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PRESS RELEASE

John Dilipa, grateful for education support

PORT MORESBY, 10 DECEMBER, 2018, 0900HRS: Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) Community Development Officer John Dilipa, who has recently joined the Porgera operation, is grateful to PJV for the education support.

“On behalf of my family, I would like to thank Porgera Joint Venture for the full sponsorship for the past four years of my studies at the University of Papua New Guinea,” he said.

Fourth, in a family of seven, Dilipa hails from Yarik village within the Special Mining Lease (SML) area.

“As a result of your generosity and full sponsorship, I managed to complete my studies. I successfully graduated with Bachelors in Business and Human Resource Management,” a very grateful Dilipa said.

“I am particularly honoured chose to support my studies in such a special way. Thank you again for your generous support to other special mining lease students.”

To those who are still under the PJV education sponsorship, John had these to say: “you must take heed of the sponsorship opportunities made available.”

“This is the first time for me to be engaged in the workforce and in the mining industry after a long journey of continuous studies.”

According to PJV Employee Development and Talent Management Superintendent Basil Tabel, PJV provides scholarship support as a gesture of goodwill, and the main goal is to increase the number of local students to study specific disciplines in the country’s tertiary institutions.

“While PJV sponsors them, it is up to these students to work and study hard to complete their respective studies, graduate and return to PJV or the valley to work within their communities.”

This young man is one such student who has succeeded and returned to PJV and the valley.

“He was so appreciative of his success that will benefit him, his family and his community that he took the time and courtesy to thank PJV for making it possible for reaching his destiny. Well Done John,” Mr Tabel added.

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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.



Dilipa (right) received his degree from UPNG Pro Chancellor Jerry Wemin during the graduation earlier this year.



ON THE JOB: Dilipa (right) talking to some members of the Kulapi community on a sports facility project he coordinated.

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