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Papua LNG Development Forum Preparations Underway as State Pushes for Early FID

Minister for Petroleum, Hon. Jimmy Maladina, LLB, LLM, MP, has confirmed that preparations for the Papua LNG Development Forum have commenced, following his directive to the State Team to begin coordination with the project operator, TotalEnergies.

Minister Maladina said the Development Forum is a mandatory process under the *Oil and Gas Act 1988* and must be completed before the Petroleum Development Licence (PDL) is issued.

“The Development Forum is an important step for the Papua LNG Project. It is required under the law and provides the platform for the State, project developers, and affected landowners to agree on benefit sharing and development commitments,” Minister Maladina said.

He announced that initial meetings have already taken place between the State Team and TotalEnergies to discuss budgeting, logistics, and scheduling arrangements for the Forum.

“Work on the Development Forum has kicked off with a meeting between the State Team and TotalEnergies. The focus is now on finalising the budget and logistical details to ensure the Forum is held soon,” he said.

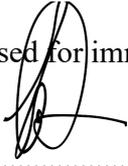
Minister Maladina confirmed that the State is moving with urgency to complete all necessary requirements to facilitate the Final Investment Decision (FID).

“The Government is committed to seeing the Papua LNG Project move into its development phase. The State Team is pushing hard to meet all requirements and support an early FID. The recent signing of the Joint Equity Marketing Agreement between Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited and TotalEnergies only confirms this,” he said.

He added that the Ministry and the Department of Petroleum are working in close partnership with all relevant agencies and stakeholders to ensure the Development Forum is conducted efficiently and transparently.

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