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PRESS RELEASE

PJV supports EPG's rugby league programs to promote youth development

PORT MORESBY, 04 MARCH, 2019, 1300HRS: Barrick (Niugini) Limited (BNL), operator of the Porgera Gold mine in Enga province recognizes sports as a tool in improving law and order and one that can provide an opportunity to develop character and reinforce positive behaviour.

As such, the Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) has provided a one- off donation of K300,000 toward supporting the Enga Provincial Government's Sports-for-Development Initiative.

K150,000 has been made to support the organization costs of the Ipatas Cup Rugby League Competition and the other K150,000 toward Enga's provincial rugby league team, the Enga Mioks with their participation in the Digicel Cup Competition this year.

PJV's Executive Managing Director (EMD) Tony Esplin in communicating PJV's support to the Enga Provincial Government said that the company sees value in the sport-for-development initiative as a tool to help improve law and order in the district and province.

"As a major corporate citizen in Enga, PJV will work with government to improve law and order in the area and we recognize the value of the sport-for- development model."

On Sunday 17th February 2019, PJV Manager Community Relations and Engagement (CRE) Meck Minnala presented PJV's K150,00 support to the Ipatas Cup competition in Lae during the grand final match.

The presentation made to the Ipatas Cup Chief Executive Officer Timothy Lepa was witnessed by the Enga Governor Sir Peter Ipatas and the teams and management of the Ipatas Cup Competition.

"We are proud to be a part of this competition and do something to support the positive character development of the youth of this country," Meck said.

Mr Lepa in response thanked PJV for its continued partnership and support to the Ipatas competition adding the funds will go toward staging a better 20th challenge next year. The Coca Cola Ipatas Cup ended with the grand final held in Lae on the 16th and 17th of February 2019.

The 8-week competition which started on 14 December 2018 saw the biggest number of teams and players participating, 134 teams from 17 provinces with over 3,350 players.

PJV’s support to the Enga Mioks rugby league team will be delivered at a home ground match this year.

PJV has over the years provided ongoing support for the Enga Mioks team and the Ipatas Cup Competition.

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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 3,300 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.



Mr Minnala presents the dummy cheque of PJV’s support to Mr Lepa at the Lae rugby oval.

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