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PRESS RELEASE

PJV gives logistics support to remote community to help build airfield

PORT MORESBY, 5 DECEMBER 2017, 1300HRS: The Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) has assisted a remote community within the Lagaip-Porgera district in the delivery of tools intended to be used to build an airfield.

On 2 November, PJV Community Relations and Engagement (CRE) Manager, Meck Minnala and Community Relations Officers (CRO) Shandric Yangan and James Ketenol, via helicopter delivered two wheel burrows, 11 spades and 100 bags of nylon to the Winjak village.

Winjak is located along the Lagaip river in the Maip-Mulitaka LLG in West Enga and borders with Enga and East Sepik provinces.

The only way to transport supplies or materials into the area is by air. The chopper ride from Porgera mine site was about 7 minutes.

The Winjak community had bought the wheelburrows some time back but could not take them to the village by land due to the distance and its remoteness. They then sought assistance from PJV.

"A couple of months ago they saw our team doing food basket survey in the area and requested if we can assist in transporting their materials. They also wrote to us at that time requesting our assistance. So while transporting their wheelburrows we also bought some spades and nylon bags and took across and donated to them," Mr Minnala said.

The community will be using the wheelburrows to assist their efforts toward building an airfield in the area. They had already begun work on this and will now continue from where they had left off.

Mr Minnala said the assistance is part of several community assistance undertakings by PJV to communities along the riverine.

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.



PJV personnel from the right are CRO's Shandric (infront), James and Mr Minnala with Winjak villagers toward the back.



An aerial of the partly constructed air-field on a slope top in Winjak village, Enga proovince.

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