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## CITF: An Effective Vehicle For Wealth Creation



*Papa Primary school 2 x double classrooms*

Community Infrastructure Projects in the Oil and Gas beneficiary communities are continuously being delivered by the Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) Group through its subsidiaries. These important community infrastructures are crucial as they are designed to deliver broad community level benefits.

This is through the use of the thirty percent (30%) component of landowner benefits set aside in the Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF) for community projects per the Oil and Gas Act.

MRDC's Managing Director Mr Augustine Mano believes the CITF is a vital tool in the creation of wealth for project impacted areas.

MRDC has been pursuing investments in the past ten years (10 years) using the other thirty percent (30%) from the Future Generation Trust Fund, engaging in Real Estate, Aviation, Hotels and Banks, but Mr Mano states that alone cannot easily transform and improve the lives of the beneficiaries due to the mere fact that these investments are commercially driven and not socially driven.

Even the 40 percent (40%) cash payment component to landowners from royalty and equity over the years has proven that not to be effective in improving the lives of people. The four PNG LNG Plant site beneficiary villages of Lealea,

Papa, Boera, and Porebada have successfully delivered two high quality double classrooms at Lealea, two high quality double classrooms at Papa, a double story duplex staff house at Boera Primary School, and a fully compliant Level 2 Health Community Health Clinic at Porebada Village together with an ambulance.

The company leads by example in delivering key community infrastructure projects in their beneficiary communities through a spirit a corporation among the four directors representing the people.

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# MANAGING DIRECTORS MESSAGE



**Augustine Mano**  
Managing Director

## Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to bring to you this first edition Tokaut newsletter for 2019.

Our focus in the past has been on our investments, as MRDC group has bought into companies in tourism and hospitality, real estate and aviation. From 2015-2018 we diverted time and resources to deliver the Stage 1 of the Star Mountain plaza project, the Hilton Hotel, in time for the APEC Summit. We successfully achieved that, a proud moment for the MRDC group especially PRK, MRSN and MROT, the investors in the project when the APEC Gala Dinner was hosted at the facility as planned, proving many critics wrong. There were many who thought we could not deliver.

However, as we expand our investment portfolio, we also need to focus on the immediate needs of our beneficiaries. This year we have taken a different direction by repositioning ourselves to focus on making a tangible impact on the lives of our beneficiaries through the delivery of vital infrastructure projects. This is through the use of the Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF), the 30 per cent component of all landowner payments which is set aside for community infrastructure projects. I spoke about this in my presentation at the Mining and Petroleum Investment Conference in Sydney in December 2018, emphasizing that the CITF's potential in creating wealth for our beneficiaries is underestimated. This is featured in page 1 and 3 of this edition.

In page 8 and 9, we feature some of the projects we've carried out successfully in the PNG LNG plant site area using this CITF. The plant site landowner trust company, Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited

(GR-PNGLNGPL) has truly been a shining example of how the CITF can be utilized. The strong leadership and corporation shown by the four directors of GR-PNGLNGPL is admirable and a great example to the other trust companies to learn from.

In order for these significant infrastructure to be delivered to the people, the directors must be willing to work together. This is exactly what the GR-PNGLNGPL directors have done. In 3 years of operation they have achieved so much.

Another great example in service delivery shown is the directors of Mineral Resources Community Mine Continuation Agreement (MRCMCA) Limited from Western province. They came together to see the needs of their people. Last month, 5 fully kitted outboard motors were purchased and handed over to their communities who travel the mighty fly river regularly. This story highlights the importance of directors living among their people to understand their needs and be able to address those needs. This story is featured on page 5.

Education has always been a priority for our trust companies. Every year, over a million kina is spent on funding school fees for our beneficiaries. In this issue we feature the Western Province Governor Hon. Taboi Awi Yoto on page 4, who distributed K1.3 million in school fees to Western Students in all tertiary institutions around the country. He delivered some key messages to the students to focus on their education to better themselves.

Another important event this quarter features is the completion of the LOBID exercise in PDL 1 and 7. MRDC has been part of this process from the start, observing and providing assistance where needed to the Department of Petroleum and Energy (DPE) and the Petroleum Minister to help see the process complete. I spoke to the people on the occasion marking the end of the exercise in Hides, Hela Province to give them a picture of what to expect next, as this would be a task undertaken by MRDC. This story is on page 6. With the completion of this process, the beneficiaries in Hides are a step closer to finally receiving their long overdue benefits from the PNG LNG project.

This quarter we also embarked on our latest project. This time a power project to supply clean and affordable energy to consumers through Dirio Gas and power limited. Construction is currently underway and we look forward to commissioning it in the very near future. Read about Dirio on page 7 of this issue.

Also on page 7, we feature the lucky winner of our business card draw MR. Ray Yapo from Markham Culverts. He gets to spend a weekend for two at the Hilton Hotel after his name was drawn at the MRDC booth at the Mining and Petroleum Investment Conference in Sydney as part of our Hilton Hotel investment promotion. We know for certain MR. Yapo will enjoy the brand new Hilton facilities.

Our usual Tech Tok segment is featured on page 10. We bring to you a report on a recent site visit undertaken by new MRDC staff as an induction into the PNG LNG project. During this visit facilitated by ExxonMobil, the new staff got to learn and understand the business so they are familiar with it when it comes to dealing with tasks or issues relating to the project in their line of duties.

Page 11 features our staff news from December to this quarter. Important one being, the move of the External Affairs and Sustainable Development division headed by Mr. Imbi Tagune to the Pacific MMI building. The team will now have a dedicated space to work with landowner clients.

And finally onto Sports on page 12. Mineral Resources Star Mountain (MRSN) has gone into sponsoring a football team into the National Soccer League. The Star Mountains FC is a new member of the league. MRSN believes the club is a vehicle to accelerate change and promote discipline among youths in Western Province. Sports is always a great tool for development and we are pleased to see these young team join the competition carrying the Star Mountain name to be great brand ambassadors.

With that, I hope you enjoy reading about all we've been doing at MRDC in the first quarter. Happy Reading!

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## CITF: An Effective Vehicle For Wealth Creation

At the commissioning of three new projects in the four plant site villages this month Mr Mano praised the directors for their working relationship with each other and the community to deliver services to their communities.

“Your spirit of corporation and consultation is admirable. It’s unique that all the directors live in their villages and that’s why they’ve been able to substitute the services that the government should provide” said Mano. Mano says the same can be done for our other beneficiaries in Southern Highlands, Hela, Gulf and Western Provinces, but it is quite difficult because of the remoteness of these areas.

However, he says despite the geographical hindrance, MRDC has over the years managed to build significant infrastructure for those areas as well.

They include classrooms, aid posts, teachers housing, churches and many other basic services such as banks and post office to complement and sometimes substitute for lack of government services using the CITF.

A case in point was building the BSP Banks in Moro and Kikori, including a Post officer in Kikori. A vital service for the community to benefit from as a whole. Mano stresses that all these projects can be achieved through strong partnership with our stakeholders, and with the education and health departments as well as the

provincial government, so that the vision of seeing a brighter future is effective through these partnership.

MRDC is continually evolving and improving its approaches and methodologies in the way it manages the community infrastructure projects in order for beneficiary communities to get the maximum benefit from those projects once they are successfully delivered.

As custodians of the resource owners, MRDC will continue to focus on community infrastructure projects to create wealth for the beneficiaries of the projects.



**Above:** Papa Double Classroom Opening, **Bottom Left:** Boera primary school staff duplex accommodation  
**Center:** Rearea Primary school double classrooms, **Bottom Right:** Lealea Primary School Classrooms



## Western Students receive K1.5 million in School Fee Sponsorships

Western province students attending over 40 secondary and tertiary institutions in the country are the recipients of K1.5 million in school fee sponsorships thanks to the Mineral Resources Ok Tedi No. 2 limited (MROT2).

Under the leadership of Western Province Governor Hon. Taboi Awi Yoto, Charmian of MROT2, the company has approved K1.5 million to fund the student sponsorship program. K1.5 million being the first batch of a total of K4.5 million budgeted for education by the Fly River Provincial Government (FRPG).

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attending tertiary”***

The first payment was hand delivered to students attending tertiary institutions in Port Moresby while institutions throughout the country will have their cheques deposited all in time for students to commence classes.

Gov. Yoto told the students that a full sponsorship is not possible as funds are not at his disposal,

therefore the students will receive K5,000 each to put towards their tuition fees.

Gov. also advised the students to be good ambassadors of Western Province by promoting good culture and behaviour in their respective institutions.

“You are privileged to receive this opportunity so you must make good use of it, because I want you to be an agent of change for yourself, your family, your community and the province at large” Yoto said.

The University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) and the Pacific Adventist University in Port Moresby received the largest cut, with each receiving K150, 000 while the Port Moresby Technical School (POMTEC) and University of Goroka (UOG) to receive K80, 000 each.

Representatives from the institutions thanked the governor and the provincial government for their support, especially in terms of relieving the financial burden on their parents.

“On behalf of the Fly River Students Association at UPNG, I would like to appreciate and thank the provincial government and the honourable governor for the timely assistance in subsidising the school fee for this year” said the Association President Wayne.

He stated that most of the students have been having difficulties registering so this timely assistance is a big help for them as they can now commence their studies.

Moreover, Governor Yoto thanked the three MPs, the PEC members and the Board of members MROT2 for the decision to have this initial payment from the MROT2 dividends.

MROT2 is the trustee company under the Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) holding the Fly River Provincial Governments 12 percent interest in the Ok Tedi Mine.

“I'd like to also thank the management and the staff of Mineral Resources Development Cooperation (MRDC).

“Thank you for generating the revenue and effectively facilitating the process to make the funds available on time for us to pay these school fees for the future Human Resource of Western Province,” he said

Governor Yoto also once again thanked the government for the 33% stake in OK Tedi Mine (FRPGs 12%) from which his province was beginning to see the revenues flowing into FPGs budget books. And for the first time they have received Development Levies from Juha Gas Field which has further increase the account balance.



Western Governor Hon. Taboi Awi Yoto with School representatives from Tertiary Institutions in Port Moresby



## MRDC presents Five New Outboard Motors to CMCA Communities in Western Province



MRDC's Imbi Tagune (Left) presenting the boats to three of five Directors of MRCMCA, L-R Kime Sumai, MRDC OK Tedi Liaison officer Alex Wapia, Dabra Sunakiyae and Kamen Arawok in Daru Town Wharf last Thursday. (Right) Ribbon Cutting.

Five new outboard motors will be busy at work along the Fly River in Western province to serve close to hundreds of village communities in their daily lives including helping them access basic services in Daru town.

The five communities are part of the Community Mine Continuation Agreement (CMCA) Regions along the Fly River in the Western Province affected by the Ok Tedi Mine, who now own 12 per cent of the Mine through the States 33 per cent share transfer.

The boats were purchased by the Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) at the request of the directors on the board of Mineral Resources CMCA limited, their trustee company and officially handed over to the directors of MRCMCA by MRDC witnessed by their people in Daru town last Thursday (21/02/19).

Costing close to K250, 000 the five (5) boats came complete with a 60 horsepower (hp) motor each including life jackets to serve the five communities, the Kiwaba, Manawete, Dudi, Suki Fly Gogo and Middle fly regions.

MRDC Imbi Tagune, General Manager External Affairs when presenting the boats told the people of CMCA that they should be proud that they are 12 per cent owners of a 100 per cent nationally owned mine.

"Today is a start of many great things, the mine will be here for the next 23 years, there is more to He also thanked the leaders for working hard and helping to create MRCMCA as a company to bring benefits and services to the impacted communities on the Fly River.

CMCA Manawete Region Director Kamen Arawak thanked MRDC for managing their funds prudently come. Our role is to work with your directors to advise them on how to best serve your needs through the revenue you receive from the mine. "We have to focus on sustainability after the mine ends, we must work together to deliver services to you", said Tagune. He encouraged the directors to live

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and continue to engage with their people, through these boats to keep their people informed of how the company is performing and to find out what their needs are so they are able to assist them.

He assured them that MRDC would continue to work together with MRCMCA to ensure their community's needs are met through such purchases as the boats. and in good governance.

He told his people, MRCMCA in its first year of operation, has carried out 2 major investments with the help and advise of MRDC.

"We became shareholders of Kina Securities, and we have made a business arrangement with MRDC to own a prime commercial property in lae, the ANZ house, he said.

MRCMCA is the trustee company established under MRDC to manage the CMCA communities' 12 per cent shareholding in the Ok Tedi Mine.

## LOBID Exercise Concludes for PDL1 & PDL 7



MRDC Managing Director Augustine Mano speaking at the Ground Breaking Ceremony at Hides.

The long awaited PNG LNG project landowner identification process for Petroleum Development License 1 & 7 in Hides has now been completed.

In a joyous celebration in Para, Hides, the PDL 1 & 7 beneficiaries gathered to welcome the Petroleum Minister Dr. Fabian Pok and stakeholders including MRDC and Kumul Petroleum who travelled to Hides in Hela province, to mark the occasion last month.

The Mineral Resources Development Company has been part of the process as an 'observer' to the State teams, but also providing clarity on the processes ahead in terms of benefits distribution once the LOBID exercise was completed.

At the event, MRDC Managing Director, Augustine Mano thanked the Minister for Petroleum, Dr. Pok for taking on the task and giving his dedicated commitment to seeing that this process was completed.

He also thanked the landowners of PDL1 & 7 for being patient over the years when clan vetting wasn't done.

"You have shown great leadership in seeing this process through. While the PNG LNG plant site landowners enjoyed the benefits of the project, you watched and waited although you were the owners of the well

heads" said Mano.

Mano explained to the people the process that would follow after a Ministerial Determination was given.

MRDC would come back to the ground to open bank accounts and conduct the elections of directors for the companies representing PDL 1, Gas Resources Gigira limited and PDL7, Gas Resources Hides 4 limited.

He told the people that the election process would be conducted by the Electoral Commission in a fair and transparent manner.

"When that happens, you will see the benefits flow. You will elect your directors to represent you"

"These directors will know how much money is in the trust for royalty and equity. They will know the amount and come down on the ground to pay".

Mr. Mano gave a snap shot of the breakup of benefits per the Oil and Gas Act explaining that 40 percent of benefits would be paid in cash, 30 per cent would go to the Future Generation Trust Fund (FGTF) and the other 30 per cent to Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF).

He emphasized, the 30 CITF was critical. "The biggest satisfaction I have had is seeing how this trust fund at work, where the plant site landowners have used to build

classrooms, health centers, ambulances, tractors to women's groups. Within a space of 2 years, they have achieved so much.

"This is where services will flow, services that we complain that the government has not delivered. You can do it through this funds" he said.

He assured the landowners that MRDC would be with them all the way in making sure they received all benefits owing to them since the first production.

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## MRDC's Power Business To Be PNG's First Independent Power Producer



Left: One of the 15mw Solar Turbine Units. Right: 45 mw plant under construction.



MRDC has now embarked on its newest project this year after months of planning and preparation. It now looking to to provide clean and affordable energy to consumers through Dirio Gas & Power Limited, a newly established power business which is proudly 100% local to Papua New Guinea.

Dirio aims to play a major role as a gas-based Independent Power

Producer in the country, its first footprint being a 45-mw gas-fired power project with an investment of over PGK200 million, which is currently under construction in Port Moresby.

“Dirio is more than a business. It is a statement of delivery capability and reliable business operations by PNG’s own national companies, and yet another chapter in self-reliance for PNG” says Dirio CEO Ashok Jain.

Whilst providing clean and affordable energy to consumers Dirio will be providing a sustained source of

income for affected landowners and provincial governments in an effort to reduce dependence on oil, gas and mining project royalties.

It will provide for local companies to independently build and operate power plants in the county and is a new model for local business development and building of institutional capacity.

Dirio is currently recruiting, enquires can be made via email [recruitment@diriopower.com](mailto:recruitment@diriopower.com)

## Business Card Draw Winner to spend a weekend at the Hilton Hotel Port Moresby

**Ray Yapo** from Markham Culverts will be spending a weekend for two at the new Hilton Port Moresby free of charge, after winning a business card draw run by MRDC at the 15th Mining and Petroleum Conference in Sydney last December.

The business card draw was part of MRDC’s promotional activities showcasing its significant investments, in which the Hilton Port Moresby being its latest project to be completed just before the conference in Sydney. MRDC in the past three years

since ground breaking in 2015 has been promoting the Star Mountain Plaza project investment at conferences and summits in PNG and overseas through conceptual design images and videos and many delegates attending had been following progress.

This time, just over a month after the opening, MRDC was proud to offer the delegates an opportunity to experience the physical representation of the concept to fully appreciate a world class design which embodies PNG’s diverse and unique flora, fauna and culture.



## Papa Primary School receives New Double classrooms



Students at the Papa Primary school in Central province will now be able to enjoy learning in the comfort of two new and upgraded double story classrooms thanks to their landowner company Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited (GR-PNGLNGPL).

GR-PNGLNG, a subsidiary of the Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) Group today delivered the new classrooms as part of its ongoing commitment to improve and promote education for their communities.

The project was funded through their Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF) where 30 per cent from any benefits from the PNG LNG Project is set aside for community infrastructure projects.

Built at a cost of K400, 000, the project involved the construction of two downstairs classrooms on an existing two storey double classroom. It also includes minor improvements to the two upstairs classrooms, specifically paint job, removal of floor and re-flooring. The modern double classrooms, fully kitted with desks were completed on time and under budget.

MRDC Group continues to deliver community infrastructure projects in the Oil and Gas beneficiary communities through its subsidiaries. GR-PNGLNGPL has been a leading example of

this, to date, close to K2 million kina has been investment in vital education infrastructure in the four landowning villages around the PNG LNG Plant processing facility.

MRDC managing Director Mr Augustine Mano praised the directors for their working relationship with each other and the community to deliver services to their communities. "Your spirit of corporation and consultation is admirable. It's unique that all the directors live in their villages and that's why they've been able to substitute the services that the government should provide" said Mano.

Boera Primary School last year received Two Bedroom Unit Double Storey Staff Duplex at a cost of K890, 000, Lealea Primary School received two-two Storey Double Classrooms at a cost of K540, 000 and now Papa Primary school with its double classrooms for K400, 000. MRDC through its subsidiaries see the importance of building these important community infrastructures as they are crucial in delivering benefits to the broader community.

Mr Mano assured the community that this would not be the last of services to be delivered to the community. "As long as we have the PNG LNG project and the leadership, we will keep improving Papa Community School and the vision the school board has we will realise it" said Mano



## New Tractors to Aid Women In Agriculture

Landowner Company Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant Limited (GR-PNGLNG PL) has thrown its support to women from the four plant site villages to sustain their agriculture activities by donating two (2) new tractors.

The tractors were purchased at a cost of K400,000, through GR-PNGLNGPL's Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF) as part of the company's commitment to promote agricultural sustainability in the four impacted communities.

They come fully kitted with agricultural accessories for higher agricultural productivity.

The plant site communities have relied on subsistence farming and fishing for their livelihoods for generations before income from the PNG LNG project was introduced.

Therefore the tractors are provided to encourage the villages to continue farming the land to grow cash crops, instead of having a dependency on equity and royalty.

The two tractors will be allocated to the four village's, with one to be shared between Boera and Porebada while the other will be for Papa and Rea-Rea. They will be managed by women groups from the respective villages who will charge a minimal fee to farmers requiring its use.

GR-PNGLNGPL acknowledges that women play an important role in the communities and will continue to support them in their endeavours that benefit their families and Communities.



## LANDCO builds new Health Centre for PNG LNG Plant site Communities.



*The new Porebada Health Post*

The four (4) village communities surrounding the PNG LNG Plant site in Central Province will now have easy access to basic health services with the opening of a brand new Level 2 Community Health Post in Porebada village. Costing just over a million kina (K1m), the health post was funded by Gas Resources PNG LNG Plant limited (GR-PNG LNGPL) through its 30% Community Infrastructure Trust Fund (CITF) portion of landowner benefits from the PNG LNG Project.

It will serve a population of close to 30,000 people in Porebada, Boera, Papa and Rearea villages who have previously had to travel to Port Moresby for treatment.

Under the leadership and supervision of the Peter Vagi, the director representing Porebada village on the board of GR-PNG LNGPL, the project was completed on time and under budget.

MRDC Managing Director Augustine Mano thanked director Peter Vagi and the community for making it possible to bring this infrastructure to the people. "You are the symbol of corporation that is rare to find in project areas. The three

directors including the Chairlady, I would like to thank you all for providing leadership to provide the much needed infrastructure services to the four villages" he said.

The health post comes complete with patient beds, a delivery room, emergency procedure room, consultation/treatment room, admin & storage room, training/meeting room, utility & general purpose room, a drug store and an outpatient/waiting area. The plans/design are compliant with the National Department of Health (NDoH) Standards and has been endorsed by the department. GR-PNG LNGPL has also partnered with key developers such as Exxon Mobil, NDoH and landowner Company Laba Holdings to create and deliver these significant impact projects to the communities.

"I would like to thank Exxon Mobil for providing all the equipment to make this project operational. Thank you for the partnership that you've provided, like you did with all our other infrastructure" Mano said.

The company believes in improving the livelihood of the people by focussing on health and education, having built classrooms in Rea-Rea, teacher's complex in Boera, and recently

opened classrooms in Papa and now the health centre in Porebada along with the Ambulance for support and emergency purposes.

An ambulance was also purchased for the health centre by GR-PNG LNGPL and handed over last year to the community to assist in transporting patients to Port Moresby whilst the health centre was being built.

Mr Mano said "I want you to be proud that you are leaders of delivering such services like this. It's not about royalty that you get which disappears. It's not about investment for the future generation it's about improving the quality of life for our people now".

He assured the community, that as long as this PNG LNG is there and as long as there was a fund for community infrastructure, His management and directors would make sure that much needed services that complement the government services will be provided and enhanced so that we improve the quality of life for beneficiaries.

GR-PNG LNGPL has to date invested over three and a half million kinas (K3.5m) in community infrastructure

## PNG LNG Plant Site Tour and Advocacy Workshop



*MRDC and EMPNG (facilitators) staff at the Plant Site during the tour.*

In the last few weeks of December 2018, MRDC staff had the opportunity to tour the PNG LNG Plant Site in Papa, Port Moresby.

As partners of the PNG LNG Project it is important that MRDC and its staff understand the technicality of the project. While having the responsibility of taking care of and paying out the landowner interest in the project, it is necessary that the company (MRDC) understand the work and process of the LNG. The advocacy tour was facilitated

by ExxonMobil PNG's Jonathan Omae from Government Affairs and hosted by the LNG Plant Manager Jagir Baxi.

The workshop comprised of three segments; starting with an overview of the plant site, more or less an introduction to the plant site. The second segment gave a clear guideline of the production process of LNG and the relevant statistics in relations to the impact it had on communities and the country at large. The third part of the workshop gave the MRDC staff a rundown on the processes on how the gas is liquefied and stored for shipment.

Jack Lohia from PPT said that the experience was enlightening with the comprehensive workshop covering the conception all the way to the stage of shipping the LNG.

Sharon Askon from accounts expressed that her experience was inspiring in terms of Exxon's focus on building its local employees to be able to run the site.

As long as we are partners in the project, MRDC will ensure that its employees are well-versed in the work of Exxon and other partners.



## External Affairs and Sustainable Development Department moves to MMI

External Affairs and Sustainable Development Department moves to MMI MRDCs division dealing directly with all landowner clients and matters has now moved to Pacific MMI building in downtown, Port Moresby.

MRDC External Affairs and Sustainable Development led by General Manager Imbi Tagune has been at the new location since January this year.



*The Pacific MMI Building in Downtown Port Moresby*

With a staff of 12, the office is responsible for all landowner beneficiary liaison work, including royalty & equity payments, project area field work, sponsorships, community infrastructure project activities, stakeholder liaison and MRDC public relations activities.

The dedicated office allows the division to give all landowners beneficiary's full time, attention and priority on their matters and queries from a dedicated office.

The Pacific MMI building is also a proud landowner investment, which is managed by Pacific Property Trust (PPT) together with MRDC Haus.

It gives MRDC the opportunity to keep a close eye on the management of the building whilst working from there, as well as helping to give back the landowners, a return on their investment through the rentals paid.

All other MRDC business will still be conducted from the head office at level 12, MRDC haus.

## Staff Recieve Gifts from Secret Santa



The staff of Mineral Resources Development Company (MRDC) were graced by gifts from their secret Santa, a tradition practiced every year in an effort to start the festive season on a high note. The hard working staff of MRDC kick started the festive season with the exchange of gifts from their secret Santa at a small but memorable event took place in the boardroom on the 18th of December 2018.



Secret Santa is an office tradition, where co-workers draw names from a hat and are tasked to find the perfect gift for the person they picked. Office secret Santa is practiced globally by many organizations.

Apart from the gift exchange, MRDC treated its employees to a Christmas lunch before the office closed for the festive holidays.

## MRSM to drive Youth Development through Sports

The Mineral Resources Star Mountain (MRSM) Limited aims to encourage the development of youth through sports, specifically the newly formed Star Mountain Football Club (SMFC).

MRSM plans on using the football club as a vehicle to accelerate change and development amongst the youth of the Star Mountain region and Western Province at Large. MRSM Director Mr Amos Kiki stated that SMFC will promote young talent and encourage discipline through sportsmanship. SMFC will scout the best players from Tabubil Soccer Association to be trimmed, shaped and

trained to compete in the PNG Soccer League.

The club was officially launched during its first game in Port Moresby, in which they lost 1-2 in a tough match against the Port Moresby Southern Strikers. Despite the loss, it is noticeable that SMFC has massive potential and can become one of the best teams in the league.

*“Sports is a common interest for the youth”*

“SMFC almost beat Southern Strikers, a POMFC team. Therefore, I believe that SMFC can become a top FC in PNG.” Said Kiki

Sports is a common interest for the youth, it is a platform where the world’s population of youths are gathered at and engages in, therefore it is the most effective avenue to drive youth development.

Western Givernor Taboi Awi Yoto, told Post Courier that sports play an important role in youth development and apart from education, local MP’s are now walking the path to help raise the profile of the province. Registered in the Papua New Guinea Football Association (PNGFA), Star Mountain Football Club is comprised of 18 locals, 2 Hagen based and 8 POM based players.



The SMFC team before their first game at Sir John Guise Stadium against Southern Strikers FC.  
Photo credit: PNG Football Association league Facebook Page.