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Update: Hostage Incident Nigeria - Abducted Workers Released

Macmahon Holdings Limited is relieved to confirm the release of all seven of its men who were abducted near its operations in Calabar, Nigeria on Wednesday 22 June, 2016.

Five of the men have been injured, two of them seriously, and all are currently receiving attention from a team of medical specialists. The two uninjured men are also undergoing medical assessment.

Arrangements have been made for the men's safe return to their families, once they receive medical clearance to travel.

Macmahon CEO, Sy van Dyk commended the men for the courage they displayed throughout the ordeal.

"Our men have been through a traumatic experience, and we have mobilised medical and other support teams in Nigeria to provide immediate support.

"I also thank the men's families for working so closely with the company during what has been an extremely difficult time for them as well. They too have endured an incredibly stressful experience," he said.

"The families have all been informed of the successful release of the men and have had the opportunity to speak to their loved ones.

"Our team has worked around the clock in locations around the world to bring them home and I am so proud of the dedicated and professional work they have done.

"While we are relieved to be able to reunite the seven men with their loved ones, we are deeply saddened by the loss of the local driver Matthew Odok, who was fatally injured during the initial incident."

Mr van Dyk praised the efforts of the Nigerian authorities which have worked closely with the company throughout the incident.

"We are very grateful for the professional support we have received from the authorities on the ground in Nigeria," he said. "The assistance of local and federal agencies has been invaluable."

He also praised the efforts of the Australian, New Zealand and South African authorities and the company's security advisors who have supported Macmahon's crisis management team since the men's abduction on Wednesday.

"This has been an incredible team effort and our highest priority now is to finish the job by continuing to work together to get our people back safely to their families and homes.

Media Release



“While we understand the media’s interest in these developments we ask that the privacy of all the families be respected at this time.”

All media inquiries should be directed to the contacts below.

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