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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Mining Development Contract signed  
and Special Mining Lease issued for the Ramu Project**

Highlands Pacific Limited (ASX: HIG, POMSOX: HIG) is pleased to advise that the Mining Development Contract (MDC) was signed and the Special Mining Lease (SML) was issued for the Ramu project today. His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Silas Atopare signed the documents on behalf of the Papua New Guinean Government at a special ceremony in Port Moresby.

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