

MINING AND PETROLEUM GROWING PNG'S FUTURE



Community Benefits

FACT SHEET

Local communities share benefits of a strong mining industry

The mining industry delivers a range of benefits to Papua New Guineans.

Mining projects have underpinned the PNG economy for decades, and considerable social and economic benefits have flowed to the governments and people of PNG as a result.

The mining industry is a key contributor to PNG, and mining companies in PNG have demonstrated a deep commitment to building strong communities that share in the benefits of the industry.



SIMBERI GOLD MINE HAS PROVIDED BOOKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT STUDENTS IN THE NEW IRELAND PROVINCE.

Landowner and local companies

Landowner and local companies benefit significantly from the mining industry.

While the resources sector directly employs over 20,000 people, many more people are employed in businesses that provide services to the sector, including landowner and local businesses.



PNG'S RESOURCE SECTOR DIRECTLY EMPLOYS OVER 20,000 PEOPLE.

Local businesses provide many of the goods and services required by PNG's mining projects, including earthmoving, labour hire, transportation, catering and janitorial services. Most of these businesses and jobs wouldn't exist without the operation of successful mines.

In addition to providing opportunities through the award of major contracts to landowner businesses, mining companies also support the development of these businesses through a range of measures. This includes the provision of business advice, training and loans to help establish landowner businesses and to provide them the very best opportunity to grow and succeed.



Community contributions

INFRASTRUCTURE

PNG's major mining projects are located in remote locations, many of which have historically lacked infrastructure and services.

One of the biggest contributions to the nation's socio-economic development delivered by mining projects has been improving access to their host communities through the construction of airstrips, roads, bridges and port facilities. Other industries, including agriculture, have benefitted from these, as well as improvements to power and water infrastructure.

Further development of new mines will deliver similar benefits to other remote regions in the future.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The resource sector directly employs over 20,000 people, with over 30,000 more in businesses that depend on the sector. The vast majority of these jobs are held by local people from the communities where the major mines are located, who receive training and other benefits as part of their employment.



MORE THAN K9 MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT ON TRAINING BY OK TEDI OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

Mining and petroleum companies operating in PNG have a deep commitment to providing training opportunities for their employees to ensure that they can fulfil their potential and succeed within their chosen career. This includes apprenticeships, provision of on the job training and scholarships that enable staff to pursue further education.

EDUCATION

The development of community education is an area that mining and petroleum companies have consistently supported over many years. This includes providing funding for much-needed books and supplies, teacher training, literacy courses, infrastructure, scholarships and the development of flexible Open Distance Education Centres.

HEALTH

PNG's community health programs have also benefited from the involvement of the resource industry.

This has included training and capacity building, funding for major hospitals and health centres, support and funding for community health centres and aid posts, medical patrols, outreach programs, medivacs, immunisations, medical supplies and the provision of clean drinking water.



A CHILD RECEIVES QUALITY HEALTH CARE AT NEWCREST'S LIHIR MEDICAL CENTRE (LMC). THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CENTRE AND ITS PROGRAMS IS K20 MILLION. IT SERVICES PATIENTS WHO TRAVEL FROM AS FAR AS KAVIENG, KOKOPO AND MANUS.

AGRICULTURE

In recognition of the vital importance of a strong agriculture industry, the resource industry has engaged in a range of programs to support and promote food security and the development of commercial agriculture. Over recent years this has included assistance with forestry development, the provision of specialist advice and training programs aimed at helping farmers improve their operations.

