

PRESS RELEASE

HIDES GAS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD SUPPORTS KOMO RUGBY LEAGUE

PORT MORESBY (09/05/12): Hides Gas Development Company (HGDC) Ltd, the umbrella landowner of the upstream section of the PNG LNG Project today presented K20,000 to the Komo Rugby League.

The money will go towards fixing the Komo Rugby League grounds.

As a local landowner company HGDC Ltd understands that our donation will ensure that the game of rugby league is promoted at the grassroots level but most importantly, HGDC feels that Rugby League can be used to promote peace and unity in the Komo area.

“As a landowner company representing regional lincos from Juha, Hides PDL-1 & 7, Angore, Benaria Pipeline, Kobalu Camp as well as Komo, we feel obliged to support Komo Rugby League as we believe that playing rugby will keep the youths busy and away from drugs and alcohol and other illegal activities,” said HGDC Company Secretary Myron Tapuko Ipape.

“Komo was once a battlefield and the youths there need proper rehabilitation and with such support as ours today towards sporting bodies, many youths can be transformed mentally by playing games such as rugby league.”

“As an umbrella landowner company, HGDC is once again proud of cementing our association with Komo Rugby League and we would like to see more youths playing the game they love.”

Mr Ipape also called on other Companies operating in Komo to support Komo Rugby League either in cash or kind.

He said Komo Rugby League was now being properly managed by a duly appointed President and his management team and HGDC was confident that the sponsorship will be used on purposes it was intended for.

“I would like to congratulate Mr Tony Malai on his appointment as President of Komo Rugby League and knowing that there is now a proper management team in place and as a responsible landowner company, HGDC will continue to support Komo Rugby League in any way we can,” Mr Ipape said.

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With Picture: HGDC Company Secretary Myron Tapuko Ipape (left) presenting the K20, 000 cheque to Komo Rugby League President Tony Malai (centre) witnessed by HGDC Board Director Wandiago Kau. Picture courtesy of HGDC Public Affairs.



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About HGDC

Hides Gas Development Company Limited (HGDC) was established in April 2008 under the Companies' Act 1997 to be the umbrella landowner company for the upstream section of the PNG LNG Project.

The company is recognised by PNG LNG Project operator, Esso Highlands Ltd as the lead umbrella landowner company representing 15 regional landowner companies from Hides Petroleum Development Licence (PDL) 1 & 7, Angore PDL 8, Juha PDL 9, Komo Airfield Development, Kobalu Camp and Benaria Pipeline.

HGDC has a fully represented Board comprising 18 Directors appointed by the shareholders of their regional landowner companies. The Directors elect the Chairman through a transparent election process witnessed by EHL and Oil Search Ltd. HGDC supplies the local labour force to Esso Highlands Limited and other Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Contractors of the PNG LNG Project.