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PRESS RELEASE

Porgera ER team endures POM heat to earn 2nd spot at challenge

PORT MORESBY, 21 October 2019, 0900HRS: The Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) Emergency Response Team (ERT) is proud of its performance at this year's Extractive Industry ER challenge in Port Moresby.

Ranking second overall behind Ok Tedi, the team from Ipili valley earned the second spot due to its level of endurance and motivation, according to Team Coordinator Paul Poumaka.

He said the team's performance was gritty and nurtured by a 'don't give up attitude', and although being physically challenged by Port Moresby's scorching heat, their positive attitude kept them going to earn the second spot.

"Yes, our ER team did very well at this year's challenge but we know that we couldn't have achieved the result if we did not have PJV management backing.

"So it is from the Porgera ER team that we say thank you everyone for helping us out. Together everyone achieves more," he added.

Executive Managing Director Anthony Esplin commended the team, as he said Porgera mine takes safety very seriously.

"We are proud of our association with the challenge, and our continuous participation demonstrates that we strive to achieve industry best practices in safety and emergency preparedness."

In the seven events at the challenge, the PJV team ranked first in the Road Accident Rescue (RAR) and the Theory, which was a tie with team Basamuk from Ramu NiCo.

The PJV team ranked second in Multi-Casualty and was third in the Endurance event.

The challenge which started 31st September at the Sir John Guise Stadium was attended by a total of 11 teams from companies within the extractive industry.

At the awards night on 2nd October while receiving the RAR prize, Team Captain Benedict Saun again thanked PJV management for his team's attendance at this year's challenge.

He acknowledged the Chamber of Mines and Petroleum for staging its second successful event, after taking over from the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) which initiated and oversaw companies stage the event since 2011.

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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 4,500 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.



The Porgera team members display their awards during the presentation night at the Hilton Hotel.



The Porgera team displayed their award-winning skills at the RAR scenario.

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