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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **PJV Scholarships Help Dig Careers in Mining**

**PORT MORESBY, 06 NOVEMBER, 2018, 1300HRS:** University students are being encouraged to dig a career in mining thanks to Porgera Joint Venture (PJV).

The PJV Open Scholarship Program is open to students moving into their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of mining related tertiary study in 2019.

Targeted specifically at those studying Mining Engineering, Metallurgy, Geoscience, Mine Surveying, Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering.

The scholarships will cover one year of tuition fees for successful applicants.

Barrick (Niugini) Limited ("BNL") Executive Managing Director Tony Esplin said students from Porgera, Tari and Enga regions are encouraged to apply.

"PJV has a proud history in the Porgera and Tari regions," Mr Esplin said.

"While there is no requirement for scholarship winners to work for PJV, by supporting the development of local professionals, we hope they will one day return in their chosen career and contribute to the growth of their local economy."

Those interested in applying for a Porgera Open Scholarship in 2019 must express their interest by emailing their cover letter and resume to [pjv\\_employee\\_development@porgerajv.com](mailto:pjv_employee_development@porgerajv.com).

The scholarships are one of a number of investments PJV made in local education throughout 2018.

Some of the highlights in 2018, the operation supported training for 180 teachers across Enga, completed a learning resources upgrade for Porgera schools, water security and access project at Porgera Station School and finished construction on a computer laboratory at Paiam High School under the Government-owned Tax Credit Scheme (TCS).

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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.



Geologist Norma Siki at the Porgera Gold Mine.

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