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## PRESS RELEASE

### PJV hands over new Paiam hospital administration building

**PORT MORESBY, 26 APRIL, 2018, 1300HRS:** The Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) has formally handed over a new administration building for the Paiam Hospital to the Porgera District Administration, built at a cost of K1.35m through the Tax Credit Scheme (TCS).

PJV Senior Manager for Community Social Responsibility (CSR), Timothy Andambo handed over the key to the new building to Porgera District Administrator, Mori Iarume on 19 March in Paiam.

Prior to that, Mr Iarume together with PJV General Manager Capital and Business Improvement, Myles Gao, signed off on the TCS Form 3 to close off the TCS process for the particular project. This was conducted at the Porgera mine site.

“The project has been slow but of very high quality and will last quite a long time,” Mr Gao said when signing the Form 3 document.

The project which began in April 2016 was scheduled for completion within 10 months BUT instead took 22 months to complete due to design, community and commercial issues.

The building construction was undertaken through a joint venture. Goroka based company Redcoco Builders was engaged as the main contractor and provided all the building materials, plant/equipment, tradesmen and managed the project. Local company Mountain Puru Lasu was engaged to provide local labour.

The new Paiam Hospital administration building features a modern 2 Level office complex with a conference room on the top floor. The cost of the new administration building is under budget from the Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM) approved funding even though the project was delayed.

PJV TCS Superintendent Derick Kundi said the project delay was initially due to design changes and landslips along the highway but they still were able to complete the project.

“The building system is called an Eco Panel Building System with panels comprising of high pressure injection bonding of structural polyurethane between sheets of fibro cement, resulting in fire resistant panels of high strength and light weight,” Mr Kundi said.

Mr Andambo, speaking at the hospital grounds at Paiam described the project as a proud achievement for Porgera.

“You will not find this type of building in other provincial centres and Porgera must be very proud of this achievement. Thank you to the community for looking after the building and the onus is on the community to look after this building,” Mr Andambo said.

Mr Larume thanked PJV for the new administration building. He said Porgera was very fortunate to be receiving such TCS support in the district into areas where it mattered.

“The building comes at a right time when we are in the process of re-opening the Paiam Hospital,” Mr Larume said.

Previously, the Paiam Hospital had its administration functions within the main hospital building. The new administration building means space will now be freed up within the hospital to cater for its other needs.

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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 2,500 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.

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Mr Gao (3rd from right) and Mr Larume (3rd from left) and Mr Andambo (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) hold up the signed TCS Form 3. Mr Kundi is on the far right and next to him is PJV Senior Building Supervisor Michal Muka. Paiam Hospital Deputy Administrator, Elizah Parapu is on the far left.



The new Paiam hospital administration building.

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