



Media Release

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DONATION HELPS PEACE PROCESS IN SHP

PORT MORESBY – Esso Highlands, Operator of the PNG LNG Project, has presented a donation of K38,000 to Young Ambassadors for Peace (YAP) to support their ongoing peace and conflict reduction work and the expansion and automation of their Tari office.

Young Ambassadors for Peace (YAP) is a non-profit NGO, associated with the United Church of Papua New Guinea, and dedicated to the pursuance of peace in the Hela region of the Southern Highlands Province.

YAP was instrumental in the signing of a Peace Agreement between 32 warring clans in Tari on 2nd October 2008.

In addition to directly convening peace negotiations and discussions, YAP also runs workshops and conducts training for community members and YAP volunteers.

The donation from Esso Highlands will be used to assist with transport and fuel costs as well as some necessary maintenance and extension of their office and the purchase of a laptop computer.

"Esso is very pleased to support YAP's ongoing operations. They are well respected in the Hela region of the Southern Highlands Province and are performing critically important work in negotiating peace and harmony among neighbours" said Mr Patrick Henretty, Managing Director, Esso Highlands.

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Esso Highlands Limited Senior Lands & Community Affairs Officer for Hides, Mr. Matthew Tombenna presents the donation to Mr. Moses Komengi, Programme Coordinator for YAP.



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