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## Project Management Update from Sydney

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**PM Profession News****PMI Sydney Chapter Elects New Board**

The PMI Sydney Chapter announced the results of the 2010 Board election at the Chapter's end-of-year Annual Business Meeting, held on 9 December 2009. Incoming President **Leigh Moyle** previously served terms as Vice President and as Chief Operating Officer, and was also a founder of the Women in Project Management Special Interest Group.

Leigh comes from an IT Project/Program Management background, with experience in Banking, Education, Member Services and NFP organizations. More recently she has branched into professional speaking, and is now applying her project management skills to producing a short film for the world's largest short film festival, Tropfest (see <http://www.tropfest.com/au/>). Entitled 'The Kiosk', the film is based on her family business.



*Leigh Moyle*

"There will be a lot of work to do next year and it is a privilege to have been given the opportunity to take on the challenge," Leigh wrote in a message to her supporters. "Lets work together to make 2010 the best year for PMI Sydney Chapter members!"

**Jordan Vamvakidis** was elected as Treasurer, and **Dharam Singh** takes on the role of Chapter Secretary. The remaining Directors provide a balance of new and returning members. They are: **Julia Chechia**, **Peter O'Driscol**, **Gus Sabatino**,

**David Stead, Chris Stevens and David Wood.** The specific portfolios of Directors will be determined at the first Board meeting in early 2010.

## **Project Updates – News from some Important local Projects**

### **Stage 1 of Barangaroo Project Awarded**

The long-awaited decision on the redevelopment of Barangaroo, 1.4 kilometres of prime Sydney waterfront, ended on December 20, when NSW Premier Kristina Keneally announced Lend Lease as the winners of Stage 1 of the development.

The A\$6 billion project will convert the first 7.5 hectares of the 22 hectare site on the north-eastern side of Darling Harbour into office towers, residential apartments, a 30,000 square metre shopping precinct, a new purpose-built cruise passenger terminal facility, and a park. Several design elements, amongst them building height restrictions and public transport, have yet to be finalised.

The Barangaroo site was the last remaining working wharf in Port Jackson, the harbour around which Sydney was built. When operations were moved to Port Kembla and Port Botany, the NSW Government decided to renew the area as an extension of the Sydney CBD with a significant new foreshore park providing recreational areas for the public. In 2006 a state-wide competition resulted in the site being renamed "Barangaroo", in honour of a powerful indigenous woman who played an important role in the early days of colonial Sydney. She was also the wife of Bennelong, after whom Bennelong Point - the site of the Sydney Opera House - is named. The name therefore completes an historical bookending between the eastern and western points of Sydney's CBD.

Barangaroo is due to be completed by 2022.

### **Australia Involved in PNG Gas Project**

The Australian Government will partially fund a multi-billion dollar gas project in Papua New Guinea (PNG). The Minister for Trade, **Simon Crean**, has agreed to provide \$550 million in financing for the project through the Export Finance Insurance Corporation. Australian companies Oil Search and Santos hold more than 40 per cent equity in the project and Australian firms have been identified as the preferred contractors for \$1.3 billion in construction deals.

Esso Highlands Limited (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea), a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation (NYSE:XOM) (Irving, Texas) which will run the project on behalf of the consortium, recently announced that it has approved \$15 billion of engineering, procurement and construction contracts for the Papua New Guinea liquefied natural

gas project. These approvals are subject to final project authorizations, including completion of sales and purchase agreements with LNG buyers and project financing agreements with lenders. These authorizations are expected to be concluded by early 2010.

The project is expected to produce 6.6 million tonnes of gas each year from 2014, and could generate up to \$30 billion over its 30-year lifespan.

Australia has agreed to provide assistance in setting up a Future Fund to ensure the revenue from the project is managed transparently by the PNG Government. But development experts warn that even with such a fund, PNG's capacity to ensure that this income is directed towards its development needs is lacking. One of the key areas of concern is the impact this project could have on the spread of HIV AIDS.

The PNG National AIDS Council, a government agency, warned that the Exxon-Mobil-led joint venture would lead to people from across the country contracting the virus in work camps, via sex workers and drug use, and spreading it back to their home villages.

"We could easily be talking about between half a million to a million people who will be infected by HIV because of this project," said Wep Kanawi, director of the PNG AIDS Council Secretariat.

"Given that the project will be attracting manpower from all parts of PNG as well, it's likely that we could have an explosion of people either infected or affected by the virus ... not just at the mine sites but right throughout the country."

Australia is discussing options with local governments near the project site to strengthen the HIV response in the area. But to date no health plan has been released.



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