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## PRESS RELEASE

### Porgera Police receive new uniforms

**PORT MORESBY, 10 JUNE, 2018, 1300HRS:** Community-based organisation Restoring Justice Initiative (RJIA) Incorporation has donated Police uniforms to Porgera police.

Valued at K16,368, RJIA also donated basic stationary and office furniture valued at K700.

According to RJIA Manager Pat Niuni, the donation of uniforms was a result of a request from Porgera police, when there were concerns on the deteriorating state of the uniforms for the serving policeman and woman.

Mr Niuni also said the donation was to ensure there was uniformity in dressing by the 45 members of Porgera police while on duty as members of the Royal PNG Constabulary (RPNGC).

Apart from the new recruits, it was after 12 years that the long serving members had received any new issue of the police uniform.

The set of uniforms included the official shirts with epaulettes and RPNGC logos, trousers, belts, and berets with the RPNGC metal badge.

The clothing was from a RPNGC-recommended Port Moresby supplier.

Paiam Police Station Commander (PSC) Senior Sergeant Jack Kimala thanked RJIA for recognising the efforts of the local police and providing assistance in many areas of policing.

“We have been struggling through...nobody has recognised our efforts but at least there is a partner who is concerned...who wants to work with us. On behalf of the regular force here and the PPC (Provincial Police Commander), I take this opportunity to thank RJIA for partnering with us”, he said.

Police officers who were at the parade of 4 June took delivery of the donations.

The RJIA Inc. was established in 2014 to strategically focus on facilitating support to the Porgera police leadership, improving operational standards, to promote community policing partnership approach and working in partnership with key stakeholders within Porgera Valley on Law & Order programs and initiatives.

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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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Mr Niuni (civilian) hands over the donation to PSC Kimala witnessed by some members of Porgera Police at the Paiam Police Station.



An appreciative Porgera Family Sexual Violence Unit Officer-in-Charge Constable Vero Gena shakes hand with Mr Niuni (centre) while PSC Kimala looks on.

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