

## PNG EARTHQUAKE 2018

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# Power of partnership continues with Clough relief aid

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Two container loads of food, clothing and building materials will soon leave Port Moresby for communities in the PNG Highlands impacted by the catastrophic earthquake on February 26, thanks to the joint efforts of Clough and Oil Search.

Clough Niugini has come on board to support part of a massive relief effort coordinated by Oil Search along with various partners.

Ivor Peries, Clough Technical Director thanked Oil Search for the logistical support.

“Papua New Guinea, and the Highlands in particular, are very important to Clough. We have been working in the region for over 30 years and are saddened by what has happened. We are providing much needed support through donation of food, clothing, and building materials to those people who have supported us over the years.

“Oil Search has offered space on one of its barges so that our containers can get to those areas impacted by the earthquake. We thank Oil Search for assisting in transporting our relief supplies and we commend them for their response to this disaster. We continue to work with Oil Search in the important task of cleaning up, repairing and restoring access and services.”

Peter Botten, Oil Search Managing Director says the damage caused by the earthquake is unprecedented.

“People in many remote communities in the Highlands are still without basic necessities. We are deeply concerned about their welfare, which is why we have made our Moro logistical base, aircraft and people available for the delivery of direct medical and relief supplies.

“We are doing everything we can to support the emergency response, but it is now essential that we start to plan for the longer term and look at how we can help communities get back on their feet as soon as possible. The key needs include re-establishing gardens, providing safe water and sanitation facilities, so that disease outbreaks can be prevented, and repairing or rebuilding houses, roads and infrastructure. We also need to ensure health facilities and schools can re-open safely and to address emerging mental health issues.”

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**Photos**



L-R; Clough's Ronnie Prosser - Senior Project Manager Response Team, Nick Mason – HSSE Superintendent, Henry Taune – Administrator and Venue Kila – Logistics officer loading relief supplies.



L-R; **POWER OF PARTNERSHIP** Oil Search's Misiel Jonah – Communications Advisor and Ruth Waram – Manager PNG Communications stand alongside Clough's Ronnie Prosser - Senior Project Manager Response Team, Nick Mason – HSSE Superintendent and Henry Taune – Administrator. Behind the team is one of the two container loads of relief supplies.