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## Oil Search supports 53<sup>rd</sup> Medical Symposium

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Oil Search is pleased to support the 53<sup>rd</sup> Medical Symposium which got underway in Port Moresby this week (Monday, 4 - 8 September) with a sponsorship of K10,000.00.

Leon Buskens, Oil Search General Manager for PNG Stakeholder Engagement said: "Oil Search has a genuine commitment to making a meaningful contribution to the lives of Papua New Guineans by addressing important social issues which also relate to health.

"We are therefore pleased to maintain our support towards the PNG annual Medical Symposium which is organised by the Medical Society of PNG. We appreciate the Society's important role in advising the Ministry of Health along with various organisations on important health issues in the country.

"We understand to a certain extent the work of the health and medical fraternity as we have provided our host communities with access to health services since 1992, making us one of the larger supporters of community health services in PNG. Through the Oil Search Foundation, we have also delivered community health programmes outside of our host communities since 2011. The programmes are aligned with PNG's national health priorities and the Foundation also seeks out opportunities to help strengthen the country's health systems, processes and service delivery.

"In addition, we have a network of on-site clinics and medical resources across our operations run by our Medical and Occupational Health Service that does provide health care services to the local community as well as our workforce on a 24 hours basis. The Service also supports the Oil Search Foundation by providing clinical expertise when needed such as at the Hela Provincial Hospital. We also support the Government's development and maintenance of health care facilities in host communities through our participation in the Infrastructure Tax Credit Scheme.

"We commend the Medical Society of PNG and the health fraternity for all their hard work and wish them all the best for the Symposium," Mr Buskens added.

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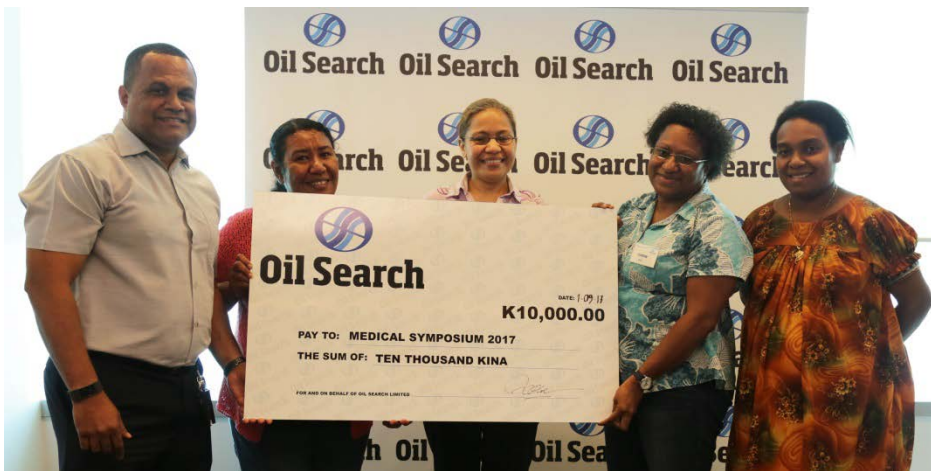
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