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Picture Caption Story

PNGPCL and NMSA work together to prevent oil spill



Caption: From left to right- Spill Tech Chief Executive Officer, Mr. John Eddy showing PNGPCL employees how to use the boom reel. Picture by MICHELLE YIPRUKAMAN

PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) and the National Maritime Safety Authority (NMSA) are currently working in partnership to prevent oil spillage in the country.

PNGPCL and NMSA have jointly agreed to station an oil spill container which will house a boom reel (pictured above) and will be located at the APC Wharf behind Port Moresby Port Office.

The boom reel will enable PNG Ports to provide a quick response during any oil spill from ship, tankers or any port users. The reel is hydraulically driven and powered by a diesel prime mover.

The commissioning of this equipment last week follows a two-day oil spill drill exercise recently held in Alotau that PNGPCL participated in.

The exercise was conducted by InterOil Limited in conjunction with NMSA and comprised of theoretical and practical lessons.

As part of the PNGPCL's five year strategic plan, the installation of the boom reel signifies the Company's effort of meeting international best practice of Occupational Health and Safety policies and procedures. This links directly back to PNG Ports value of: "Safety and Security First."

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