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PRESS RELEASE

Ten PJV Trade Assistants become qualified Tradesmen

PORT MORESBY, 25 FEBRUARY, 2018, 1300HRS: The National Apprenticeship and Trade Testing Board (NATTB) has deemed ten Trade Assistants (TA's) with the Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) as qualified Tradesmen in Maintenance Fitting and Machining (MFM).

All had completed Levels 1, 2 &3 of the NATTB Trade Test requirements and received their certificates from the NATTB in January this year.

Among them is the NATTB Secretariat recognised 2017 Trade Test Candidate of the Year, Frank Kilya.

Trade Assistant's Jackson Epee, Allen Moris, Bonny Keyo, Wagi Kaipek, Herbert Pomoi, Barlie Bernard, Super Ope, Standford John, Newman Taimen and Frank Kilya were handed their certificates by PJV Fixed Plant Maintenance Manager and Electrical, Dave Moloney on 12 January on site.

PJV's Manager Asset Management and Infrastructure (AM&I) Don Nurthen described the occasion as a great achievement for the men personally as well as for the Porgera operation.

"You guys have worked hard to complete the NATTB trade testing levels and this is also a great achievement for the site.

"You now have a great opportunity that you can grab and move forward into the future as tradesmen," Mr Nurthen said.

Frank Kilya on behalf of the Tradesmen thanked PJV for prioritising training for the TA's to enable them to receive their qualifications as tradesmen, also acknowledging the input of the PJV Maintenance Training section.

For majority of the new Tradesmen, receiving their NATTB certifications has been nothing short of a dream come true.

"It's a dream come true for me and the family to achieve this recognition as qualified tradesmen because I know there are still others out there also wanting to achieve this. I thank PJV and Maintenance Training for this," said Anawe local, Allen Moris, and a Trade Assistant for the last 10 years with Fixed Plant Mechanical.

Laigam man, Jackson Matai spent two years with Plant Fabrication as TA boilermaker and then another four with Plant Mechanical as TA Plant Fitter.

“It’s a real privilege to be employed by PJV and to have attained my qualification. This has opened a new chapter in my life and I thank PJV for this,” Jackson expressed.

All of the men have been trade assistants for between 6 to 10 years.

PJV Fixed Plant Maintenance Foreman, Max Yok acknowledged that it had been a challenging journey for the TA’s.

He encouraged the now Tradesmen to utilize this new opportunity and to progress themselves.

“Make use of this opportunity, follow the PJV culture and move on with the changes. Thank you to the managers and superintendents for making this possible and also to the maintenance training department for playing a major role toward this achievement,” Mr Yok 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 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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Seven of the new PJV Tradesmen: From left to right are Allen Moris, Bonney Keyo, Wagi Kaipek, Herbert Pomoi, Jackson Epee Matai, Barlie Bernard and Frank Kilya with their Tradesmen Certificates.

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