

PJV re-registers as national training provider

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG) – WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH, 2020: The Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) recently received confirmation that its application to be re-registered as a national training provider by the National Training Council (NTC), has been accepted.

Porgera Mine operator Barrick (Niugini) Limited (“BNL”) Employee Development (ED) Manager Xavier Jetson said this recently, while presenting certificates to a new group of graduating National Certificate (NC) 2 and 3 trainers for the Mine.

On 9 March, 2020, 18 employees received NC2 in Instructing, and NC3 in Training and Assessment, and have now joined the existing 120 strong Trainers and Assessors employed at PJV.

Jetson said with the re-registration under the NTC, PJV is a legitimate instructor of training in PNG.

This coupled with the NC2 and 3, certified and registered trainers gave PJV the greatest opportunity to ensure qualified and competent operators were employed at PJV across the life of the mine.

BNL Executive Managing Director Anthony Esplin said there was a lot of work done by the Porgera team to ensure PJV was re-registered with NTC.

“We welcome the confirmation by the national training council because Porgera has trained many Papua New Guineans over the years.”

With this accomplishment, Jetson also said the individual Trainers and Assessors also undertake increased responsibility.

“You have a responsibility to the individuals you are training, you have a responsibility to the company to make sure you are operating in an ethical and legal manner.

“So when you are providing training, you are now providing legally binding training. So you have to make sure that it is in line with the assessment guidelines,” Jetson told the graduating group.

BNL ED Senior Advisor Tems Ninjipa, said the Company also provides various other training for its employees either at the mine site, in parts of the country or even abroad.

“Training improves competency level of employees and boosts high production and minimises injuries.

“The training happens across site to fill a skills gap in the workplace to develop competent employees in those sections.”

NC2 and NC3 training is provided by the PNG International Education Agency (IEA), covering competencies to become qualified trainers and assessors in a workplace, under the Government's requirement through NTC.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Porgera Mine is a joint venture between Barrick Gold and the Zijin Mining Group, which each owns 47.5%, with the remaining 5% interest held by Mineral Resources Enga (owned equally by Porgera Special Mining Lease landowners and the Enga Provincial Government). The mine is operated by Barrick (Niugini) Limited ("BNL").



Part of the recent 18 NC2 and NC3 trainers and assessors with their certificates, flanked by Jetson (standing second from left) and the training team.



Jetson (right) presents the NC2 and NC3 certificates to Safety Senior Officer Melissa Watapi.



Jetson (right) presents the NC2 and NC3 certificates to Fixed Plant Maintenance Superintendent Ian Kaisom.

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