



### **Transport Providers**

**Because of its remote location, Niugini Nickel further supports the local villages by sub-contracting the villagers to provide transport services.**

All fuel used on-site is either flown in by helicopter or by fixed wing aircraft to a nearby airstrip or then “slung” by helicopter to site. Helicopters are very expensive in PNG and are increasingly difficult to hire on an ad hoc basis.

To reduce our helicopter expenses and to provide another source of income to the local villages, Niugini Nickel has initiated a service whereby we charter a boat, provide a crew member and travel to Popendetta to collect fuel, providing fuel and oil for the trip.

Along with other site supplies that are flown into the village from Port Moresby, these are then portered to the project site by local villagers.

By delivering our supplies and fuel to the project site by this means, Nickel Nickel saves considerably on helicopter costs but equally importantly, provides an income source to the village.

