

## **PJV continues support for Police training**

**PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA – TUESDAY 10 MARCH, 2020** – Barrick (Niugini) Limited (“BNL”), operator of the Porgera Mine has again thrown its support behind training of Police personnel in Enga Province.

BNL Senior Manager for Asset Protection Aaron Zampogna maintained that the Porgera Mine continues such support in efforts toward restoration of law and order in the troubled Porgera valley.

“PJV perspective, we are happy to support the local police in their training and again in any future training,” he said.

The two-week frontline supervision training, began 4 November, 2019, and was attended by some members of the Porgera Police and also Mobile Squad members on deployment to Porgera under the Police Operations 2019 (PO19).

Zampogna urged the participants to use the acquired skills in their daily duties.

“Don’t abuse them, use them when they are needed, use them for the right things, not for personal reasons. That’s the sort of things we learn in training.”

Porgera community-based Restoring Justice Initiative (RJI) has had a close working partnership with agencies in the law and justice sector, over the years.

Royal PNG Constabulary (RPNGC) Acting Commandant for the Bomana Police College Chief Inspector Erwin Maritua acknowledged that funding was the greatest challenge for the college.

As a result, he said they were unable to support the work of Regional and Principal Training officers (RTOs and PTOs).

“So I would like to, on behalf of RPNGC, thank you PJV, especially to APD for supporting our trainers to conduct this program,” he said.

Paiam Police Station Commander Senior Sergeant Jack Kimala was also grateful to PJV for the continuous support as he encouraged the participants that such training was necessary for career development, particularly for purposes of promotion.

“As a team leader, you have been selected to attend because you have potential to develop and be better leaders.”

“Along the way, you will become managers in your field...training will help you do better in your jobs and areas of responsibility,” Kimala said.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Porgera Mine is a joint venture between Barrick Gold and the Zijin Mining Group, which each owns 47.5%, with the remaining 5% interest held by Mineral Resources Enga (owned equally by Porgera Special Mining Lease landowners and the Enga Provincial Government). The mine is operated by Barrick (Niugini) Limited (“BNL”).



The participants with their certificates flanked by Police trainers and senior officers, and the RJI and PJV representatives.



PO19 members with Senior Constable Fiona Henem (standing left), Zampogna (seated second from left), and the RPNGC hierarchy.



Mr Maritua presents a certificate to Porgera Police Constable Jocelyne Epi as Mt Hagen-based Highlands regional PTO Ed Ona Mesa (left), and others look on.



A session during the training at the Suyan Recreation Hall



The trainers: Chimbu Province PTO Chief (Chf) Sergeant (Sgt) Nathan Polega (from left to right), Enga PTO Senior (Snr) Sgt Jean Ponga, Eastern Highlands Province (EHP) Principal Training Instructor (PTI) Snr Police Constable (PC) Rueben Hombiahe, EHP Competency Acquisition Program (CAP) Supervisor Snr PC Fiona Henem, and Enga CAP Supervisor PC Jorian Warren.