

# WAFI-GOLPU PROJECT

Deep Sea Tailings Placement Update

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#### **Tailings - A Brief Introduction**



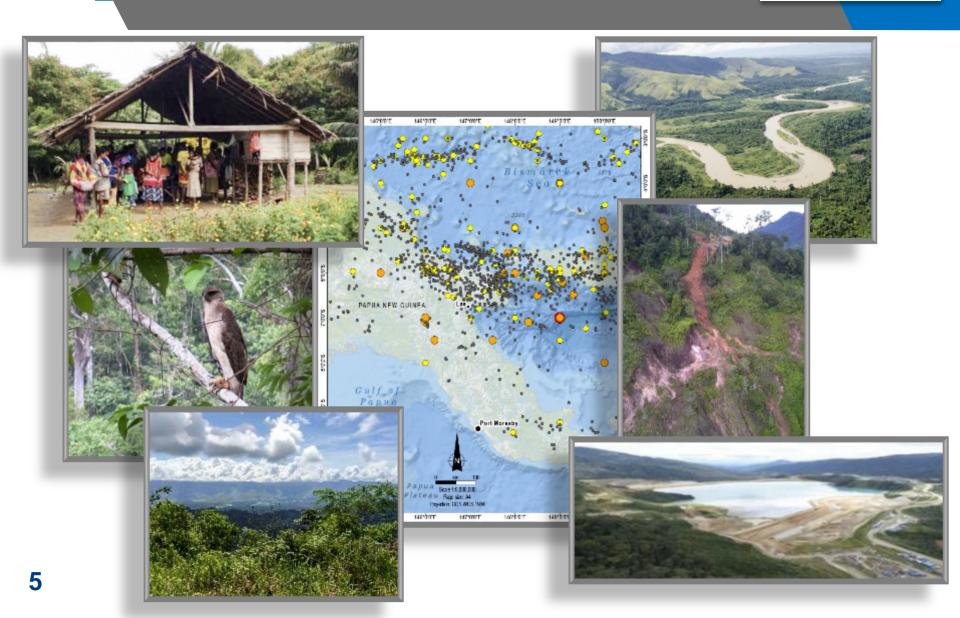
- Once mineralised rock has been excavated from the mine, it is crushed up into a fine sand
- Valuable minerals will be separated from the fine sand mixture using a PHYSICAL separation process called Flotation
- The separated valuable minerals are shipped as a "Concentrate" to refineries around the world to recover the copper and other valuable metals
- The left over fine sand, or waste, from the separation process is termed "Tailings"



- Large volumes of tailings can be produced by mines and environmental and social impacts need to be safely managed
- Tailings management options typically entail the storage of tailings on-land in permanent impoundments (dams) or in underwater deposits (e.g. deep sea tailings placement).

# **Land-based Tailings Storage**

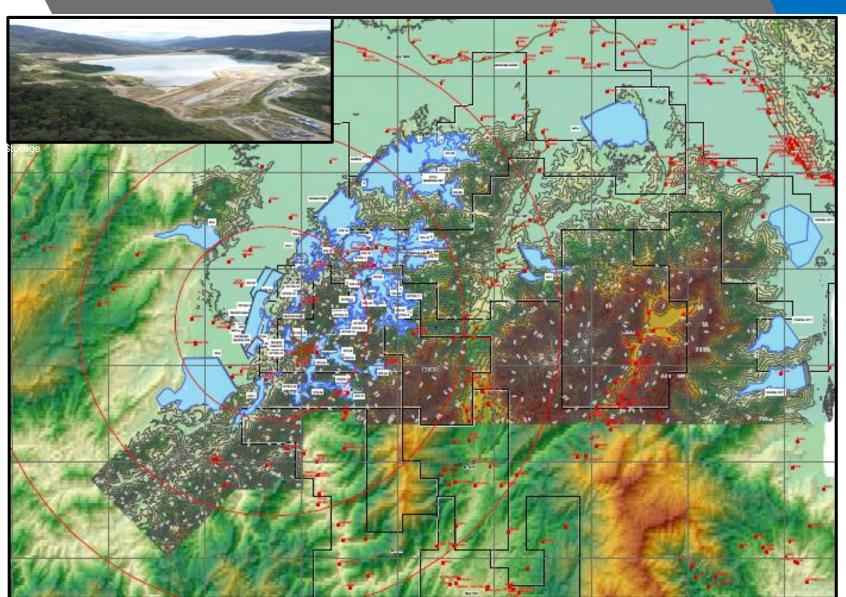




## **Investigation of Terrestrial Storage Facilities**



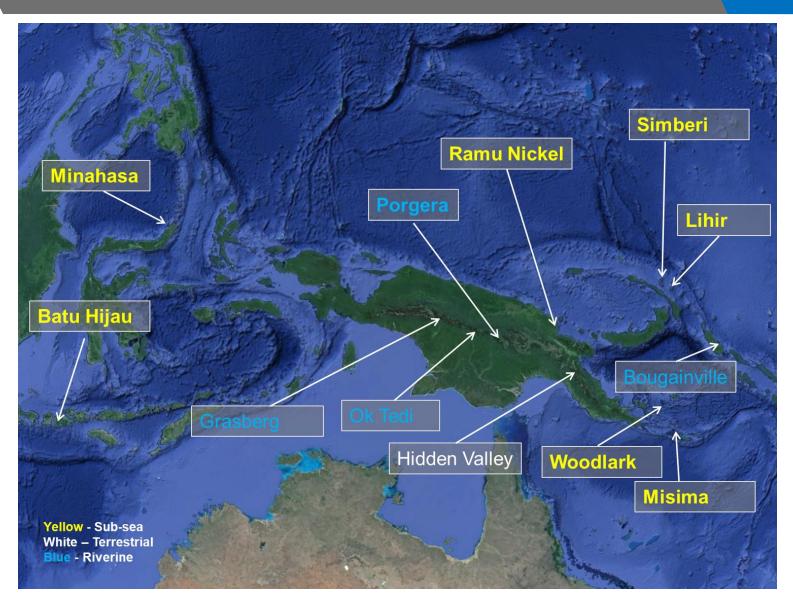
Many options have been considered



### **Regional Tailings Management Options**







# Deep Sea Tailings Placement Option



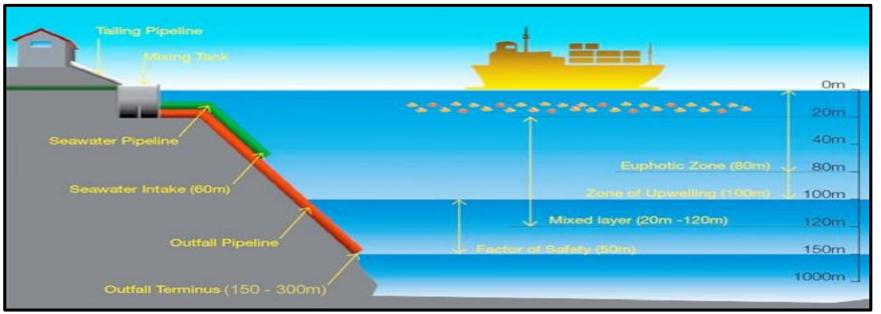
Why consider DSTP?

#### What is DSTP

- Discharge of a dense tailings slurry from a pipeline with an outfall terminus located deep below the ocean surface
- Tailings gravity flow along the seafloor as a bottom-attached density current to deposit in the deep ocean (typically at depths >1000m)

#### Aims of DSTP

- To protect marine ecosystems and fisheries within the productive nearshore coastal environment, and the people that use these
- To achieve the tailings management option with least social and environmental risk and impact.

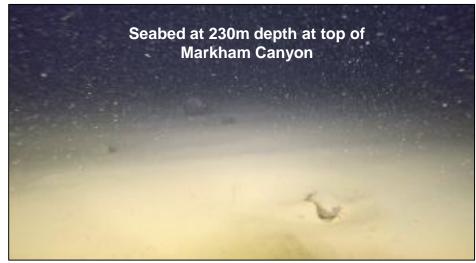


#### **DSTP Opportunities**



- No exposure to coastal ecosystems
- Deposition well below risks to human "food chain"
- Impacts confined to deep seabed
- Return of natural sedimentation and burial after closure
- Tailings solids do not oxidise, no Acid Rock Drainage
- Easier to accommodate future mine expansion and closure





#### **DSTP Environmental Evaluation**

Informed by SAMS Draft DSTP Guidelines (PNG)



#### **Key considerations include:**

- 1. Receiving environment studies:
  - Upwelling and mixing zones
  - Currents
  - Plankton migration
  - Geochemistry
  - Tailings deposition / model
  - Benthic community
- 2. Avoid impacts of environmental, social or economic significance



- 4. Sufficient water depth and slope for coherent tailings flow
- 5. No potential adverse affect on bioresources (fisheries)
- Significance and reversibility of potential impacts on benthos understood / tailings leaching
- 7. Tailings deposition capacity

## Appendix 10

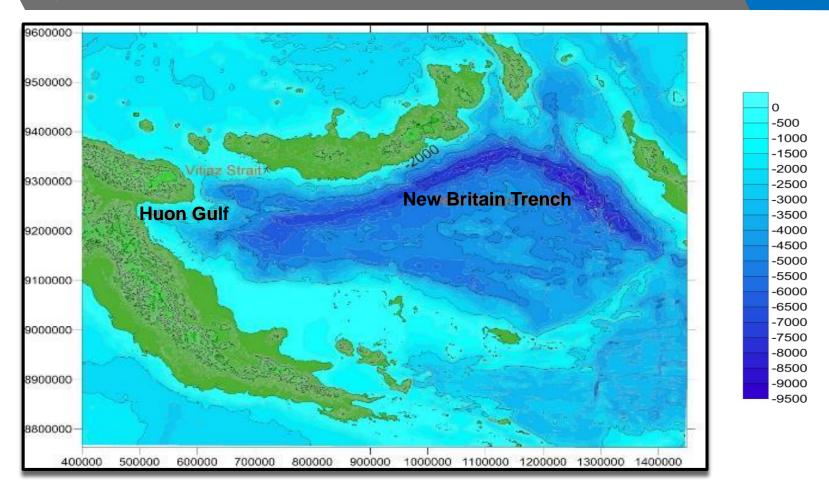
Draft Guidelines for Deep-Sea Tailings Placement

Project Number: 8.ACP.PNG.18-B/15

## Deep Water Conditions Highly Suitable for DSTP



Very deep near-shore environment

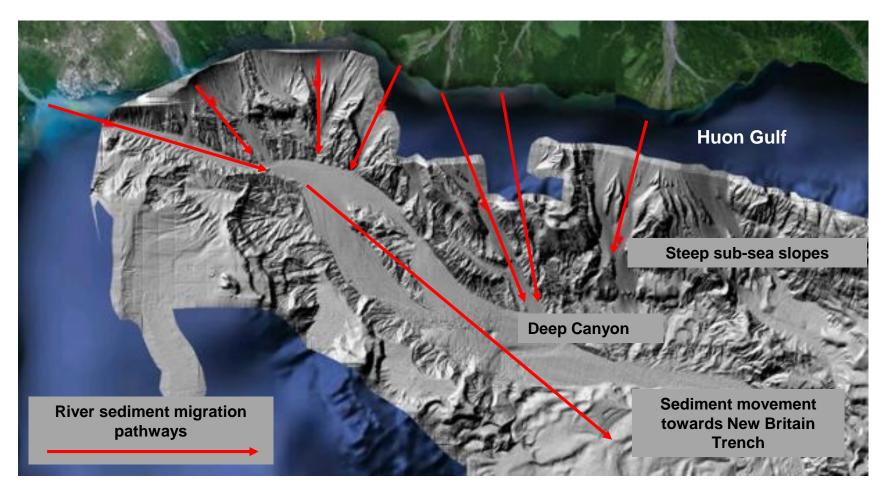


 Very deep water lies close to the Morobe coast as the Huon Gulf forms the western slope of the mega New Britain Trench, with max. depths exceeding 9,000m

#### **Near-shore Markham Canyon**

Natural conduit for riverine sediments





 Bathymetric studies reveal the near-shore steeply incised Markham Canyon that conveys riverine sediments to depths of over 3000m

#### **Significant Riverine Sediment Discharges**



**Dominate the Huon Gulf receiving environment** 

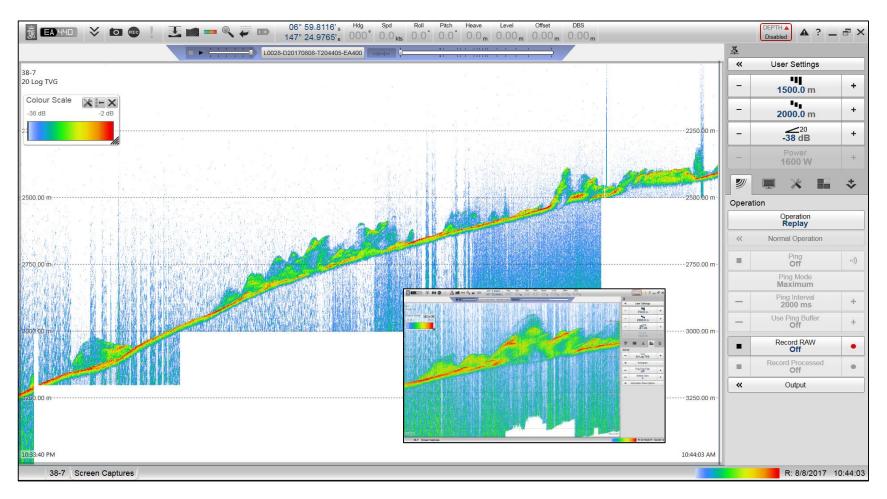


 Local rivers are estimated to discharge approximately 60 million tons of sediment annually into the Huon Gulf. This is some 4 times the quantity of proposed tailings discharge annually

#### **Echo Sounding in the Markham Canyon**



**Detects natural sediment bed-transport and plumes** 



Sediment plumes of up to 150m high and mass movement events have been detected traveling down the axis of the Markham Canyon

#### Riverine discharges affect marine life

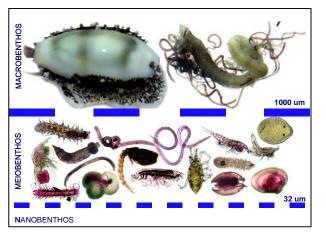




# Deep ocean floor studies (benthic)

- Macrobenthos (>5mm) generally very low abundance and diversity in the Markham Canyon
- Microbenthos (<5mm) highly variable with lower abundance generally inside the Markham Canyon









#### Riverine discharges affects broader ecology



- The turbid riverine discharge is reflected by no coral reefs in areas around the Markham River, Lae, Wagang and Busu
- There is also limited community fishing and no commercial or deep sea fishing in the area
- Deep sea (100-500m depth) and pelagic fish studies found:
  - Much lower diversity of species and catch rate compared to other DSTP baseline studies in PNG
  - Deep water species dominated by sharks (93%) with no catches of deep slope snappers typical of other DSTP sites
  - No pelagic fish captured in trolling (16.5 hours)
- The Western Huon Gulf generally has low relative biological productivity due to the high riverine sediment discharges



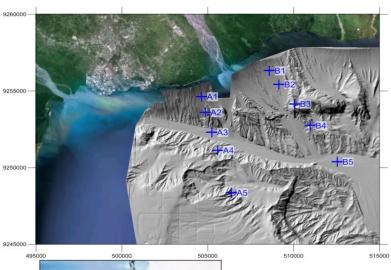


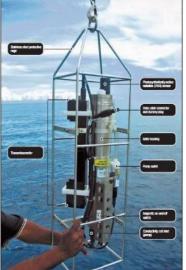


## **Upwelling & Oceanography Studies**

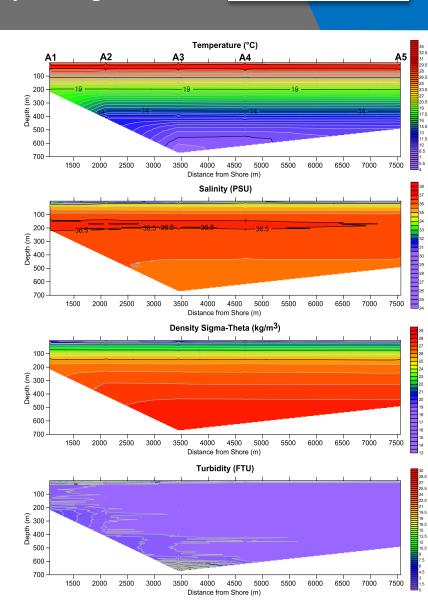
No evidence of upwelling or extended surface layer mixing





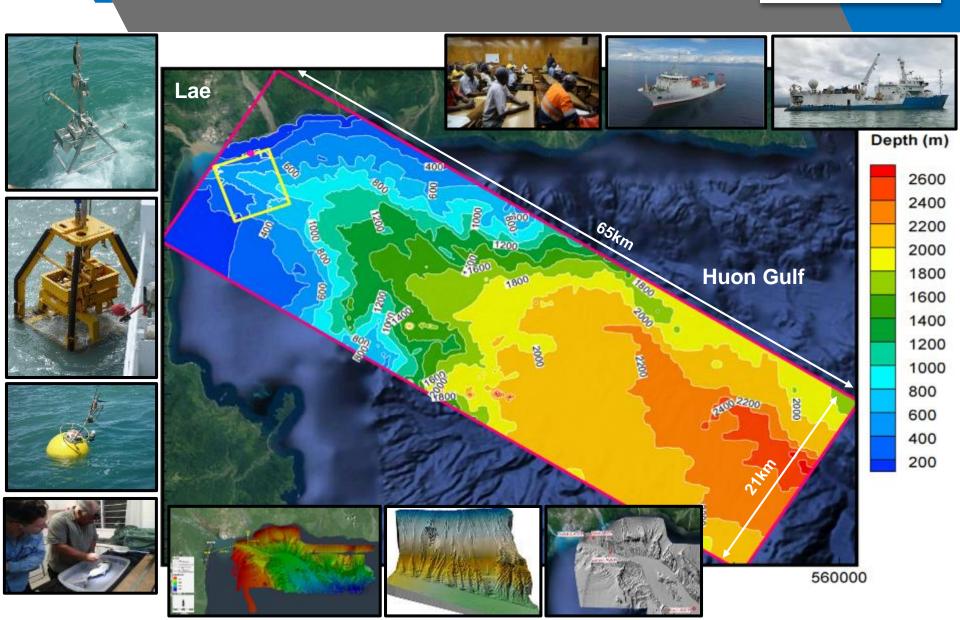


To measure surface mixed layer and detect any upwelling



## Huon Gulf is a highly suitable location for DSTP





#### **Engagement with Our Stakeholders**



- Since July 2016, seventeen DSTP-specific meetings have been held with communities and local/provincial government, totaling 1,276 participants
- Community feedback incorporated into Project design
- Shared information placed on Wafi-Golpu website www.wafigolpujv.com





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