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Vula'a Rivilina Elementary School secures funding for Redevelopment Project

Steamships and the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany are pleased to announce a partnership to fund the redevelopment of Vula'a Elementary School in Hula, Central Province, Papua New Guinea.

The joint effort will support the implementation of a community-based comprehensive redevelopment plan that includes the construction of a double classroom equipped with new classroom furniture by members of the community. The project funding encompasses the procurement of building materials, freight and cartage as well as any other project-related costs.

The collaborative initiative aims to enhance education infrastructure and community empowerment, fostering a conducive learning and participation environment for the young minds of the community.

Steamships Managing Director, Mr. Rupert Bray, expressed enthusiasm for the project, saying, "Steamships recognizes the importance of investing in education and infrastructure to empower communities. The investment at Hula, enables 60 more children to access education services and creating a lasting impact in the community. We are appreciative of the support with the German Embassy in Canberra for this school project, through partnership we can achieve more."

The total project value amounts to K168,000 with the Financial Support for Micro-Projects valued at €25,000 (approximately, K100,000) and Steamships contribution of K68,000

"Ensuring equal access to quality education is pivotal in shaping a sustainable future for young minds and their communities," stated the Chargé d'affaires of the Federal Republic of Germany to Australia, Sigrid Sommer. "The German Embassy Canberra is proud to partner with Steamships and the Hula community in this important initiative, which aligns with our long-term commitment to supporting sustainable development in Papua New Guinea."

The redevelopment project holds the promise of not only providing essential infrastructure but also fostering a sense of pride and enthusiasm among the students, educators and members of the community that jointly constructed the building. The improved facilities are expected to encourage greater attendance and participation, thereby contributing to a more vibrant and engaging educational experience.

The German Embassy Canberra and Steamships are committed to the successful execution of this initiative and look forward to witnessing the transformational impact it will have on the Vula'a Rivilina Elementary School and its community.

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Picture 1



Caption | Steamships representatives meeting with project stakeholders: VERS School Board, Teachers and Students and the Hula Ward Councillor

About Steamships

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