

PRESS RELEASE

MOUNTAIN RIDGE WHOLESALE PAYS ALLOWANCES FOR PLAYERS AND COACHES OF KEMELE HELA WIGMEN RUGBY LEAGUE TEAM

PORT MORESBY (28/08/2014): HGDC- Kemele Hela Wigmen players and coaching staff will each receive K1000 after their Digicel Cup on Sunday courtesy of Mountain Ridge Wholesale (MRW) Ltd.

Mountain Ridge Wholesale Limited, a joint venture between Hides Gas Development Company Ltd and PHC (PNG) Ltd made the commitment and gave the payment yesterday (Thursday) to HGDC- Kemele Hela Wigmen Rugby League team chairman Andy Hetra.

Furthermore, MRW will engage the services of former North Queensland Cowboys and Brisbane Broncos hardman Peter Ryan to conduct training for players and coaches to prepare them for the next season of the Digicel Cup competition.

MRW Managing Director Damien Duffield said as a local company Mountain Ridge Wholesale is pleased to be supporting Hela Wigmen with a donation of K30,000 to go towards paying allowances for players and coaching staff.

“This is our small way of saying thank you for the hard work and commitment that the team had put in to reach the grand final this year,” Mr Duffield said.

“Going forward, you can be rest assured that through PHC (PNG) Ltd and HGDC, we will always be there providing financial support as well as technical backup from Peter Ryan.”

“So it is a combination of financial and technical support. And this is what MRW is committing to you today. That commitment is starting now during your coming grand final and will continue depending on our successes doing business in Hela.”

MRW Managing Director Damien Duffield said the company was pleased to be providing this initiative for the players and coaching staff and wished the team all the best on Sunday.

Mr Hetra thanked MRW Board and Management for the donation and said it came at the right time when the team was preparing to play the grand final.

He said it has not been the ambition of players, coaches and management team to come this far in a short period of time but it demonstrates the level of commitment and sacrifice put in by everyone this season.

“The team is a pride of Hela and we are proud to be associated with a company that is also becoming successful in Hela,” Mr Hetra said.

Meanwhile, Hides Gas Development Company Ltd board chairman Tuguyawini Libe Parindali congratulated Kemele Hela Wigmen for reaching the grand final this year.

Mr Parindali also acknowledged major sponsor Kemele Constructions, Patron and Hela Governor Anderson Agiru and other sponsors and thanked them for their foresight in committing time and money and taking the risk to support the Hela Wigmen team.

He said the team has come this far because of their commitment and determination to reach the finals and the sponsors including Hides Gas Development Company Ltd had the trust and confidence in the management of the team to commit the sponsorships.

“We are minor sponsors and we just joined in as sponsors and all of us put in the money because we trust the leadership of Hela Wigmen. All these individuals and companies are putting in money because of the trust and confidence we have the players, coaches and the management teams of Kemel Hela Wigmen Rugby League team.

HGDC committed a further K30,000 to the team to assist with costs associated with the grand final campaign.

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With picture: PHC (PNG) Ltd Chairman Peter Ryan (left) witnessing the presentation of the K30,000 cheque by MRW managing director Damien Duffield (second right) to Hela Wigmen Chairman Andy Hetra.

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