldwide.

The program is targeted at female managers working in development-focused NGOs and community organisations and is sponsored by the ExxonMobil Foundation's Educating Women and Girls Initiative.

The successful candidates from PNG are both involved in health focussed community NGO's working in the Southern Highlands Province;

- Ms. Marilyn Peri, Community Base Health Care, Tari
- Ms. Margaret Rombuk, Susu Mamas, Mt. Hagen

In Washington D.C. they will be joined by 22 other female leaders from 16 countries. The one-month residential course will provide training and coaching designed to strengthen management skills and leadership abilities. They will also visit and exchange experiences and strategies with international donor agencies, implementing organizations, and community-based NGOs in Washington, DC and New York.

"We are delighted that Marilyn and Margaret, both dedicated community health professionals, have been selected by the ExxonMobil Foundation to receive scholarships to attend this course. We believe that the educational experience and the international relationships that they will form during the course will help them continue to provide quality community health services in the Southern Highlands" said Mr. Patrick Henretty, Managing Director, Esso Highlands.

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