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## PRESS RELEASE

### Porgera Urban Clinic receives office equipment

**PORT MORESBY, 03 JULY, 2019, 0900HRS:** The Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) continues to provide assistance toward capacity building for local institutions, focused on supporting and helping the local community.

It recently donated to the Porgera Urban Clinic, office equipment totalling over K6,000 to support the clinics' medical administrative and record keeping functions.

On 19 June 2019, PJV Corporate Social Responsibility Manager John Liston handed over a new desktop computer, a printer/copier and an overhead projector to the Porgera District Health Manager Jerry Maku at the Porgera Station.

The donation was witnessed by staff of the Urban Clinic, some PJV employees, and members of the public.

Also present were Coordinator, Operations and Logistics with the World Health Organisation (WHO) Stefan Adriaenssens and Deputy Director, Public Health Services with the Enga Provincial Health Authority (EPHA), John Masili.

Both men were in the district to look at the health services and health programs being run in the district.

Mr Liston said PJV has had close working relations with the Clinic over the years and appreciates the work the Clinic and its staff provide for the Porgera district.

"What you are achieving here indicates commitment to the Porgera community and we are grateful for your efforts. We appreciate the opportunity to partner and invest in Porgera and the community and this Clinic is a testament to the good work benefiting the broader.

"We hope that that the office equipment will assist you to continue to do your medical work and most importantly, to communicate effectively with your community stakeholders and manage your records going forward," he concluded.

Mr Maku commended PJV for its ongoing support and acknowledged the company's previous support toward the clinic fencing and maintenance of seven of its staff houses.

The computer donation came a week after PJV received a request for a computer by Mr Maku.

"I am very appreciative of PJV's quick response to support the clinic with a computer set.

“We are a small team taking care of the health needs of the Porgera district and its challenging but we continue to serve and have achieved some good results with our vaccination programs with the support of PJV,” Mr Maku said.

Mr Masili commended PJV for providing impact assistance to the health clinic in a time when he said vital services were unavailable.

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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.



Messrs Maku (right to left), Liston and Masili check out the office equipment as others look on.



Mr Liston speaking at the Urban Clinic premises at Porgera Station.

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