



Management of Customary Landowners of PNG

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## **Landowners in PNG**



- 97% of land in PNG is customary owned
- Government owns any resources 6 feet below the surface
- Customary ownership is tribal and not individual
- Recognizing the land ownership and ease of access to land the Government has allocated equity interest in new projects to landowners



### Introduction



- Mineral Resources Development Company is owned by the State of PNG
- Its main purpose is to manage the equity interest in trust for the customary landowners in Mining and Petroleum sector
- Other services include the distribution of dividends from equities and royalties to the landowners
- Investments for Future Generations
- Funding construction of community infrastructure projects in the affected project areas and provinces to improve the quality of life



## **Trust Structure**

**MRDC** 

- Incorporated company
- Owned by the State
- Governed by the Company Constitution and Company's Act

**Subsidiaries** 

- 100% subsidiaries of MRDC
- Managed in trust for the landowner beneficiaries
- Governed by an irrevocable Trust Deed, company constitution and management agreement

Beneficiaries

- Incorporated land groups (ILGS)
- Major sub-clans
- As approved by a Ministerial Determination and Gazetted.

# **Legislated Benefits**



#### Petroleum Sector

- Landowners and provincial governments have a right to 2% equity interest in the project at project sanction. Free carried by the State
  - Landowners also get a 2% royalty from the production
  - -Provincial govt have 2% development levy from production

#### Mining Sector

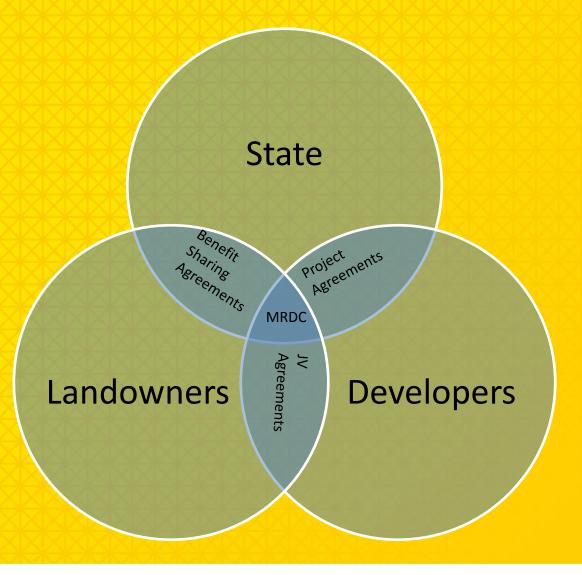
- Landowners have a option of up to 5% equity interest in the project at sanction. Also free carried by the State or similar arrangement.
- Landowers also get a 2% royalty from the production For every mining and petroleum development in the country, landowners are an integral part and important stakeholder in the development and operational phase.

Without their consent there will be no project.



# **MRDC** Role





of tomorrow

# Conclusion



- Distribute Dividends MRDC
- Investments for Future Generation
- Improving quality of life for the landowners is paramount
- Genuine Leadership Representation

Win win for all......



### Thank you

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