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PRESS RELEASE

PJV undertakes work on Waibare Bridge

PORT MORESBY, 17 JANUARY, 2018, 1300HRS: The Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) had undertaken timely repair work on a broken transom on the Waibare Bridge in the Laigam District, Enga Province.

Without causing much disruption to traffic along the Laigam-Porgera National Highway, the PJV team managed to undertake the task within a day of 7 Decemebr, 2017, enabling traffic to resume at 1645hrs.

PJV Community Relations and Engagement team had reported the condition of the Bridge on 29 November after noticing loose steel decking with one already having fallen off.

PJV Senior Safety Specialist Sam Boko said the condition of the bridge prior to the maintenance work was a result of load impact and wear and tear overtime.

As the Waibare Bridge is part of the National Highway, PJV informed the Enga Provincial Department of Works (DoW) of its intention to repair the damages immediately.

Acting Provincial Works Manager Stanley Ambrose was at the worksite and saw the maintenance work through to completion.

The work was done in two stages. On 30 November, the PJV team welded the broken transom for temporary use to allow for prime movers to transport supplies, while the team sought a new transom back at the mine site.

The second stage took place 7 December where the PJV team replaced the welded transom with a new one providing sufficient support to the bridge decking.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Porgera Gold Mine in Enga Province, Papua New Guinea, is operated by Barrick (Niugini) Limited ("BNL")– through an equal partnership between Barrick Gold Corporation and Zijin Mining Group Company Limited – which owns 95 percent participating interest in the Porgera Joint Venture (PJV). The remaining 5% in PJV is owned by Mineral Resource Enga (MRE) Limited – a consortium consisting of the Enga Provincial Government and the Porgera landowners.

The Porgera Mine employs over 2,500 Papua New Guineans, and over the life of the mine has produced more than 20 million ounces of gold and contributed approximately 10% of PNG's total annual exports.



PJV employees at work on the Bridge in Laigam.



A front loader replacing a deck on the Bridge.

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