



Nautilus Awards Second Annual Duke Scholarship to PNG Student

December 16, 2008 – Nautilus Minerals Inc. (TSX & AIM: NUS), is committed to developing scientific knowledge within PNG and we actively support students who pursue studies in Seafloor Massive Sulphide (“SMS”) deposits. In partnership with Duke University, Nautilus is pleased to announce William Saleu as the recipient of the 2008-2009 Nautilus-Duke bursary. William who recently graduated from the University of Papua New Guinea will travel to the USA to enroll in the Duke University marine science program. He will have the opportunity to learn state-of-the-art techniques and work in the laboratory of Dr. Cindy Lee Van Dover, a world leading deep sea biologist with a special interest in the ecology of chemosynthetic ecosystems. William will be studying the animals sampled during the Nautilus 2008 environmental campaign.

Martha Mungkaje was the 2007 recipient of this scholarship.



Mel Togolo PNG country Manager with William Saleu as the recipient of the 2008-2009 Nautilus-Duke bursary.