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## Oil Search presents PNG Orchids with commemorative jersey for PMXIII

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Today is another exciting day in the journey to the Rugby League World Cup for the Oil Search PNG Orchids with the presentation of a commemorative jersey for the historic Prime Minister's XIII game on Saturday, 23 September marking the first time a women's team will play at the PMXIII.

The Oil Search PNG Orchids will play against the Australian Jillaroos in the curtain-raiser for both the Women's Rugby League World Cup quest and also for the men's Prime Minister's XIII game.

"We are thrilled to present the Oil Search PNG Orchids with their new Prime Minister's XIII jersey, ahead of the game", said Gereia Aopi, Executive General Manager, Stakeholder Engagement, Oil Search.

"This is PNG's first ever women's national rugby league team to participate in international events and we are proud to create sporting history alongside them."

"Oil Search is a proud advocate of women's empowerment. We strongly support the campaign to end violence against women, through the company as well as the Oil Search Foundation. That's why we've made sure that this message is displayed clearly for everyone to see on the jersey – '*Strongpla man respektim meri*' – Strong men respect women. This is a message we want the world to see.

"Our national sport should be the domain for both men and women, that's why we are proud to be the national sponsor of this group of talented women."

The Oil Search PNG Orchids were also presented with special training gear as part of Oil Search's sponsorship.

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