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EMTV ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF BURNS PEAK UPGRADE

EMTV has announced the completion of a major upgrade to its principal Port Moresby transmission site at Burns Peak.

TE(PNG) Limited was contracted with the task of a complete renovation of the 80 metre tower, the first since it was erected almost twenty years ago.

Over time, the prevailing winds and salt-spray took its toll, with corrosion necessitating a total make-over of the tower.

Most of the metalwork and nuts have now been replaced and other parts re-galvanised, while all platforms, ladders and rails have also been replaced. The tower has also been repainted with red and white navigational marker paint and a new Aircraft Warning Light system to ICAO specification has been installed.

TE(PNG) and the EMTV Engineering team was hampered in its work by the strong winds that have prevailed throughout this year's dry season, however the job was still completed within the 6 month time-frame.

EMTV CEO Mr Ken Clark said that it was a relief to have the work finally completed.

"We still have final engineering inspection work to be completed, however it appears that most of the hard and tricky work is done" Mr Clark said.

"It has been an expensive exercise, but we see the K700,000 that has been spent on the tower renovation as an investment in the future of television in Papua New Guinea", he added.

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PIC: The new-look EMTV tower at Burns Peak, Port Moresby

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