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### **KPHL and Harmony Gold Join Chamber Council**

**Port Moresby:** Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited Managing Director Mr Wapu Sonk and Harmony Gold Chief Executive Officer for South East Asia, Mr Johannes Van Heerdan have joined the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum Council as new Councillors.

Their election was announced at the Chamber's Annual General Meeting held in Port Moresby on the 28th of April, 2016.

The remaining vacant positions on the Council were filled by incumbent Councillors who were re-elected including Barrick (Niugini) Limited General Manager Corporate and Legal Mr Anthony Smare, InterOil Corporation Executive Director Mr Isikeli Taureka, Nautilus Minerals Limited Country Manager Mr Mel Togolo, Highlands Pacific Managing Director Mr John Gooding and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Partner – Tax and Business Services Mr Andrew Harris.

Mr Sonk and Mr Van Heerdan and the re-elected Councillors will serve on the Council for two years.

During the AGM, it was also announced that Oil Search Executive General Manager Mr Gereia Aopi was re-elected unopposed as the Chamber's President while Newcrest Mining Limited Country Manager Mr Peter Aitsi and Total E&P PNG Ltd Corporate Affairs Director Mr Richard Kassman were also re-elected unopposed as Senior Vice President, and Vice President respectively.

Congratulating the new and re-elected Executives and Councillors of the Chamber, Mr Aopi said it was important that they all work together in partnership with the Government during this challenging economic environment to deliver the exciting pipeline of potential mining and petroleum projects for the betterment of Papua New Guinea.

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#### **About Us:**

The PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum (Chamber) is a non-profit, peak industry association that represents the interests of the mining and petroleum industry and associated industries in Papua New Guinea. The Chamber has a current membership of over 200 companies. This includes most of the mining and petroleum companies active in PNG who comprise the Full Members, Associate and Service

members make up the balance of the membership and these are companies with business connections to the mining and petroleum sectors in PNG.