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## PRESS RELEASE

### Tipinini school gets a new double classroom and a staff house

**PORT MORESBY, 10 DECEMBER, 2018, 0900HRS:** Students at Tipinini Primary School will embrace the 2019 academic year with a new double classroom including a staff house valued at K577,000.

Delivered by Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) through the Government-owned Tax Credit Scheme, the classroom was valued at K340,236 while the house was K236,764.

On 3 September this year, PJV General Manager for Capital and Business Improvement Myles Gao led a team to the school and handed over the new structures.

The School Headmaster Elias Tokan received the keys, witnessed by students, teachers, and some members of the community.

School Board Chairman Yakema Anton thanked PJV for the completed projects, adding Tipinini was still recovering from the aftermath of tribal warfare over the years, resulting in the destruction of the initial structures, also constructed under TCS.

“This is a service that you’ve provided to us. It’s very encouraging and it will boost performance and create a learning atmosphere”.

Mr Gao also said the community support was very important to the PJV operation and having the support of an educated population was valuable.

“...for improvement of life, the most important is education. So we need people to be educated, to be trained to be able to provide...give a contribution to the operation.

“And I really hope these lovely kids here get good education and have a better life.”

The school has 13 teaching staff, 300 students, and seven classrooms - three permanent and four semi-permanent buildings.

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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 3,300 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.



The new double classroom.



The new staff house.

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