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**US Bureau of Safety and Environment Enforcement Helps
PNG with Oil Industry Oversight and Regulation Assistance**

The United States Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) [formerly the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE)] are conducting a three day seminar in Port Moresby from December 5-7 at the Holiday Inn Hotel. A total of 25 officers from the Department of Petroleum and Energy, Petromin PNG Holdings Ltd, Department of Labor and PNG Customs are participating in the seminar.

This workshop will provide a comprehensive three-day overview of the responsibilities and activities of BSEE with detailed discussion of how issues relevant to Papua New Guinea's oil sector are handled in the United States. The workshop will cover the following general areas: Review of exploration and development plans, permitting, inspections, pipeline regulations, and a comprehensive review of regulatory enforcement. The workshop is funded by the US State Department's Energy Governance and Capacity Initiative (EGCI) and is facilitated by Metrica, Inc.

"The EGCI team continues to work closely with U.S. technical experts in the U.S. Departments of Treasury and Commerce, in U.S. Industry, in USAID, and in International Organizations. This team represents the topmost experts in energy policy in the United States government. This team has global expertise on issues related to petroleum geology; exploration and production operations; revenue management; sector regulation; policy reform and implementation; and energy sector finance. These experts provide unbiased, sound guidance that can further long-term institutional stability and good governance," said Acting Deputy Chief of Mission, Lee Calkins during the official opening of the seminar.

Acting Secretary, Department of Petroleum and Energy, Rendel Rimua emphasized that it is the department's hope that all participants will learn and share ideas on policies on downstream process and compliance issues on gas and petroleum with their US counterparts.

The event is titled *Regulating Field Operations from Exploration through Development: The U.S. Model: **Specific Workshop Topics:***

- Regulatory program overview
- Regulatory Reorganization post-Macondo
- Reservoir Management (unitization, secondary recovery, and suspension of operations)
- Field operations and inspection
- Permit and application reviews and approvals
- Reservoir conservation management: ensuring sound production
- Pipeline design, construction, maintenance, and inspection
- Regulatory enforcement: civil and criminal penalties

The U.S. Department of State, under the leadership of David Goldwyn, Secretary Clinton's Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, arrived in Port Moresby in 2010 to establish the Energy Governance and Capacity Initiative (EGCI) program in Papua New Guinea.

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