

## **New generation, bigger challenges, better results**

Kramer Ausenco is investing in its new generation of leaders to take the business to the next level.

Chief Executive Officer, Frank Kramer, outlined the importance of young leadership in the company during the firm's Christmas party for clients and business partners in Port Moresby on November 23.

The young managers from Kramer Ausenco's offices across the Pacific form a key part of the company's growth strategy, and were among more than a 100 invitees at the Grand Papua Hotel where the function was held.

The firm is succession planning and Mr. Kramer introduced a part of the future leadership team in Rovaly Sike (Country Manager-Solomon Islands), Jay Jameson (Country Manager-Vanuatu), Konrad Lober (Country Manager-Samoa) and Adam and Michael Kramer who work closely with him on the Group's strategy and development.

Mr Kramer acknowledged the firm's senior professionals as well, among them PNG's first female engineer Finkewe Zurecnuoc, a role model and mentor to young female engineers like Julieth Jiap now working with the Group.

He welcomed Benjamin Warner as a Senior Project Manager based in Port Moresby, and Ian Gray as General Manager-Oil, Gas & LNG who will be working between countries. Mr. Gray brings more than 25 years of hydrocarbon experience to the business.

Mr. Kramer said the time is right for the company to continue its expansion plans, particularly within the Pacific Region where the economies are smaller than that of Papua New Guinea.

The immediate focus however, will be to increase its business in PNG, especially when the country is preparing to host several projects within the mining, petroleum and energy sectors.

He thanked the clients and allied professionals who worked with Kramer Ausenco in 2015, a year he described as "volatile and difficult" because of depressed commodity prices, but a year in which the Group again performed above budget expectations.

He said that despite the current downtown in the world economy, the firm will enter 2016 with a significant increase in revenue levels, and with the operating environment in PNG showing signs of improvement, Kramer Ausenco is positioning itself for bigger challenges and better results.

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