
Partnerships between resource developers and landowner companies crucial

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Partnerships between resource developers and landowner companies is very crucial to the success of the industry, says Leon Buskens, Senior Vice President External Affairs – Community, Oil Search.

Mr Buskens was speaking at the welcome dinner for the second Oil Search landowner company Leaders Stakeholder Engagement Workshop last night, hosted by Peter Botten, Managing Director of Oil Search.

Held in Kokopo, East New Britain, the workshop brings together Oil Search's senior management team, leaders from landowner companies operating in Oil Search project areas and invited guests to meet, share information and work together to discuss challenges and identify business optimisation opportunities.

It was held at the Gazelle International Hotel and attended by landowner company business leaders from Hides, Moran, Kutubu and Gobe, observers Laba from the Plant site and IPI from Porgera, and key Oil Search senior representatives including Gereia Aopi, PNG Country Director, Oil Search.

"Oil Search has been here for more than 90 years and will continue to be here through the good times and the bad. We all need to work together and create a win-win situation because when landowner companies win, we win" said Mr Botten.

This two-day workshop, running from Thursday 31 October to Friday 1 November 2019, follows the success of the inaugural event in Goroka earlier this year.

"It is critical that resource companies and landowner companies work together in close partnership, especially during challenging times, and these structured workshops provide a great communication platform," said Mr Buskens.

The dinner was immediately followed by the screening of an EMTV/EMTEK documentary titled "The Last Mile". The documentary told the story of the devastating earthquake that hit the southern highlands last year and highlighted the importance of partnerships and working in collaboration, especially during times of need.

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