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## Site to construct Safe Live Process Plant for Training in PNG

The Directors of Site Group International Limited ("Site") are pleased to announce that Site Group International Pte Ltd ("SGI") has been contracted by the South Pacific Employment Institute (SPEI) to Engineer, Procure, Construct and Commission (EPCC) a USD\$4 million (AUD\$5.46 million) Safe Live Process Plant for training.

The turnkey training plant will be developed on behalf of National Petroleum Company PNG (NPCP) who will look to utilise the services of SGI with the objective of creating long term sustainable employment and opportunities for PNG Nationals to participate in the higher end employment opportunities surrounding the mining and oil and gas industries.

Site, in conjunction with the Orion Group, the National Petroleum Company PNG and the Orion Enga Childrens Fund JV incorporating SPEI, ceremoniously signed a commitment to bring investment and deployment of real life training environments for Papua New Guinea which bridge barrier to entry jobs for the long term sustainable employment of PNG Nationals.

The plant will take approximately 8 months to in-country commissioning, with an agreement in place for the provision of training services by Site via a ten year plus ten year services agreement at the SPEI facility in PNG.

Official announcement has been attached.

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## **Joint Press Statement on Signing of the intent partnership agreement with the SPEI and NPCP Holdings Limited.**

### **NPCP's Kumul Petroleum Academy join forces with SPEI in Workforce Nationalisation Initiative**

*Port Moresby, 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015* - The National Petroleum Company PNG (NPCP) is taking an interest, through sponsoring the development of a live plant training environment with the South Pacific Employment Institute (SPEI) in PNG; a conglomerate formed as part of a Public Private Partnership to train the nation for the expanding PNG Oil and Gas and resources market.

The conglomerate includes Orion Group, an innovative global personnel and human resources company and Site Group International (SGI) as a global expert in the development of competent workforces, associated technology and immersive training and NPCP (Kumul Petroleum)

A state-of-the-art process plant training facility is to be built in Port Moresby to cater for the rapidly growing regional resources, power and energy sectors including but not limited to upstream, midstream and downstream oil and gas sector as well as catering for other process oriented industries and associated technical training.

The facility will be the first of its kind for the region. It will recreate a full size process plant with real live process systems, centralised control room, emergency protection systems and electrical distribution centre, to provide a real life scenario training and assessment facility in a safe, controlled environment.

The plant will be built and operated by Brisbane-based training organisation, Site Group International, which already operates a similar process plant in Myanmar, and large immersive training facilities in the Philippines and Indonesia as well as throughout Australia.

SPEI have contracted Site Group International (SGI) to Engineer, Procure, Construct and Commission (EPCC) a Live Process Plant Environment for training across the energy sector for PNG.

The turnkey training plant will be developed on behalf of SPEI teamed with (NPCP) to utilise the services of SGI with the objective of creating long term sustainable employment opportunities for PNG nationals to participate meaningfully and including the higher end employment opportunities surrounding the oil and gas industries.

This forms a key component of NPCP's Kumul Petroleum Academy which will be located at the Idubada site, a future support hub for Oil and Gas Projects in PNG.

NPCP Managing Director Mr Wapu Sonk stated that the development of capability to create world class competencies in-country is a critical requirement for PNG.

“NPCP has carried out investigations into the necessary infrastructure required to best develop and train a highly competent national workforce.

“Having had the benefit of researching the necessary componentry’s NPCP is working with SPEI to develop a suite of necessary facilities that currently do not exist in this country,” Mr Sonk said.

He also stated that this nationally driven Academy for Oil and Gas Training will include all levels of industry learning, focussing on nationalising the workforces for the PNG Oil and Gas sector but with a particular focus on higher end job opportunities.

“NPCP, soon to be Kumul Petroleum Company will continue to lead in PNG as a major contributor to the country’s Oil and Gas industry and expects IOC’S, explorers, developers and contractors in the industry will follow suit with their own commitment to national workforce development and meeting national content requirements,” Mr Sonk added.

Commenting on the announcement, Site CEO and Managing Director Vern Wills stated “the relationships forged with the National Petroleum Company PNG together with SPEI marks a milestone in the provision of Process Plant services via the Site Group International operation” “This agreement is the culmination of over 12 months work to develop a truly-unique service offering.” he said.

The plant will take approximately eight months to complete, with an agreement in place for the provision of training services under ‘a manage and operate agreement’.

Orion’s Country Manager Nick Smith says; SPEI is a Private Public Partnership (PPP) focused on industry training and is a first not only for Papua New Guinea but for the whole South Pacific area.

“The Institute has a modern ethos with a focus on creating an environment which develops competencies and real employment outcomes through running courses based on industry and client demand,” Mr Smith added.

SPEI’s Chairman, Mr Isaac Lupari stated that, as part of the national Vision 2050 we are diligently developing opportunities for and empowering PNG Youth and the existing workforce to participate in roles that would normally be out of reach and for which training would need to be provided overseas at great expense and investment. This training will now be provided in country which will put PNG ahead of most of our Asia Pacific regional counterparts. SPEI commends the foresight and commitment of the NPCP and its initiative and leadership in the nationalisation of the PNG workforce. The South Pacific Employment Institute will integrate with other PNG educational institutions to achieve the shared objective of training the nation and capitalising on the resource industry development.

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**NPCP Holdings Background**

*The National Petroleum Company PNG (NPCP) is responsible for managing the State's equity participation in the single largest investment made by the nation to date, the PNG LNG Project. With over 16.5% of equity, NPCP is the third largest participant in this world class LNG project. NPCP has expanded its portfolio by acquiring approximately 10% of the shares of International Oil Company, Oil Search Limited, as well as acquiring all the assets of Cue Energy in PNG, including their interest in the SE Gobe Oil Field.*

*Additionally, through its 20.5% interest in PDL 1, NPCP jointly supplies gas to the Hides gas-to-electricity plant that provides power to the Barrick Gold operated Porgera Gold Mine.*

*NPCP is now focused on consolidating its position as the State's nominee in all future Oil and Gas developments, including the probable expansion of the PNG LNG Project as well as Gulf LNG to be operated by Total.*

*NPCP's mandate is to protect and maximize the value of the Company's assets such that it can contribute to the maximum wealth to our ultimate shareholder; the people of Papua New Guinea.*

**SPEI Background**

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