
Oil Search, Halliburton sign pact to provide industry training for citizens

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MORE Papua New Guineans will acquire valuable skills to thrive in the highly technical petroleum industry, under a new arrangement between Oil Search and Halliburton, one of the world's largest providers of products and services to the energy industry.

Liliso Kaimbe and Samuel Yamben, who joined Oil Search under the company's 2019 Graduate Development Programme are the pioneers of this joint initiative between Oil Search and Halliburton.

"I am really proud of the way that Halliburton and Oil Search have partnered in this joint initiative to maximise the potential of young Papua New Guineans," said Bill Easson, General Manager - Drilling and Completion for Oil Search. "This reflects the longstanding relationship between the two organisations and the commitment both have for PNG."

He said the graduates will be put through a rigorous two-year training programme under Halliburton's established operations team in PNG.

"I am particularly excited for Samuel and Liliso as they embark on their career in our industry as this programme offers them a fantastic opportunity and sets them on the right path for their future development."

A secondment agreement to enable this was signed between the two companies in March, paving the way for graduates who join the Oil Search drilling team under its three-year Graduate Development Programme.

Halliburton Australasia Vice President Mr. Jason Jeow commented: "We are happy to be partnering with Oil Search in this initiative. The training program is a great example of collaboration between two organisations with a long history of operations in PNG. Developing local workforce is a key focus area for Halliburton in all areas where we operate, and we will continue to look for opportunities to enable development of Papua New Guineans."

Samuel Yamben graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Technology while Liliso Kaimbe, graduated this year with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Development from the University of PNG.

Ms Kaimbe will work in Halliburton's Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) department, while Mr Yamben will train under the operations group. The training for both will take place at Halliburton's office and facilities in Port Moresby.

Mr Easson said Halliburton, with an exemplary HSE record in PNG will provide Ms Kaimbe with the tools required to excel in what is the most important aspect of drilling and completion industry.

Ms Kaimbe will go through trainings covering the basics of four major areas of drilling operations – directional drilling, drilling fluids, oil well cementing; and logging and perforating. This will provide a foundation platform in drilling and completions, before the graduates return to fulfil active positions for the drilling and completions team.

Both graduates will be put through workshop training, online and instructor led trainings, rig site training, and in the end, will attend technical meetings with clients. During this period, the graduates will also be guided, mentored and assessed by Halliburton professionals with a wide range of industry experience.

"They will each be assigned a mentor at Oil Search and form part of the 2019 Oil Search graduate intake, coming back to Oil Search periodically to dovetail into the broader graduate programme," Mr Easson said.

Mr Jeow added, "Halliburton will ensure Samuel and Liliso receive well rounded training to help excel in their respective careers".

The overall objective of the programme is to lay the foundation for graduates to succeed and develop into future industry leaders.

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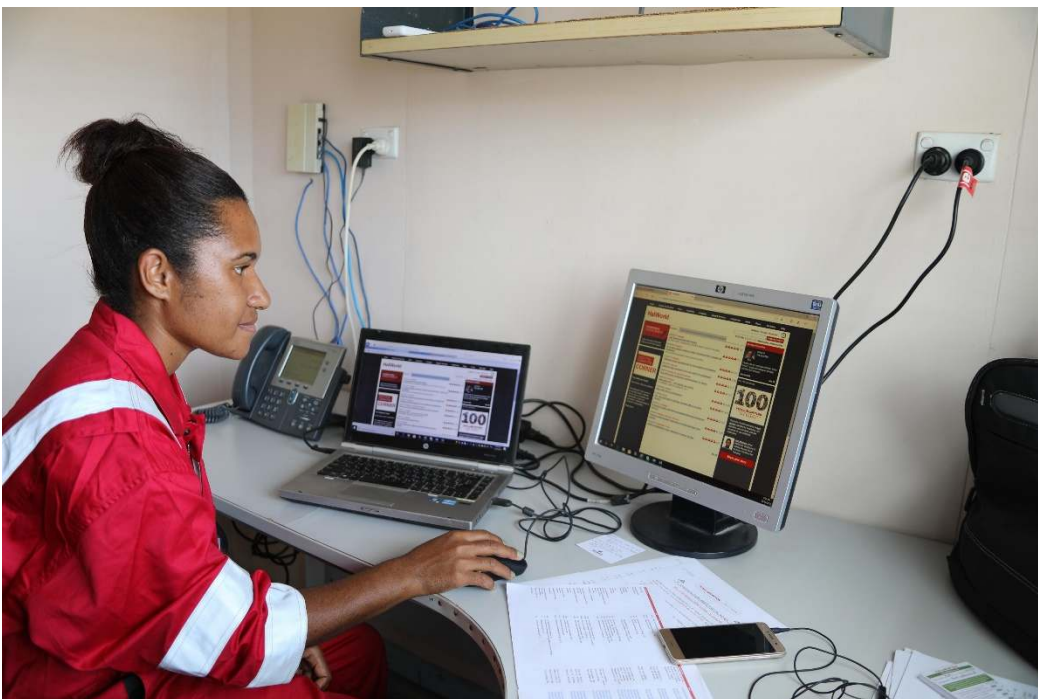
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Bill Easson, Oil Search General Manager for Drilling and Completion shaking hands with Hamish Noble, Halliburton PNG Country Manager to mark the start of an important partnership that will ensure Oil Search graduates such as Samuel Yamben (left) and Liliso Kaimbe (right) are given the best training opportunities to succeed as future industry leaders.



Liliso Kaimbe joins Halliburton's Health, Safety and Environment department thanks to a joint initiative between the company and Oil Search. Ms Kaimbe has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sustainable Development from the University of PNG.



Samuel Yamben (with hard hat) inside the Halliburton laboratory at Motukea outside Port Moresby. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Technology. He will train under Halliburton's operations group.