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Moro Aerodrome receives highest certification

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Oil Search's Moro Aerodrome is now one of only two airports in Papua New Guinea to obtain an Aerodrome Operating Certificate, which is issued by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Papua New Guinea for a validity period of five years.

Wilson Sagati, Chief Executive Officer and Director for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) highly commended Oil Search for the significant milestone.

"I congratulate Oil Search Moro on being one of only two permitted airports in the country to receive the Aerodrome Operating Certificate for a period of five years. This certification is a testimony of Oil Search's high safety standard," Mr Sagati said. "With its highly effective safety management system, Oil Search has set the benchmark for the rest of the industry."

When accepting the certificate, Mark Noli, Oil Search Aviation Logistics Coordinator also thanked CASA for its guidance.

"It is a great privilege indeed and I would also like to thank CASA, the Oil Search management team and all those involved for the tremendous support," said Mr Noli.

"We must work to the highest standards to maintain compliance but we are looking forward to the challenge."

In order to attain the certification and be fully compliant, Oil Search Moro was required to develop a Safety Management System manual in line with CASA's expectations including an exposition that captured all its aviation operations including:

- Aerodrome standards (runway and movement area)
- Rescue and firefighting capability of Category 6 protection
- Aerodrome aircraft traffic management
- Apron and runway management systems

- Protection of having navigational aids and ATS service
- Security designated aerodrome
- Fit and proper personnel managing the aerodrome

Under the provision of the Civil Aviation Rules Part139 certification, Moro Aerodrome is authorised to serve any aeroplane that has a certified seating configuration of 20 or more seats.

The other aerodrome issued with a five year validity certificate is the Port Moresby Jackson's International airport.

Apart from providing aerial support for Oil Search's business operations from Hides to Kopi, including the Company's seismic exploration and drilling campaigns, the Aviation team also manages the quality, assurance and process of handling JET A1 fuel for aircraft and manages the contracts for Colombia, Pacific Helicopters, Air Niugini and Hevilift.

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