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Santos and Oil Search partner to improve Hela Hospital Infrastructure

TARI, HELA PROVINCE, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Accident and emergency health services at the Hela Provincial Hospital have been boosted with US\$1M funding from Santos Limited and US\$700,000 from Oil Search Foundation provided to the Hela Provincial Health Authority (PHA).

A ground breaking ceremony was held in Tari to mark the construction of a high priority Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department for the hospital.

Santos Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Gallagher said helping fund the hospital's A&E Department underlined the company's commitment to investing in PNG. "Santos has been investing in PNG since the 1980s and it's an important growth region for our future. We're proud to work with our valued partner Oil Search to develop critical infrastructure for the communities of the Hela region," Mr Gallagher said. "It's great to be part of an initiative that will save lives in the communities where we operate and give the people of Hela greatly improved emergency health services."

Hela PHA Chair and Oil Search Managing Director, Peter Botten welcomed the support from Santos saying it was "always a privilege to be working with partners who shared similar development visions for the people of Hela and Papua New Guinea."

Currently the hospital does not have a facility that can manage the acute care of emergency patients.

"When the Hela PHA Board was appointed in November 2015 we made a commitment to make this hospital one of the best in PNG. I'm proud to say that eighteen months on we are continually pushing ourselves to achieve more," said Botten. "And we've been able to do this because we have a hardworking board, staff and management team and we also have strong partnerships that can help us achieve our vision."

Under the agreement the new A&E facility is expected to begin operations by mid-2018 on a 24-hour basis and provide for the initial treatment of a broad spectrum of illnesses and injuries in both adults and children.

Key areas of the facility include a triage area to assess patients according to their needs. It will also include resuscitation bays for the critically ill or injured, acute bays for patients not requiring resuscitation, non-acute bays for patients who require close monitoring after resuscitation or treatment, a procedure room, a plaster room for fracture stabilization and an isolation room for the management of infectious diseases or privacy for survivors of domestic or sexual violence.

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Caption

Breaking ground for the new Accident and Emergency Facility for the Hela Provincial Health Hospital co-funded by Santos, Oil Search Foundation in partnership with the Hela PHA. L-R Stephanie Copus-Campbell (OSF), Peter Botten, Chair Hela PHA and MD Oil Search Ltd, Philip Undialu, Hela Governor, Sir Puka Temu, Minister Health and HIV, Kevin Gallagher CEO and MD Santos Ltd, James Marape, Finance Minister and Tari Pori MP, Petrus Thomas, Immigration and Border Security Minister and Dr James Kintwa CEO Hela PHA.

About the Oil Search Foundation

The Oil Search Foundation is a development partner in Papua New Guinea delivering signature programmes and grant management solutions to support the national development agenda in the areas of health, leadership and education, and women's protection and empowerment.

Established and principally supported by Oil Search, the Oil Search Foundation has a comparative advantage working in the Papua New Guinea Highlands and Gulf region.

As a development partner, the Oil Search Foundation concentrates on building partner capacity to deliver services, directing the country's resources towards national priorities that are most beneficial to communities, and engaging with stakeholders at all levels to support Papua New Guinea achieve its own development goals.

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With one of the largest exploration and production acreages in Australia, a significant and growing footprint in Papua New Guinea and a strategic infrastructure position, Santos is well positioned to benefit from the growing global demand for energy.

Santos is focused on delivering sustainable shareholder value by becoming a low-cost, reliable and high-performance business with the financial flexibility to build and grow the business through the oil price cycle.