

Landowner compensation in Papua New Guinea's mining and petroleum sectors

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Tenements that are expired, cancelled or relinquished under the Mining Act will qualify as reserved land. All mining companies will be required to contribute to this Fund annually, will be sustainably managed, so that in the event of an environment disaster like in Ok Tedi or elsewhere, monies from this Fund will be used to clean up, restore and rehabilitate the environment.

Legal amendments to facilitate mining in PNG

The Mining Act of 1992 has served as a sturdy legal guide for the industry in Papua New Guinea, albeit with a small number of gaps that policymakers are eager to close. The research project was funded by the United States Agency for International Development USAID.

Concerns for Proper Consultations with Landowners before Papua LNG Project Signing

Just as the Mabo Case in Australia corrected the historical error of the terra nullius doctrine, this Government too intends to correct the wrong we have done to our people by taking away their mineral rights by the force of law. Upon attaining independence from Great Britain, the Australian States became owners of the mass and minerals. I would be surprised if the Committee does not receive 100% in favour of allowing traditional landowners to win the minerals beneath their land.

Papua New Guinea earmarks mineral rights for its indigenous peoples

For the developer, the bigger the group, the easier it is to deal with them. Their studies provide evidence that company health programs in some project areas have made a significant difference to immunization rates, nutrition, antenatal care, supervised births and the incidence of malaria and filariasis.

More about the development contributions of mining and petroleum companies in PNG

Consequently, we are told that 97% of the land in PNG is owned by customary landowners. Other government approval permits required. These obligations are in addition to existing reporting requirements under the Mining Act.

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