



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **24 Timorese Trainees Graduate from the Second Electrical & Instrumentation Vocational Training Program**

24 Timorese trainees from the second batch of the vocational training program conducted at the CNEFP-Tibar graduated today. They will now go on to industry placements and employment with a range of local organisations, and majority of the graduates have been successfully placed across industries in Timor-Leste.

The Level II Certificate in Electrical and Instrumentation training was developed by ConocoPhillips, representing the Bayu-Undan Joint Venture partners, the Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo e Minerais (ANPM) and SEPFOPE, and is jointly implemented by CNEFP-Tibar and CEGELEC Oil & Gas.

The 12-month course involved 6 months of theory and 6 months of practical in both disciplines.

As part of the training program curriculum, all graduates will continue an internship program with local organisations to gain industry exposure and to put what they have learnt into practice, with some are going directly into employment.

Today, a graduation ceremony is held at CNEFP-Tibar to recognize the success of the program's second trainee group. Recruitment has just started on 27 January 2020 for a third round of trainees, with the hope that the third group will commence their studies in March to November 2020.

Jose Lobato, ConocoPhillips Timor-Leste Country Manager, "ConocoPhillips and our JV partners are very proud to support this program and we look forward to seeing the graduates applying the skills and knowledge they have gained in their internships and future careers," Mr Lobato said.

"We would like to confirm that recruitment of third program has commenced, and we would encourage young Timorese to apply for this opportunity to gain similar experiences as those who have just graduated today", he added.

Mr. Gualdino da Silva, the ANPM President, "On behalf of Timor-Leste Government, ANPM would like to extend our gratitude and recognition for the good cooperation with ConocoPhillips and its Joint Ventures through Cost Recoverable Local Content Project of Bayu-Undan in supporting the successful delivery of the skill vocational training program focusing on Level 1 & 2 Electrical and Instrumentation training with Global Training Standard (GTS) and the agreement to continue supporting the third batch program.





Furthermore, “to the best interest of the nation’s skilled workforce, I would like to congratulate each of the 24 trainees who graduated today and wish you all able to implement the technical skills and vocational gained in field to the real industry sector,” he added.

Mr. da Silva, also highlighted that, “to maintain the program sustainability, the program shall offer to the assigned CNEFP, Tibar trainers the Training of Trainers program to produce the skilled and competence trainers to run the program in the long run.”

“To enhance the technical skills and vocational, we expect to have continues collaboration to support and expand these opportunities across the energy sector. The excellent opportunities are very limited and competitive; hence, I would like to encourage the Timorese who have interest in gaining the technical skills and knowledge to be well prepared for opportunities in the coming years,” He further stated.

Last but not least, “I would like to appreciate the industry players who has been committed to engage the trainees, both for internship and employment, I assure you that the program will certainly bring in qualified Timorese for the roles you are seeking for,” said Mr. Gualdino da Silva, the ANPM President.

SEFOPE appreciate the training program that conducted at the CNEFP Tibar has been very successful and today we have 24 students graduated. This training program is very important for the young people in Timor-Leste to increase skills and knowledge to go on to industry placements and employment both local industry and International Industry.

SEFOPE appreciated for being involved in the development of the Level II Certificate in Electrical and Instrumentation training together with ConocoPhillips, that representing the Bayu-Undan Joint Venture partners, the Autoridade Nacional do Petróleo e Minerais (ANPM) and SEFOPE and is jointly implemented by CNEFP-Tibar and ACTEMIUM. We eager to continue this training program in the future.

SEFOPE would like to express our appreciation to the great cooperation among SEFOPE, National Petroleum and Minerals Authority (ANPM), ConocoPhillips, CEGELEC Oil and Gas and CNEFP-Tibar who are committed to support youth through this valuable program.

SEFOPE highlights the importance of promoting and encouraging more similar training programs to provide more accessible and affordable training opportunities for more and more Timorese based on industry’s needs. Build on this successful implementation of the second batch of the program; we could potentially expand to other training required by the industry.

