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## Oil Search backs initiative to combat crime

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The Oil Search Foundation (OSF) has continued its support of national dialogues on development challenges by assisting partners to attend the Department of Justice and Attorney General three-day inaugural National Law and Order Summit in Lae, Morobe Province.

Under the theme “Building Safer Communities Through Crime Prevention Partnerships”, the main objectives of the Summit are to establish and strengthen partnership approaches, enable community participation in law and order, develop, review and strengthen coordination mechanisms and develop timely systematic data collection on crime. The Summit will also look at local communities’ responses through appropriate local interventions.

The Foundation sees this as an opportunity to strengthen public-private partnerships in addressing issues like the protection and empowerment of women in PNG. According to a recent survey of three large companies, family sexual violence (FSV) affected 68% of their employees with K3 million lost to one company due to FSV.

Wayne Kasou, Oil Search General Manager for Government Affairs will address the Summit today (10 August) where he will speak on the effects of law and order on business in resource projects. His presentation will highlight some of the challenges of the operating environment and why the maintenance of law and order is not only critical for business continuity but for community and national development.

Oil Search has long recognised that crime has a detrimental effect on all levels of society and that it affects economic growth. As a business and through the work of OSF, Oil Search is pleased to support such initiatives by the Government that look at addressing crime and create a conducive environment that allows for socio-economic development.

A key focus for Oil Search, as a company operating in a developing economy, is to improve the lives of people in PNG. It recognises the importance of strong, mutually beneficial stakeholder relationships and the role they play in its business success.

As one of the biggest investors in the country, Oil Search will continue to work closely with the PNG Government, landowners and communities to ensure long-term mutually beneficial outcomes for all.

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PNG Correctional Services Commissioner Michael Waipo, Minister for Justice and Attorney General Hon. Davies Steven, Department of Justice and Attorney General Acting Secretary Dr Lawrence Kalinoe, Chief Justice Sir Salamo Injia, Chief Magistrate Nerrie Eliakim and Department of Provincial and Local Level Government Affairs Dickson Guina with Oil Search senior staff and management at the National Law and Order Summit in Lae, Morobe Province.