



# NEWS RELEASE

## **BARRICK NIUGINI LIMITED AND THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA SIGN FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT TO REOPEN PORGERA MINE**

**SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2021:** Barrick Niugini Limited confirms that a binding framework agreement, the first step of the process to reopen Porgera Mine has been agreed between Barrick Niugini Limited and the Government of Papua New Guinea.

The signing of the agreement at Government House by Barrick Chief Executive Mark Bristow and Governor General Sir Bob Dadae and Mining Minister Hon Johnson Tuke on behalf of the State of PNG, as well as Chairperson Nellie James on behalf of Kumul Minerals Holdings Limited, is an important first step towards the future resumption of mining operations at the Porgera Mine.

Under the terms of the agreement, ownership of the Porgera Mine will be held in a new joint venture owned 51% by PNG stakeholders and 49% by Barrick Niugini Limited, which remains the operator of the mine.

The framework agreement also provides, among other things, for

- PNG stakeholders and BNL to share the economic benefits generated over the life of mine on a 53/47% basis;
- BNL to finance the capital required to restart the mine;
- An increase in the equity allocated to a broad group of landowners who are the customary owners of the land where Porgera is located; and
- The State to retain the right to acquire the remaining 49% of the mine from BNL at fair market value after 10 years.

In addition to outlining future benefit-sharing principles and proposed management arrangements for the mine, the agreement also defines the definitive implementation agreements that will need to be completed to allow for the resumption of mining at Porgera – currently planned to occur later this year if mutually agreed conditions are met.

Discussions between the company and the State Negotiation Team and relevant Government agencies to complete these processes will continue over the coming months.

Current Care and Maintenance activities at the mine site will continue while discussions between BNL and the National Government remain ongoing.

Regular updates on progress towards the resumption of mining at Porgera will be provided over the coming months.

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