

## Words from **Mel Togolo** PNG Country Manager



Welcome to my July edition of the Nautilus Minerals Update for 2015.

Firstly, I would like to wish all the New Irelanders a happy New Ireland Day for July 27. Nautilus Minerals employees had the opportunity to attend a three day celebration hosted by the Provincial Government. The celebration was attended by leading international aid agencies and donor groups, organisations working in the province and community members.

The first event was the New Ireland Development Forum, which Adam Wright (VP PNG Operations) had the honour of attending. The forum was a great opportunity for everyone to discuss current programs, identify the government's key priority areas for community development and opportunities for collaboration. The focus areas are health, education and infrastructure, which are strongly aligned with our Community Social and Responsibility Strategic Plan.

Our CEO, Mike Johnston, had the privilege of celebrating New Ireland Day with the Governor of New Ireland Rt. Hon. Sir Julius Chan, Hon. Ben Micah and Hon. Byron Chan. Mike stated that "it was an honour to stand beside Sir Julius at such a joyful occasion and that Nautilus is proud to sponsor such a wonderful event". Sir Julius and his team are to be congratulated for organising a successful event which demonstrates what government, donor groups and companies can achieve by all working together. My team and I look forward to continuing to work with the New Ireland Provincial

Government, to help deliver community based programs.

While in New Ireland, Mike had the opportunity to witness the official opening of our second water and sanitation project. The selected schools received new water supply, sanitation infrastructure and training in the benefits of good health and hygiene. The project was welcomed by community members who thanked Nautilus for improving school facilities for their children. We will continue to roll out this program at schools located nearest to Solwara 1.



Mike Johnston opening the facilities at Komalu Primary School

A team of contractors and local assistants have just completed field investigation work at six wet crossings along the west coast of New Ireland. This work is the first step in Nautilus' bridges program which will see us build a minimum of three bridges in this area. My team and I are excited with the next steps of working with the National and New Ireland Provincial Department of Works to select appropriate design prior to commencing construction.

As you know from my last update, the Seafloor Production Tools (SPTs) are assembled and undergoing commissioning, with delivery expected by end of this year. Earlier this month I had the pleasure of hosting the Minister for Mining, Hon. Byron Chan and his team on a visit to the Soil Machine Dynamics factory in Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom, to see the SPTs. Hon. Chan was impressed with the technology and expressed his confidence in Nautilus Minerals delivering the Solwara 1 Project successfully to the people of Papua New Guinea.

"The offshore mining tools are huge and are about to be completed and I can say with confidence that seafloor mining within the Bismarck Sea is about to become a reality", said Hon. Byron Chan.



Hon Byran Chan sitting at a SPT pilot simulator



The PNG contingent in front of the Bulk Cutter

Regards Mel Togolo

## About Nautilus Minerals Inc.

Nautilus is the first company to explore the ocean floor for polymetallic seafloor massive sulphide deposits and is developing its first project at Solwara 1, in the territorial waters of Papua New Guinea, where it is aiming to produce copper and gold. The company has been granted all necessary environmental and mining permits. For more information send a note to: PO Box 1161, Port Moresby, NCD or visit our websites: www.nautilusminerals.com / www.cares.nautilusminerals.com