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PRESS RELEASE

PJV supports Enga Policewomen's attendance at National Conference

PORT MORESBY, 25 FEBRUARY, 2018, 1300HRS: The Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) this month donated merchandised items to the Office of the Enga Provincial Police Command in support of the Enga policewomen's' participation at the bi-annual National Policewomen's Conference in March.

The 10th National Policemen's Conference will be hosted in Kimbe, West New Britain province, from 3 -8 March, this year with the theme; 'United in Advocating for Inclusion and Equal Progress for all'.

On 13th February, PJV's Safety department presented items consisting of t-shirts, polo shirts and caps to a group of both male and female police personnel that had travelled from Wabag to the mine site to receive the items.

The group of seven was led by Secretary to the Enga Provincial Command (PPC), Rose Patiliu.

She thanked PJV for providing support for the policewomen.

"On behalf of the Enga policewomen in the Province, I'd like to say thank you PJV for continuously supporting us, with shirts and other items to attend the conference. I am appreciative of what PJV is doing for the police department. Thank you and hope you will continue to support us in future. We are happy to promote PJV with these merchandised items", said Ms Patiliu.

Reflecting on the last policewomen's conference in 2016, Ms Patiliu said most of the discussions and forums were on social issues affecting women in the country such as Violence Against Women (VAW), Sorcery-related killings and other generally reported cases of social issues affecting women.

"In Wabag at the Police Station, we are taking measures to alleviate such social issues and so we will provide a report about what we are doing at the conference in Kimbe".

PJV Safety Senior Officer- Systems, Evelyn Opa received the group and said PJV is happy to support their cause, and the Safety department will continue to provide assistance whenever possible.

The team departed Porgera site shortly after the brief presentation.

Twenty female police officers from Enga will attend this year's gathering in Kimbe.

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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 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.

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The police team from Wabag displaying their donated items with Ms Patiliu (4th from right) and Ms Opa (right).

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