

Media Release

Landowner owned company leaders unite in fight against COVID-19

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The Board and Management of landowner owned companies operating in Southern Highlands, Hela and Gulf Provinces have been vaccinated against COVID-19, sending a strong and clear message of solidarity in the fight against a life-threatening disease.

The landowner owned companies who provide essential camp management, catering, security, construction, and logistics support to Oil Search include Kutubu Security Services (KSS), Gobe Field Engineering (GFE), KutMor, PNG Mining and Petroleum Hospitality Services (PNGMPHS), Gigira Development Corporation (GDC), Mananda Umbrella Joint Venture (MUJV) and Trans Wonderland Limited (TWL).

John Kapi-Natto, KSS Chairman was vaccinated in Kutubu by the Oil Search Medical Team said KSS recognises the HSES impact of COVID-19 and stands together with Oil Search to support the response to this pandemic. “I made the choice to get vaccinated to protect myself and to ensure continued business operation. We support the Company’s response plan which is in line with the National Government’s Niupela Pasin guidelines.”

Benjamin Wabua, GFE Chairman was one of the first leaders to get vaccinated at the Oil Search National Football Stadium vaccination site in Port Moresby. Chairman Wabua said: “It was a personal decision and as a company Chairman, I am setting an example for my management and staff. Vaccination is the only way to protect myself, my employees and our business against more serious impacts of COVID-19”.

Larry Andagali, TWL Managing Director, has also demonstrated ongoing commitment and leadership in the fight against COVID-19. Mr Andagali who was one of the first to be vaccinated when the vaccines became available to the public said: “COVID is deadly as it has killed a lot of people around the world and it continues to claim more lives. We need to believe in science and not conspiracy theories and get vaccinated.”

Other vaccinated landowner owned company leaders include Sakai Kei, KutMor Chairman, Nathan Nason, KutMor General Manager, Peter Heno, PNGMPHS Chairman, Jonathan Corotan, CEO PNGMPHS, Peterson Pipi, GDC Managing Director and Ipape Hulijeli, MUJV Chairman.

All leaders called upon their employees and other contractors to take up vaccination. “In addition, measures such as ongoing testing and quarantine can be relaxed. Prolonged quarantine also takes away valuable time you could be spending with your families,” Chairman Wabua added.

Leon Buskens, Oil Search Executive Vice President & Co-Head PNG highly commended each of the landowner owned company leaders for demonstrating shared responsibility for the collective health and safety of all employees and contractors. “Your leadership and duty of care are exemplary. We thank you for contributing to a safe workplace and community.”

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John Kapi-Natto, Chairman of Kutubu Security Services being vaccinated against COVID-19 in Kutubu, Southern Highlands Province by Oil Search Medical Staff.



Benjamin Wabua, Chairman of Gobe Field Engineering receiving the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine in Port Moresby.



Larry Andagali, Trans Wonderland Managing Director completed two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccination at the Oil Search National Football Stadium vaccination site.



Peter Heno, Chairman for PNG Mining and Petroleum Hospitality Services receiving his COVID-19 vaccination at the Oil Search Port Moresby Medical Clinic.



Ipape Hulijeli, Chairman for Mananda Umbrella Joint Venture receiving his COVID-19 vaccination at the Oil Search National Football Stadium vaccination site.



Peterson Pipi, Managing Director for Gigira Development Corporation was also one of the first landowner owned company leaders to get vaccinated. He received his first vaccination (AstraZeneca) at the Oil Search Hides Camp. Mr Pipi was recently given his second dose at the Oil Search Medical Clinic in Port Moresby.



L-R – Celestine Ove, Oil Search Communications Manager, Lucy English, KutMor Port Moresby based employee, Sakai Kei, KutMor Chairman and Nathan Nason, KutMor General Manager were vaccinated against COVID-19.



Tau Homoka, Oil Search Senior Manager Business Development and Local Content, presenting an Oil Search 'I've taken my COVID-19 vaccination' t-shirt to Benjamin Wabua, Chairman for Gobe Field Engineering.

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