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**PNG LNG project update**

Santos has been advised by Esso Highlands Limited, an affiliate of ExxonMobil and operator of the PNG LNG project, that a landslide has occurred in the Hides area of the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea. The Papua New Guinean authorities are responding.

A copy of the PNG LNG operator's statement is attached to this release.

Santos Chief Executive Officer David Knox said that we share ExxonMobil's concern for the workforce and the communities in the affected area.

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## **HIDES AREA / TUMBI LANDSLIDE**

This morning around 6am a landslide occurred in the Southern Highlands of Papua New Guinea. The Papua New Guinean authorities are responding.

Esso Highlands has been in communication with government, including the National Disaster and Emergency Relief Office.

Our immediate concern is for the safety and wellbeing of our workforce and the community in the area. We have offered our support to the Government and the local community.

The main road between Nogoli and Hides has been blocked. Esso Highlands Limited has shut down work in the Hides and Komo area.

