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PRESS RELEASE

PJV aids Mungulep school holiday program

PORT MORESBY, 24 MARCH, 2019, 1300HRS: “Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) wants to see young men, women and children in school and taking part in safe recreational activities.”

PJV Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Manager John Liston said this recently at the Mungulep Primary School in Porgera, Enga.

A six-week soccer competition staged within the Special Mining Lease (SML) community started 17 December 2018 and concluded on 26 January 2019 with the presentation of trophies and other prizes.

PJV had donated the trophies together with sporting gear for soccer, volleyball, basketball and rugby.

“It is a recreation activity but the underlying focus for PJV is to work with the school and parents and see children continue in education.

“We have an interest in the success and the educational development of young people within Porgera,” Mr Liston said.

The ‘Anjopane cup’ competition was sponsored by the Porgera District Women’s Association (PDWA) and the participating schools were; Yarik, Alipis, Mungulep, Aumbi and the Porgera Lutheran Primary school.

PDWA President Sarah Erasi said the Association was keen on empowering the youth and the school-aged children to stay in schools by supporting such programs.

Yarik Primary School was the winner of Under 16 male category, Mungulep Primary took out the prizes for Under 14 male and female categories, while Aumbi Elementary pupil took out the Under 12 trophy.

There were also prizes for individuals with outstanding performance. The Best Player award for the male category went to Ramcy Pundi while Freda Busane took out the same award in the female category.

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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.



The Aumbi Elementary School students with their trophy surrounded by supporters.



Busane with her award (centre with trophy) surrounded by teammates and supporters



Mr Liston (left) and PDWA official Nancy Andambo present cash prize to a winning team.

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