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## Inauguration of the Goro Community Building

Today the Goro Tribe Community Building was inaugurated. It has been renovated as part of an integration project which employed the services of eight apprentices over a period of seven months (April to November 2009).

The overall cost of the operation amounts to 22.9 million francs, 7.9 million of which was paid for by the South Province and 15 million by Vale Inco New Caledonia.

The project involved renovating the community building (160 m<sup>2</sup>), its 50 m<sup>2</sup> terrace and a new 23 m<sup>2</sup> sanitary block. The South Province has equipped the premises with five computers. The nine apprentices involved were able to learn about the various building trades (bare brickwork and light work) - painting, electrics, brickwork, carpentry, etc. They had an opportunity to acquire some experience, find out about their own capabilities and comprehend the rules of the working world.

Back in 2006, Vale Inco New Caledonia set up the "Community Projects" programme in partnership with the Djubéa Kapone Traditional Council and the South Province. An investment budget of XPF 150 million over a three year period has allowed projects of interest to communities from the chiefdoms in the Area to materialise and young people from the Tribes benefiting from the programme to receive training.

This programme therefore has a double-sided objective - to get involved in the dynamics and social cohesion of the projects conducted within the chiefdoms and provide training for young people from the tribes benefiting from the programme. Thanks to these projects some sixty or so young people have already received training in building trades. At the end of the project, 2/3 of the apprentices were admitted to a training programme and found a job.

The Directorate for the Economy, Training and Employment (DEFE) handles the project design and construction supervision.

For Vale Inco New Caledonia, partnerships conducted with the institutions, entrepreneurs and the community are the guarantee of collective success for the benefit of communities living in the Great South.

Since 2006, eight community projects have been completed at an overall cost of XPF 83 million.

Projects currently ongoing include the renovation of a Church in Ouara on the Isle of Ouen and the renovation of the Café des Sports or Community Hall in Wapan on the Isle of Pines.

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