

PJV response to the global coronavirus outbreak

PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA – SUNDAY 09 FEBRUARY, 2020 – With the coronavirus continuing to cause concerns globally, the Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) has elected to play its part in ensuring all its international commuting employees follow all procedures required of them.

Effective today, Sunday 9 February, all PJV employees commuting via the charter service from Cairns International Airport, Australia, are being screened.

“We have begun screening of all passengers boarding our charter flight at the Cairns international terminal. The screening will involve having a temperature reading taken via a non-invasive infrared thermometer, a brief set of questions to complete, and a signed declaration,” Executive Managing Director Anthony Esplin said.

Furthermore, PJV is ensuring that all its international travelers, either employees, contractors or visitors travel only on the Company charter service into the country.

PJV has put in place a working plan in Cairns, to handle any concerns or issues that may arise due to the required screening process.

The Company is also aware of the requirement by the appropriate PNG Government agencies, for all international flights to be serviced via Port Moresby’s Jacksons International Airport.

“We have communicated these to our employees and business partners to assist us with this proactive approach to assisting PNG to prevent the entry of coronavirus into the country”, Mr Esplin said.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Porgera mine is a joint venture between Barrick 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”).

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