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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Porgera Mine ensures Hospital has Infant Incubator**

**PORT MORESBY, 28 October 2019, 0900HRS:** Newborn babies in Porgera will be provided with an additional level of specialised support thanks to Barrick (Niugini) Limited donating an infant incubator to the Paiam Hospital.

The incubator, valued at K40,000, adds to the more than K2.5 million that Barrick (Niugini) Limited (“BNL”), the operator of Porgera Mine, has invested in the hospital during 2019.

The vital piece of medical equipment will take pride of place in the hospital’s maternity ward, which was identified by the women of Porgera as the most important element of the hospital’s suite of services.

More than 20 women from the Porgera District Women’s Association (PDWA) were on hand to witness the donation by Barrick Gold Corporation Chief Executive Mark Bristow.

Mr Bristow was accompanied by Zijin Mining Company Executive Director and Senior Vice-president Dr George Fang.

Porgera Joint Venture Executive Managing Director, Tony Esplin, said the incubator was determined by hospital staff as extremely necessary.

“Children and mothers deserve the best possible healthcare,” Mr Esplin said.

“It’s crucial Paiam Hospital’s maternity ward staff have the right equipment and facilities to ensure their patients have the best chance of a healthy future.

“This incubator will be highly valuable to the community and we’re proud to be able to continue our support of the hospital with its donation.”

After being closed for two years, the hospital recently re-opened following a significant injection of financial and infrastructure support from Barrick (Niugini) Limited and support from Mineral Resources Authority (MRA), Enga Provincial Health Authority (EPHA), Porgera Development Authority (PDA), local government representatives and local women groups.

In its first month of operation, more than 2,000 patients were seen by hospital staff.

Operated by Enga Provincial Health Authority and its 100 odd staff, the hospital includes emergency, outpatients, maternity, radiology, general ward, physiotherapy and pathology services.

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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 4,500 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.



Mr Bristow (second, right) cuts the ribbon while looking on are Dr Fang (left to right), hospital staffs Christina Komi, Elijah Paulus, Dr Jerry Hoga, and PDWA President Serah Erasi, in front of the incubator.

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