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PRESS RELEASE

PJV supports local soccer competition

PORT MORESBY, 26 DECEMBER, 2018, 0900HRS: The Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) is committed to support community initiatives that promote engagement and positive character development in all areas of community development including sports.

The company recently showed its support to the Porgera Soccer Association (PSA) with trophies as grand final prizes.

On Tuesday 11 December, 2018 Community Relations and Engagement (CR&E) Manager Meck Minnala presented 6 trophies to the Porgera Soccer Association (PSA).

PSA has initiated a soccer program in the Porgera valley which includes a season proper soccer competition involving 26 registered teams from the Special Mining Lease (SML) village of Yarik and Lease for Mining Purpose (LMP) communities like Porgera Station, Suyan and Paiam.

Mr Minnala thanked the PSA for initiating an active competition which engages youth and keeps them focused.

“It may look like material things but the value goes a long way.”

All sporting events keep people engaged, reducing the numbers of people who wander about doing nothing,” Mr Minnala said.

He encouraged other sporting codes such as touch, volleyball and basketball to develop active programs so that teams and individuals can also be recognized and rewarded for outstanding performances.

“Young people have found their interest in the sporting event. A pre-season game started prior to season proper after the teams had registered,” said PSA President Moses Yomtomb.

Porgera JV’s assistance comes following an initial request by the PSA in November to assist with grand final prizes for the soccer competition.

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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 Yomtomb (standing 5th from right) and Mr Minnala (standing centre) with the presented trophies and staff of the Community Relations and Engagement Department.



The PJV donated trophies.

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