



# 2022 APGA Annual Convention and Exhibition

## Simberi Island Deep Sea Tailings Pipeline Replacement Project

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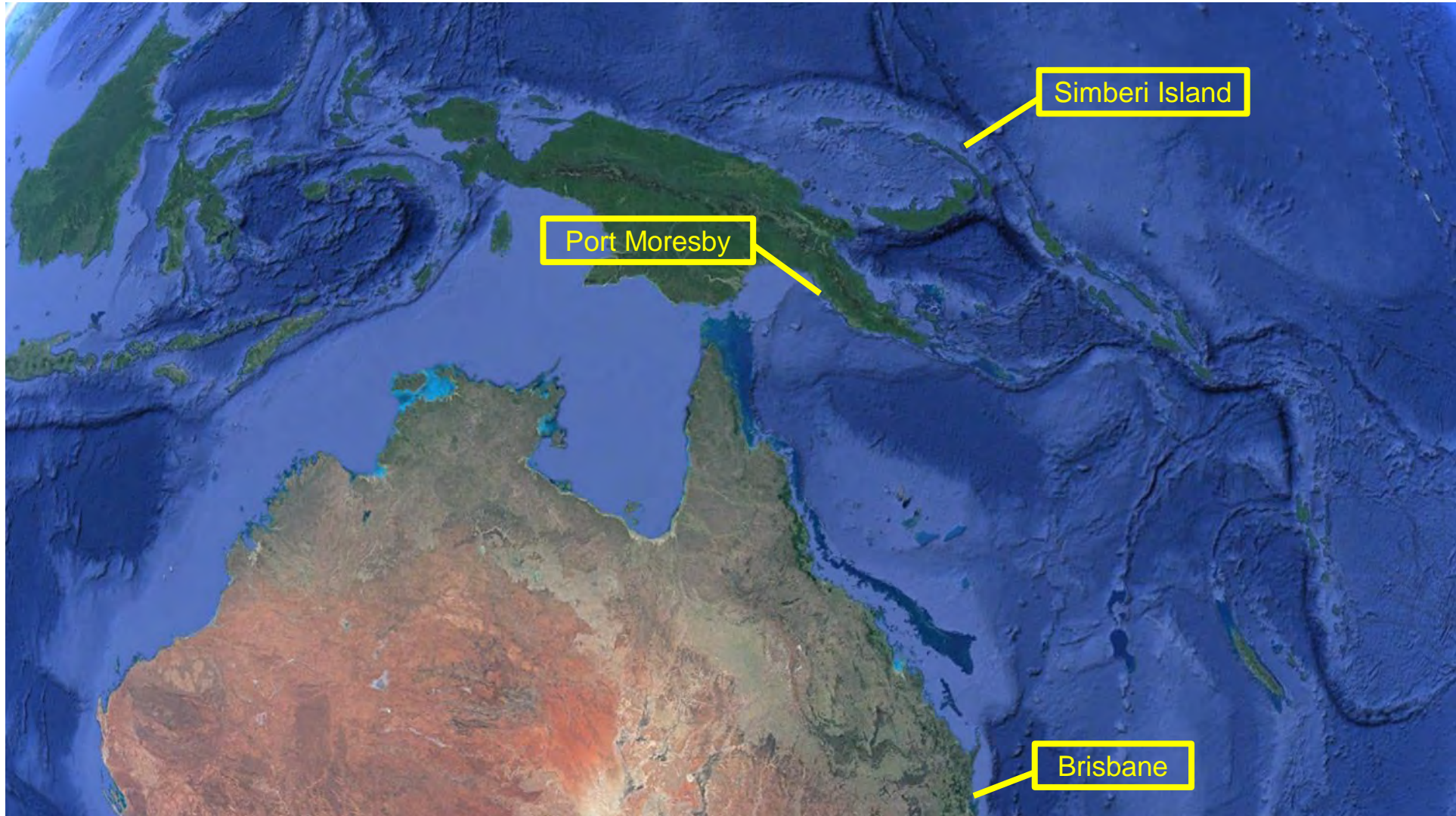
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# Simberi Island, PNG





## Simberi Gold Project

- Gold mine, owned by St Barbara Ltd.
- Deep Sea Tailings Outfall Pipeline (DSTP):
  - 542m x 1000mm HDPE
  - Pulled out and sunk onto seafloor @ 126m deep
- Seawater Intake Pipeline:
  - 265m x 800mm HDPE
  - Onshore

# St Barbara – Armourers, Military Engineers & Miners



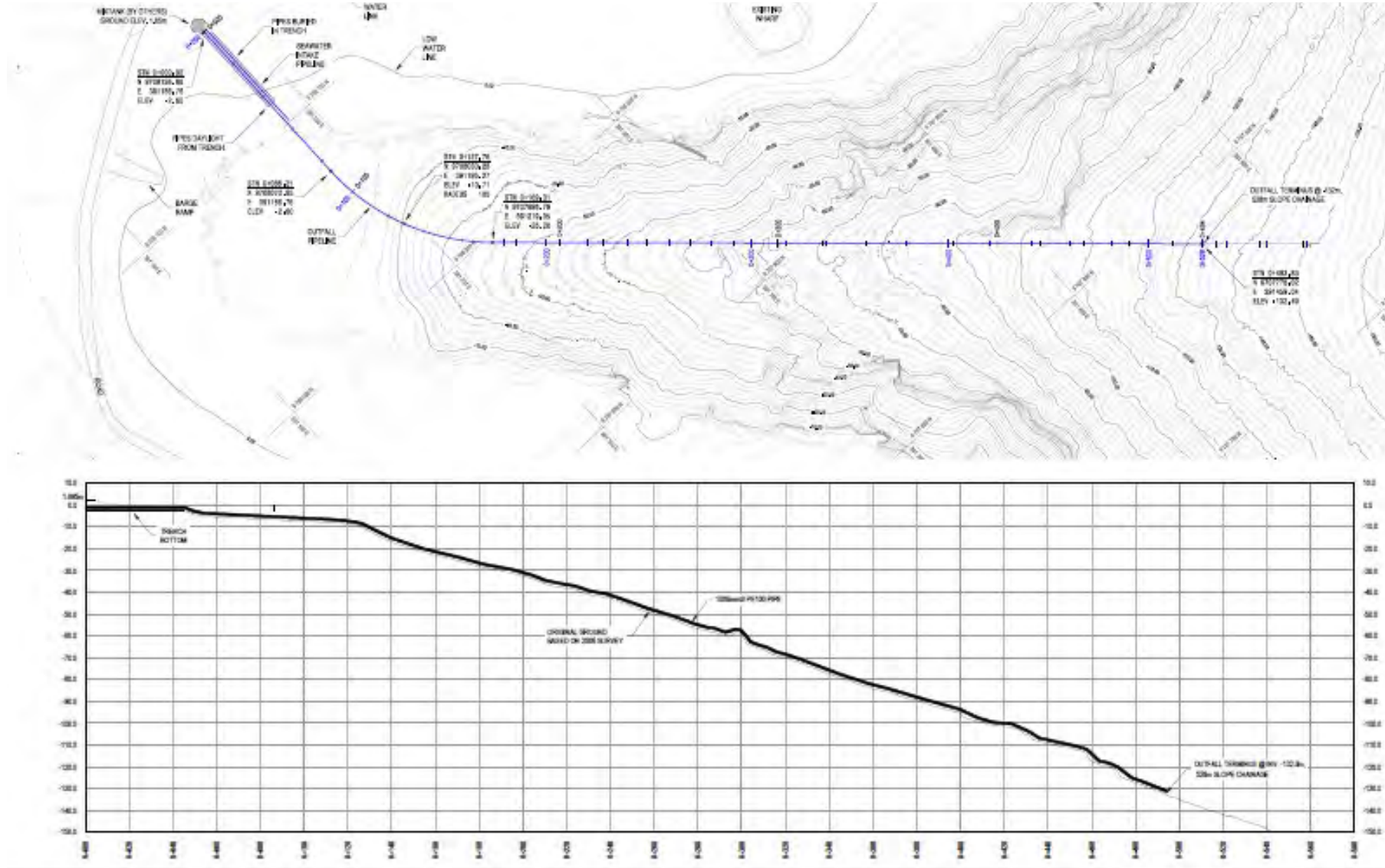
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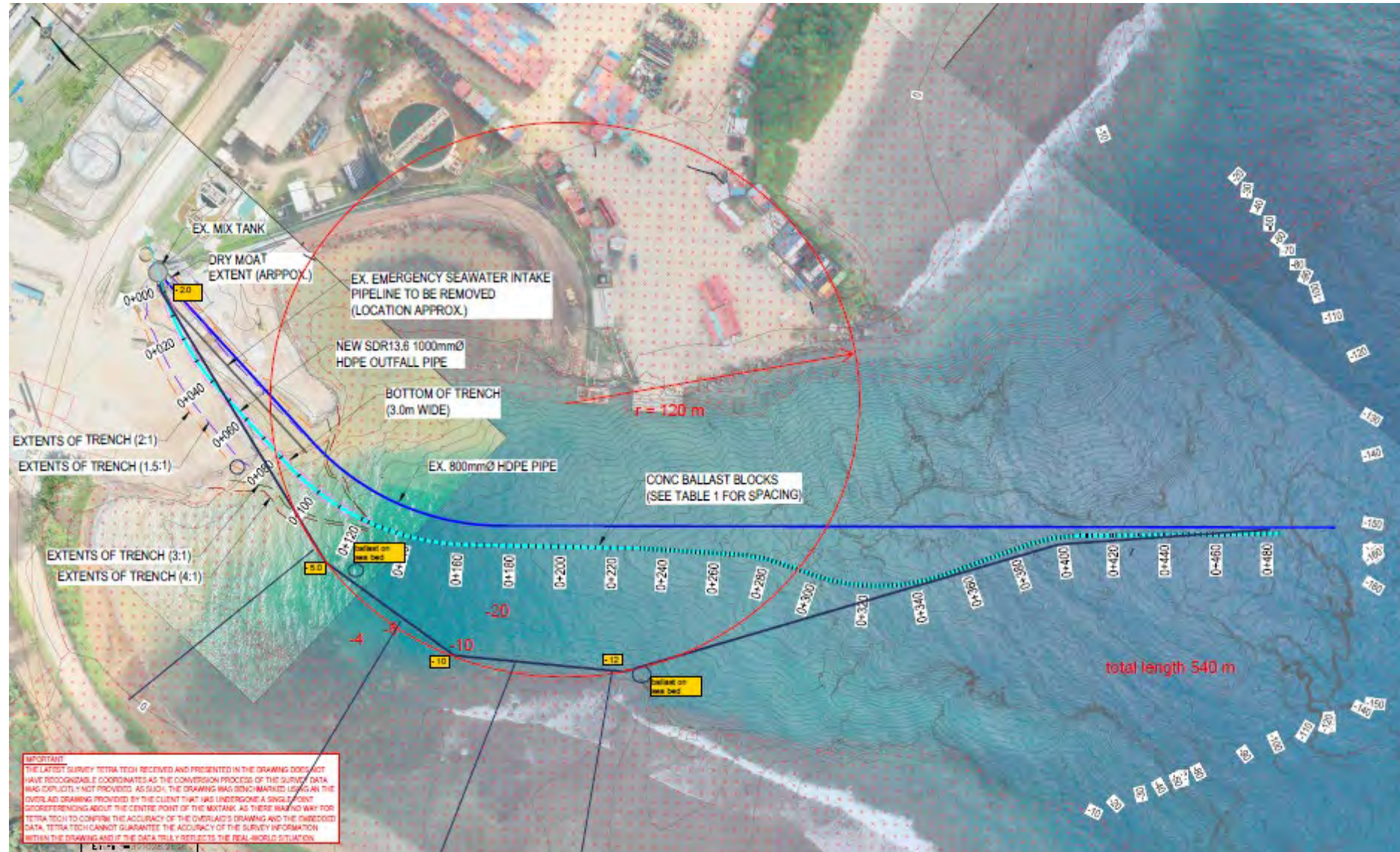


## DSTP & Seawater Pipelines

- Contract award Aug 2021
- Arrive Simberi Sept 2021
- Completion Dec 2021(!)

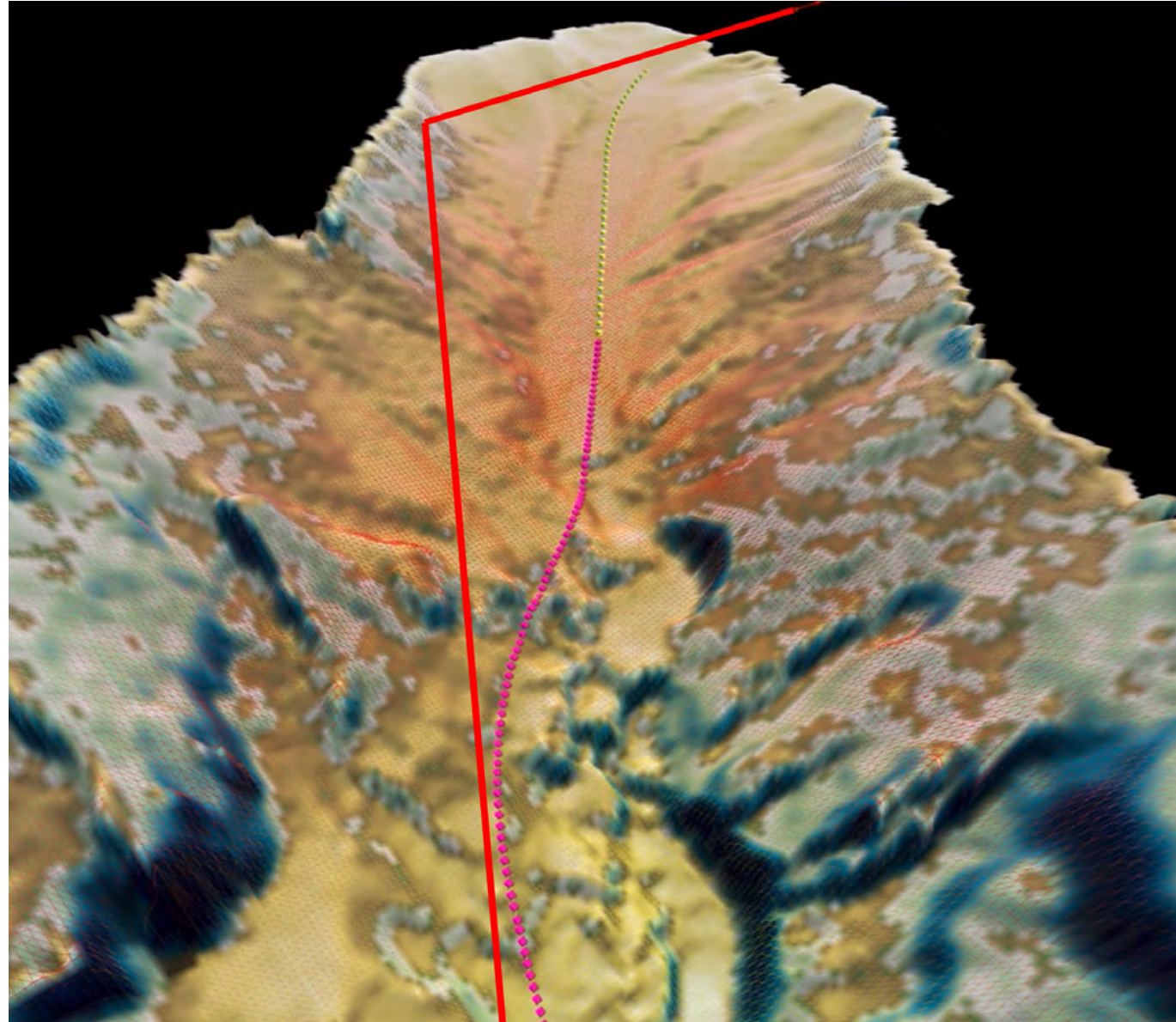
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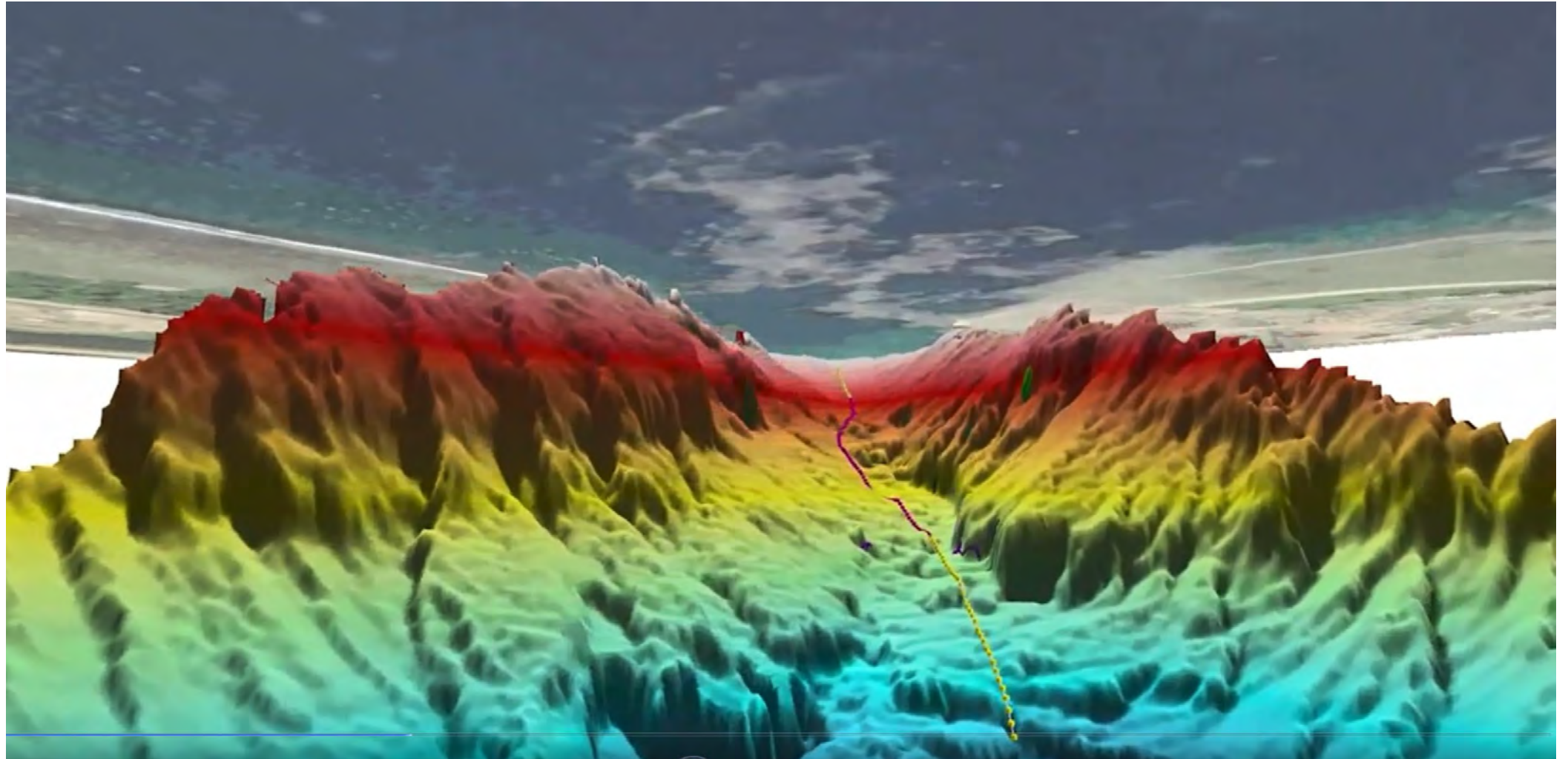




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# Thinking outside the box





## DSTP Pipeline

- 12m lengths of High Density Poly Ethylene (HDPE) pipe
- Butt-fusion welded together to form 4 x130m “strings”
- Each pipe is 73mm WT and weighs approx. 2.6 ton



## DSTP Pipeline

- Suppliers in:
  - Australia
  - Papua New Guinea
  - Singapore
- 12 ex-pats on site
- Up to 30 PNG nationals
- Off-site support in Australia and Canada

# Vessels



# Tow-out



# Staged pull





# Staged Pull



# Effected curve and sinking



# Execution Success



# In Conclusion

- Technically difficult project made more challenging by COVID impacts
- Many challenges faced with highly experienced and competent personnel in the right positions allowed planning for these
  - Unplanned events
  - Pipeline refloat
  - Air entrapment
  - Incident free execution
- A strong relationship with St Barbara, Beca & Tetra Tech throughout working off trust and transparency