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PRESS RELEASE

PJV gives houses to Porgera LOs

PORT MORESBY, 03 JUNE, 2019, 0900HRS: Four landowners from Porgera are proud recipients of brand new homes thanks to Porgera Joint Venture (PJV).

Their houses, constructed under the gold mine's relocation program for landowners impacted by mining activities, are located at Paiam in Porgera, Aiyak and Kasap in Laiagam, and at Sapos village within Wapenamanda's Tsak valley.

Under PJV's Local Procurement Policy, the homes were built by local contractors Heli Limi Limited (Paiam), Kalane Construction and Engineering (Aiyak and Kasap) and Kyakangen (Sapos).

PJV's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Senior Manager Timothy Andambo was on hand to present the keys to the home owners.

"This is a great outcome for all parties involved," Mr Andambo said.

"Not only have we provided landowners with genuine compensation for use of their land but the high quality homes are constructed by local builders meaning there are legitimate flow-on benefits to the community through the purchase of construction materials and wages.

"We thank the landowners involved for partnering with us on this initiative and we also thank the local builders for their efforts and commitment to construction of superior housing for our local people."

The option of a new house is one of a number of options available to landowners under the company's relocation and compensation programs.

The four new houses, a mixture of four and three bedroom designs, include built-in closets, kitchens, 9,000 litre water storage, shower and toilet facilities. Internal electrical wiring is certified by PNG Power and the home is capable of being connected to main power where this is available.

The landowners who took ownership of the newly constructed homes are from the Kaiya, Anawe South and Lower Apalaka regions of Porgera.

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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 Andambo (right), Corporate Social Responsibility Manager John Liston (third from left) and others look on while PJV Community Land Access Agreements Officer Roselyn Wanape hands the keys to the house owner Poko Umange at Paiam.



PJV Community Land Access Agreements Senior Officer Donella Abau presents the keys to relatives of house owner Tanawe Ipai as others look on, at Aiyak within Laiagam, Enga.



PJV Community Land Access Agreements Senior Officer Donella Abau presents the keys to relatives of the house owner Lucas Ambi, as others look on, at Kasap within Laiagam, Enga.



PJV Community Land Access Agreements Manager Trevor Liversidge presents the keys to relatives of the house owner Takopa Pawili, as others look on, at Sapos village inside Tsak Valley within Wapenamanda, Enga.

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