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Oil Search Urges Business Leaders to Help Eradicate HIV

Friday 29 November, 2013: In the lead up to World AIDS Day on Sunday 1 December, Oil Search Limited has called on companies to use their infrastructure, skills and financial resources to help step up the pace in the global response to HIV.

Headquartered in Papua New Guinea, Australia's closest neighbouring country, Oil Search has developed successful public-private partnerships with PNG's national and provincial governments, non-governmental organisations and faith-based organisations to improve HIV prevention and treatment.

"Together, we are delivering better HIV programs, services and outcomes than any of us could have achieved on our own," said Oil Search Managing Director, Mr Peter Botten.

"For example, through the Oil Search Health Foundation, which we established in 2011 to identify and address high-profile health issues in PNG, we have attracted grants from the Global Fund worth nearly US\$80 million and have contributed AUD\$10.6 million of our own funds to tailor HIV programs that meet the specific needs of people in PNG."

"Working closely with the PNG National Department of Health we have aligned our HIV Program and support services to the country's national standards and are delivering health education, treatment and support services where they are needed most."

Today, a dedicated team of nearly 100 Health Foundation staff, most of whom are PNG nationals, delivers HIV, maternal and child health and malaria programs in six of PNG's 22 provinces, and support 55 health facilities that have performed over 36,000 HIV tests and distributed over 600,000 condoms since 2008.

"This public-private partnership model makes us part of a new approach to public health that allows us to work together to deliver unprecedented levels of service where national health systems are overburdened," said Mr Botten.

In addition to the services provided by the Health Foundation, since 2003 Oil Search's in-house medical team has also treated over 320,000 patients

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from its workforce and communities in and around the areas in which it operates.

"These figures make Oil Search PNG's largest healthcare provider outside of government – clear evidence of the enormously meaningful impact businesses can have on people's lives," Mr Botten said.

"I urge other companies to pursue similar opportunities to support the theme of World AIDS Day 2013 which is *Getting to Zero: zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-related deaths*," said Mr Botten.

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Oil Search Public Health Unit and medical staff at Moro Clinic in the Papua New Guinea Highlands.

Oil Search Limited is an oil and gas exploration and development company that has been operating in Papua New Guinea since 1929. Most of the Company's assets are located in PNG, where it holds an extensive spread of oil and gas production and exploration licences. Oil Search operates all of PNG's currently producing oil and gas fields, with net production of 6.38 million barrels of oil equivalent (mmbobe) in 2012. The Company has operations in Papua New Guinea, Australia, Kurdistan, Yemen and Dubai.



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Oil Search World AIDS Day Fact Sheet

About HIV in Papua New Guinea

In 2011 the Kirby Institute estimated the number of people living with HIV in Papua New Guinea to be 34,000 which translates into a HIV prevalence rate of 900/100,000 population.¹ UNAIDS estimates for 2012 put the number of people living with HIV in Papua New Guinea at 25,000.²

Coverage of antiretroviral prevention services for pregnant women living with HIV was less than 50% in Papua New Guinea in 2012.³

In Papua New Guinea the national HIV response is for more than 75% dependent on international sources.⁴

Oil Search World AIDS Day 2013 Activities

- Oil Search is a corporate sponsor of World AIDS Day 2013 in Australia. Oil Search is involved in the proceedings on 1 December 2013 in Melbourne marking the official launch of the 20th International AIDS Conference 'AIDS 2014', to be hosted in Melbourne in July 2014.
In PNG Oil Search raises awareness around HIV by putting up big red ribbons at its camps. On World AIDS Day staff is offered educational presentations, quizzes, and prize draws that attract a significant part of the Oil Search workforce.
- The Oil Search HIV Program conducted its first HIV questionnaire last year under Oil Search's workforce in PNG. It showed a solid level of knowledge and understanding about HIV. The HIV survey is repeated in 2013 to see if the Company's education and awareness activities during the year have led to an increased level of knowledge.
- The Oil Search Health Foundation conducts several community programs on World AIDS Day, including quiz programs at schools in Kutubu and community presentations in the Southern Highlands. Its HIV team in Hela Province will take a large banner around the markets in Tari to speak about HIV and in Morobe its staff will conduct support visits to health facilities in remote locations to share important HIV messages with them.

¹ The Kirby Institute. HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections in Australia Annual Surveillance Report 2012. The Kirby Institute, the University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW 2052

² Global report: UNAIDS report on the global AIDS epidemic 2013, p. A12

³ Global report: UNAIDS report on the global AIDS epidemic 2013, p. 40

⁴ Global report: UNAIDS report on the global AIDS epidemic 2013, p. 74



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About the Oil Search Health Foundation

The Oil Search Health Foundation was established in 2011 to identify high profile health issues in Papua New Guinea and seek opportunities and partnerships to strengthen the country's health systems and processes. We aim for high-impact interventions that result in improved delivery of services and better health outcomes for the people of Papua New Guinea.

In 2012 the Oil Search Health Foundation was appointed as Papua New Guinea's Principal Recipient for the Global Fund Round 10 HIV grant. Administration of the considerable grant of US\$46 million over five years involves managing nine sub-recipients and close collaboration with Papua New Guinea's National Department of Health.

The Oil Search Health Foundation is now part of a small group of private sector companies involved directly in managing Global Fund grants. The engagement of the private sector in managing the delivery of multilateral development aid is seen internationally as a very promising pathway for the future.

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