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## Indochine: Market Update

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Company Announcements Office

### **COMPLETION AND SIGNING OF LAND INVESTIGATION REPORT (LIR) AT MT. KARE**

The company is delighted to announce the signing of the Land Investigation Report (**LIR**) by the Governor of Enga Province, Grand Chief Hon. Peter Ipatas, and co-signed by the Provincial Administrator, Dr. Samson Amean. The local MP for Porgera-Lagaip, Hon. Nixon Mangape, was also in attendance. This signals the end of the landowner identification process that the the company's wholly owned subsidiary Summit Development Limited (**SDL**) had undertaken since acquiring the license EL 1093 in 2011. It also marks the achievement of a major milestone for the project in solving the complex and challenging landowner issues associated with Mt Kare for decades.

The LIR is a statutory requirement under the Lands Act 1996. It follows the successful completion of a Land Investigation Study (LIS) in July 2014, which is a social mapping document and a key license condition for EL 1093. The LIS was reviewed and ratified by the Enga Provincial Government as the signing authority on the LIR and preceded the LIR process that was conducted on site; starting on 1 October and ending with a closing ceremony on 21 October.

Here is an extract from the Governor's speech during the closing ceremony:

*"I would like to congratulate and thank SDL management for recognising that the consultation process must be done with the people of Mt Kare and Enga Province. For all the gold and other natural resources on the land lies with the people and the people owns these resources. As long as the company and the government respect the people of the land, the project will go well. I would like to take this time to thank George Niumataiwalu and the company to recognise this important principle of dealing with resources in the country. If there is no such recognition, there will be landownership issues as being experienced in the past. When they respect the rights of the people on the land, and involve you in the decision making process then I believe the project will go ahead. Not all investors are the same. Many investors came to reap away our resources. They pay no respect for our people and the future of our people. But the company that had the heart for our people and our future generation, then we must support. We must applaud SDL for setting this benchmark in recognising our people in this very important process as a vital step towards project development here at Mt Kare. Therefore you Mt Kare land owners, especially the leaders, or land agents who will take the lead on behalf of the people must continue to support SDL as I believe SDL is a good company."*

Below is an extract from the Provincial Administrator's speech during the closing ceremony:

*“The LIS/LIR that is being completed has been done under my administration and under the laws of our land. Mt Kare is situated within the legal provincial boundary of Enga Province, therefore my administration took the lead in all the process of this LIS/LIR studies. Other interested parties have raised issues about the LIR/LIS studies on the project, yet the project lies within Enga province. The studies were undertaken under my jurisdiction. I have sent my officers out here to assist in the whole process. Now I am pleased to be here at last to sign the final LIR documents.”*

The closing ceremony of the LIS/LIR on site completes what started out with the LIS in 2012 – but now involving all the major clans that have been recognised as customary landowners using sociological, customary and legal criteria. It was marked by *singsing* and pig killing of customary significance but which has been the hallmark of the company’s Melanesian Approach to dealing with landowner issues on site.

The LIR document will shortly be submitted to the Lands Department in Port Moresby for registration, and form the basis of conveying customary land for leasing by the State to the company under a Mining Lease.



The Provincial Administrator of Enga, Dr. Samson Amean, signing off on the LIR documents at Mt Kare. Behind him to his far right is the Governor of Enga Province, Grand Chief Hon. Peter Ipatas and next to him is the local Member for Porgera-Lagaip, Hon. Nixon Mangape. To Dr. Amean’s immediate left is Mr. Joe Pais, the company’s Community Affairs Manager.



The Governor of Enga Province, Hon. Peter Ipatas, shaking hands with clan members recognised as legitimate landowners of Mt Kare in the closing ceremony of the LIS and LIR. Following behind him is the company's CA Manager, Mr. Joe Pais.

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