
Oil Search contributing to UN Sustainable Development Goals

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Underscoring its commitment to contributing to solutions for positive social change, Oil Search today joined leading global companies in a public statement of support for the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The 17 SDGs lay out an ambitious path to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet over the next 15 years.

Peter Botten, Oil Search's Managing Director and Chairman for the boards of Business for Development, the Hela Hospital in Hela Province in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and the Oil Search Foundation, recognises that businesses have a compelling business rationale in addition to a moral duty to help address these pressing global challenges.

"By playing a vital role in the economic and social development of PNG, Oil Search has formed strong relationships with communities and government, which are an essential element for successful oil and gas operations. Our sustainable development programmes help to maintain a stable operating environment, while improving development outcomes for the people of PNG."

Mr Botten has signed the Global Compact Network Australia-led CEO Statement of Support, which highlights the role that the private sector is taking in offering solutions to sustainability challenges.

Oil Search is already contributing directly or indirectly to 13 of the 17 SDGs, including:

- **SDG#3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages**

We operate within existing government systems in PNG to deliver targeted immunisations, improve nutrition, control malaria, prevent and treat HIV and strengthen health systems.

- **SDG#5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls**

We collaborate with PNG communities and other business to deliver culturally appropriate initiatives that help to change attitudes that hinder women's advancement.

- **SDG#7 Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all**

Oil Search is working closely with the PNG Government and key power agencies to make electricity available to an extra million people near the Ramu Grid by 2030, and through PNG Biomass, a joint venture between Oil Search Limited and Aligned Energy (PNG) Limited to provide reliable, sustainable and competitive energy for the Madang and Eastern Highlands communities.

On 1 January 2016, the United Nations' SDGs came into effect. The Global Compact Network Australia's Sustainable Development Leadership Group – which an Oil Search representative chairs – was established with the support and engagement of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to provide a platform for businesses and key stakeholders to engage in learning, dialogue and action around sustainable development and the SDGs.

To learn more about Oil Search's commitment to social responsibility, visit <http://socialresponsibility.oilsearch.com/>.

To learn more about the UN's 17 SDGs to transform our world, visit <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>.

To learn more about the Global Compact Network Australia, visit <http://www.unglobalcompact.org.au/>.

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