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PRESS RELEASE Industrial trainee thanks PJV for UG learning experience

PORT MORESBY, 24 MARCH, 2019, 1300HRS: Dominic Yambi, who spent over 14 weeks at the Porgera Gold Mine on industrial training, is grateful for the learning experience particularly in the underground (UG).

Yambi, who completed mining engineering studies at the University of Technology in Lae, Morobe in 2018, was thankful for the exposure to the different underground workings, at Porgera in Enga.

He was also grateful to individuals who spent a 'little more time' on his learnings.

The last in a family of six children, Yambi comes from Yalux (Mabuanda) village inside Kagua Erave in Southern Highlands province.

He is due to graduate this year, provided he is able to furnish his industrial training report with the institute.

PJV Underground (UG) Mine Alternate Manager Terry Carr said the UG management team supported such industry experience process for the upcoming technically trained Papua New Guineans.

At Porgera Yambi enjoyed every task whether it was in the office or going underground.

These included the morning meetings – both safety and production – and his time with the UG Development (Drilling and Charging), UG Services, Diamond Drilling, Paste/Construction and the UG Production (Drilling, Charging and Haulage) operations where he spent 12 weeks.

"Finally, I extremely enjoyed using mine design software with Reconciliation Engineer Chris Samai and Blasting and Development Engineer Golo Kindi. Final corrections with Production Engineer Ruli Kari before my UG project presentation, is what I will never forget.

"The Porgera JV underground mine engineering team is the best. I thank them with highest sincerity and gratitude," Dominic said at the end of the 13 weeks and 4 days of training at Porgera.

"Clear communication and teamwork is also what I learnt to be very important to me and others to get the design or assigned job done at the set time.

"PJV is the best mining company to start your career with," a very appreciative Yambi said.

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.



Yambi's training included inspections of stockpiles in the underground at the Porgera Gold Mine.



Yambi also worked on UG scope reconciliations at the Porgera Gold Mine.

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