

TRANSPORT NEWS - VIP VISIT FROM DOWN SOUTH

Most of us see daily, the highly visible and most distinctive bulk fuel tankers behind our fleet of equally distinctive Prime Movers all out of our Lae, Goroka and Mount Hagen Yards, on the Highlands Highway, in many townships or discharging at various points on our Clients drop off points or fuel farms. What is not often known is that these tankers are manufactured especially to iPi Transport's specifications.

Daryl Diehl and his team in the Lae based Workshop have over many years; this through lengthy experience and many trials and some errors, have developed very detailed mapping, detailed drawings, detailed specs on the bulk tankers and the associated manufacturing requirements. This enables not only many years of longevity and service but less costly routine maintenance in keeping this equipment on the road ...keeping those wheels turning.

Only recently, iPi Transport enjoyed and hosted the company of Mr Colin Tieman. Colin who flew up from Melbourne, Australia to visit first hand our base transport operations in Lae. The Company, 'Tieman Tankers', has a lengthy and quality history in bulk tanker manufacturing and accordingly, Daryl continues to keep very close to this very important supplier of the Group's.

You may recall the widely distributed and highly published news in late December 2009 when iPi Transport took delivery of five brand new custom built tankers from Tieman's.

These tankers are continuing to prove themselves as great performers, terrific assets and brilliant gear especially on our highly valued Barrick Fuel Transport Contract. Tough terrain and difficult conditions to expose expensive equipment in but Daryl is most pleased with the performance and strength of the Tieman's tankers.

Colin's visit was specific and purposeful. Colin wished to view these five tankers after some serious and robust work in the field and see personally what potential issues the tankers may have. Furthermore, Colin wants to ensure that all components and structural issues are taken note of and any alterations and or amendments to the original design-specs of the tankers are included as part of the next batch of tankers ordered.

All agree that this is exactly the type of business relationship we ought to enjoy with all manufacturers and suppliers. Yes, the lads at Transport are continually striving to improve outcomes, be absolutely proactive in lifting industry standards and by doing so, providing only the best resources and equipment to our clients.

The photo captures only a small cross section of the Lae based Workshop team (our dedicated nightshift people) with Colin Tieman and Workshop Manager Daryl Diehl. What a delightfully happy team it is; keep up the good work boys and girls. ■

