

Bayu-Undan continues to benefit from Timorese participation

A KEY ongoing aspect of Bayu-Undan activities involves the delivery of Local Content plans offering employment and training to Timor-Leste nationals and permanent residents, aimed at improving knowledge and building capacity with the nation.

TIMORESE ENGINEERS ON LONG-TERM FLIGHT PATHS

CONOCOPHILLIPS' helicopter services contractor CHC is continuing training of its Timor-Leste employees.

Three aircraft maintenance engineers were recently involved in a six-week course that focussed on maintenance of the AS332 aircraft type.

Completion of the course was another important step on their path to becoming Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) licensed engineers within approximately two years.



FROM left: Antonio Jonando Vicente Souza, Elvis Tilman Da Cruz Soares and Tito Manuel Expoto

TIMORESE SUPPLIERS ATTEND BAYU-UNDAN INFORMATION SESSION

A SERIES of information sessions and workshops attended by Timor-Leste suppliers have helped inform a ConocoPhillips' study aimed at further increasing local content.

More than 120 people attended the sessions and workshops, held in Dili, where local suppliers were able to receive information and discuss industry capability directly with ConocoPhillips' representatives.



TIMOR-LESTE suppliers gathered in Dili to hear first-hand about ConocoPhillips' efforts to increase local content opportunities.

ConocoPhillips is conducting the supply study in Timor-Leste, with support from Worley Parsons. The study will inform the company of the existing and potential capacity within Timor-Leste to support Bayu-Undan requirements for goods and services.

It will also highlight the main challenges that local suppliers face in addressing the procurement processes employed by ConocoPhillips and its contractors and provide insight on opportunities to build supplier capacity.

Another deliverable will be an updated Timor-Leste supplier register, which we will be used as a base for efforts to increase the number of Timorese suppliers.

CABIN CREW TRAINEES TAKE TO THE SKIES

TIMORESE nationals Carrol Carvalho and Martinho De Deus are greeting air passengers travelling to Timor-Leste.

The pair commenced an inflight training program in February with ConocoPhillips' contractor Airnorth, hoping it would result in the opportunity to crew on the Bayu-Undan flight into Timor.

Their journey to date has involved extensive training since they were selected in September 2014 as part of a recruitment campaign conducted in Dili.

They subsequently completed a Cabin Attendant Ground School and conversion course for the ERJ170 aircraft. Both training courses were conducted in Darwin.



CARROL Carvalho and Martinho De Deus are seeking cabin attendant careers.

RECENTLY COMPLETED Bayu-Undan Phase 3 work has provided a range of employment and training opportunities in many areas of Oil & Gas industry expertise. The following articles highlight areas of Timorese participation.

UMBILICALS

PHASE 3 umbilicals contractor JDR delivered on-the-job training to four Timor-Leste nationals.

The training occurred in Thailand and the United States over a total of six-and-a-half months. It covered testing and other activities related to umbilicals, risers and flexibles, as well as an introduction to subsea engineering.

TRAINEES in umbilicals put through their paces.



XMAS TREES AND WELLHEADS

OUR Xmas trees, wellheads and control systems contractor for Phase 3 continues to successfully provide on-the-job training for Timor-Leste nationals working in Malaysia.

The five trainees work at FMC's Labuan Service Base where they are refurbishing subsea rental tools. Tasks include stripping the tools apart, replacing worn parts, re-setting and re-assembly.



Three of the Timorese nationals have been on training for over a year, while a fourth and fifth have been training for nine and six months, respectively.

FERDINAL Cardoso is one of five Timor-Leste nationals who receive training.

TUBE INSTALLATION

WORKING safely at heights, dogging and rigging were among the skills provided by the Phase 3 I&J tube installation contractor in Dili.



ONE of the successful tubing installation trainee groups.

Two practical training courses were delivered on behalf of contractor LBO to eight Timor-Leste nationals over a 12-day period.

FLOWLINES

PERTH, Western Australia was the location for training delivered by Phase 3 contractor GE Wellstream on subsea production, drilling and wellhead systems and flexible pipe.



THE team from Timor-Leste pictured with their trainers.

Three Timor-Leste nationals, Gaspar Ximenes, Afonso Tavares and Hugo Silveira, engaged as interns received the on-the-job training.

In addition, introductory training on subsea control systems was provided to another eight Timor-Leste nationals, also in Perth.

LOGISTICS

THE Engineering, Procurement, Construction and Installation (EPCI) contractor for Phase 3, Subsea 7, provided training and employment for six Timor-Leste nationals.

Based in Singapore, three were engaged for 13 months, two for 12 months and one for four months. During this time, five received warehousing, stock control and forklift operations training and two were employed as Offshore Support Assistants for one month.

The other Timor-Leste national, an engineer, received Graduate Engineering Development Scheme (GEDS) training in the United Kingdom for three months and is still employed in Singapore.



PART of the BUP3 EPCI training team who were based in Singapore.

BAYU-UNDAN SUPPORTS FULLBRIGHT-SERN GRADUATES IN OVERSEAS STUDIES

THE Fulbright-SERN scholarship program enables up to 20 talented Timorese students to pursue post-graduate studies in oil and gas or natural resource related disciplines.

The partnership is a collaboration between ConocoPhillips, as Bayu-Undan Operator, the US Embassy in Timor-Leste, the Government of Timor-Leste and the National Petroleum Authority (ANP).

Five graduates recently returned to Timor-Leste from their studies in the US:

Cosme Belo Ximenes (Master of Engineering Management)
Florentino Mateus Soares Ferreira (Geology Engineering)
Augusto Manuel Pinto (Environmental Science)
Odivio Candido Pereira Gusmao (LLM, Law)
Rafael Danilson Magno De Araujo (Petroleum Management)

The scholarship contributes towards education fees, English language tuition, airfares, living expenses while away and other associated costs.

BAYU-UNDAN JOINT VENTURE CONTRIBUTES TO BALIBO FORT RESTORATION

THE historic Balibo Fort has been given new life through a major restoration effort by the Balibo House Trust with support from the Bayu-Undan Joint Venture.

The Fort has very strong historical significance for both Australia and Timor-Leste, especially to the people of Balibo during the Indonesian occupation of Timor-Leste in 1975.

The project included restoration of the Fort's structure and the development of eight accommodation rooms and a cultural and heritage centre.

It has provided education, training and employment for local people and complementary economic activity such as restaurants, tours, laundry and internet services.



KAYLEEN Ewin (left), Xanana Gusmao and Isabel Ximenes.



FROM left: Terry Bracks, Xanana Gusmao, Kayleen Ewin, Paul Dubuisson, Rob Hudson and Steve Bracks.

The Bayu-Undan Joint Venture provided financial support to refurbish the cultural and heritage centre which will be used for restoring antiques associated with the Fort's history.

The Grand Opening on March 20 was attended by H.E. Sr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao, Minister of Planning and Strategic Investment; accompanied by Isabel Ximenes, Secretary State of Arts and Culture; Steve Bracks, former Premier of the Australian State of Victoria; Rob Hudson, Founding Chair of the Balibo House Trust; and Paul Dubuisson and Kayleen Ewin of ConocoPhillips, representing the Bayu-Undan Joint Venture.

The Fort is now managed by Timor Heritage Hotel, a locally-owned company with 20 Timorese staff from the Balibo area.

TIMORESE GRADUATES SECURE CONOCOPHILLIPS' INTERSHIPS

FIVE Timorese graduates will shortly commence 12-month internships with ConocoPhillips under the company's Foundational Skills Training Program.

The five were among 11 students who successfully completed the initial six-month phase of the Program conducted in Dili and Darwin. Five students were then selected for the second, internship phase.

"ConocoPhillips is proud of our role in helping develop the capacity of Timorese graduates to participate in the oil and gas industry," ConocoPhillips Acting Australia West President, Mr Dubuisson said. "We congratulate the graduates and thank them for their enthusiasm and commitment to this demanding training program."



PETE Burgers, Bayu-Undan Field Manager, Upstream, hosted the interns on their recent trip to the offshore facilities

Perth, Western Australia, will host Environmental Engineer Lourenca Casimiro Gusmao Lemos in the Health, Safety & Environmental department; Petroleum Engineer Eduardo De Sousa Guterres with the Bayu-Undan Infill Wells Project team; and Petroleum Engineer Maciel Carvalho Dos Santos Moi in the Exploration & Development department.

The Dili Engineering team will host Chemical Engineers Antonio Gomes and Orlando da Costa e Silva. In addition, all the interns will undertake cross-functional and English language training and be involved in the ConocoPhillips' Engineering Academy in late 2015. The intern group recently visited the Bayu-Undan facility to familiarise themselves with the assets they will be supporting.

SANTALUM ACHIEVEMENTS CELEBRATED ON NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

TIMORESE community organisation Santalum and ConocoPhillips celebrated their ongoing partnership with an event held on National Tree Planting Day.

More than 200 people attended the event including government officials, high school and university students, ANP and Timor Gap representatives, local community members and media.

ConocoPhillips has been working together with Santalum, a not-for-profit organisation that runs natural conservation programs, since 2007. In total there are now more than 17,000 trees planted in four reforestation sites.

Santalum's objective is to prevent land degradation, climate change and protect biodiversity through reforestation projects. In the initial partnership Santalum planted more than 2,000 trees in hilltop Tacitolu, a tourist attraction spot located within the sacred place for Timorese at Pope Joao Paulo II statue.

The work also helps restore the natural beauty of Tacitolu Park of Peace and provides employment to 10 permanent staff and up to 40 casual workers during planting seasons.



GLEN Gorton, ConocoPhillips Australia Supply Chain Manager, was among the guests at the Santalum event.