

KEY MESSAGES FROM WORKING GROUP MEETING #2

(This is an agreed statement for general circulation released by the CMCA Working Group at the end of the second meeting—June 23, 2006)

We had a good meeting

Delegates were strong Leaders for their regions

Leaders brought these issues forward from the regions:

- ♣ The leaders asked for part-ownership of the mine for the CMCA regions.
- ♣ People want greater control over their future.
- ♣ Regions want to be a part of decisions about projects and how money is spent.
- ♣ Women and children need to have a better deal in the next CMCA agreement.
- ♣ Some of the most important projects are health care, food security, education, relocation, skills training, and transportation and communication.

There are many partners that must work together to make a better future for the CMCA Regions

- ♣ **The People** need to organize themselves to speak with one voice, manage their money well, and invest in their future.
- ♣ **NGOs and Churches** help the people with services and giving them good advice.
- ♣ **OTML** will continue to deliver some services in the Western Province, but only until the mine closes in 2013.
- ♣ **PNGSDP** is currently banking most of its funds for future money making activities with a focus on the Western Province. It will do more when the mine closes.
- ♣ **National Government** is responsible for the long-term monitoring of the environmental and health problems in the Western Province.
- ♣ **Fly River Provincial Government** is responsible for delivering basic services including transportation, health care, communication and education.

OTML talked on what they can do and put their best offer on the table

- ♣ OTML cannot offer ownership in the mine, but it did offer to share profits.
- ♣ Each CMCA region gets 50% more than they do now every year.
- ♣ In addition to the 50% increase, when copper and gold prices are high, the mine makes more money and CMCA regions get extra money. This will happen until the mine closes.
- ♣ In the future, regions will be able to decide on how CMCA money is spent. This can be done by setting up a new, separate body.
- ♣ If there will be a cash component, there needs to be a way to make sure money is managed well and gets to the right people.
- ♣ There will be a special consideration for women and children in this fund.
- ♣ Delegates did not accept or reject the offer. They will talk to their regions and villages.
- ♣ Delegates also want to speak to mine owners, government and PNGSDP.

There are more stakeholders that need to participate

- ♣ The Fly River Provincial Government is an important partner, but is absent from the Working Group. All CMCA Working Group members strongly request that the FRPG to participate and sent them a letter.
- ♣ Delegates want to speak to PNGSDP about how to work together on development projects at the next CMCA Working Group meeting.
- ♣ Delegates want to speak to ministers and people in authority in national government at the next CMCA Working Group meeting.
- ♣ Delegates want to speak to other mine owners about sharing ownership in the mine by the next CMCA Working Group meeting.

Leaders selected an Independent Scientist, Dr. Alan Tingay to review environmental and health data.

The Working Group will find independent legal advice. The State Solicitor office has also offered its help on legal matters through the Department of Mining.

Eligible villages and individuals can still join CMCA during the CMCA review process. Delegates will carry information on how to join.

Facilitators will not hold village meetings in June, but will return after the next Working Group meeting when there is a more complete proposal.