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PNGPCL installs fenders at Lae port

PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) has successfully installed four Pneumatic Fenders at its Coastal Berth in Lae Port in the Morobe province recently.

The fenders (pictured) have been installed on Berth 4 with the assistance of United Stevedores who provided a forklift to shift and lower the fenders into the water and held in position until it was safely mounted onto the wharf side.

The head pilot at Lae port says sounding tests were undertaken and the results indicate that vessels requiring deeper drafts can be able to safely berth.

Chief Executive Officer, Brian Riches said PNGPCL set out to purchase and deploy these fenders for a solution to what is an infrastructure, maintenance and an impaired capacity issue.

Mr Riches said following the installation, PNGPCL is yet to decide whether the Company will or will not charge shipping lines for the use of the fenders.

These fenders will absorb berthing energy of ships and prevent damage to ships and infrastructure.

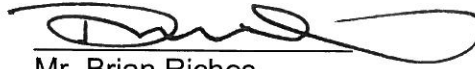


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