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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Volleyball court and water tank for Aumbi School**

**PORT MORESBY, 10 DECEMBER, 2018, 0900HRS:** Youngsters attending the Aumbi Elementary School in Porgera, Enga, will now have a proper sporting facility thanks to the Porgera Joint Venture (PJV).

The school received loads of gravel which was levelled for a volleyball court. There was also fabrication done for the posts and a net was put up as well.

On 19 November, Porgera Joint Venture Executive Managing Director Anthony Esplin delivered the PJV donation to a school that successfully piloted the PJV-facilitated Agrikids Program.

“Aumbi elementary was the first school to launch the Agrikids program which has now been successfully implemented at many other communities and schools in Porgera.

“Education is special for the people of Enga and it’s the way it will develop the kids for the future,” Mr Esplin said.

The donation also included boxes of basic stationary.

Community and Social Responsibility Manager John Liston said it was good for them to visit the school to have a firsthand view of the PJV Community Development projects taking place at the site and also for opportunities for cooperation in the future.

According to PJV Community Development Senior Officer Peter Tumun, there was also a 1,000L water tank installed at the school.

This will enable the availability of clean drinking water for staff and students.

School Chairman Pastor Wanpis Kawi thanked the Porgera JV management team for making the time to visit the school and also for the many support PJV provides to the school.

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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.



Mr Esplin (right) handed over boxes of stationary to the school staff and management.



Mr Esplin also had time to meet some of the students.

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