

Association thanks investors

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THE Hela Gimbu Association (HGA) has thanked PNG LNG Project partners Exxon Mobil, Esso Highlands, CBI Clough JV and HGDC for adding another 30 years to a young Hela man's life.

HGA chairman Damien Arabagali said: "Timson Hole's life has changed because of this effort."

Timson Hole, an employee at the Project site in Hides, collapsed on June 8 last month due to what doctors described as heart failure.

"The PNG LNG partners wasted no time in flying Timson to Port Moresby where he was taken to Pacific International Hospital for treatment," Mr Arabagali said.

He said the doctors recommended an immediate medivac for a heart operation in Australia. "A jet flew in from Sydney on June 16 and picked up the patient for treatment in Brisbane.

With Mr Arabagali as interpreter, they were both then driven by ambulance to the Prince Charles Hospital intensive care unit.

He said Timson was identified to have two blockages in the main heart arteries and was prepared for a major heart operation.

"The successful operation was



done on June 26. The PNG LNG Project partners, through the help of Andrew Pittman we flew back on July 7," he said.

Mr Arabagali said he was impressed with the life saving action by the efficient hard-working medical professional team at the Prince Charles Hospital that saved Timson's life, which was made possible by the

PNG LNG Project partners footing the K300,000 bill.

"Timson is now resting at Hides for eight weeks now before he returns to Brisbane on August 13 for removal of the stitches," he said. "I again thank Exxon Mobil Peter Graham, CBI Clough JV chairman HGDC Tuguyawini Libe Parindali and Andrew Pittman for this good deed," he added.