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MEDIA STATEMENT

Successful conclusion of the Porgera Special Mining Lease (SML) 11 sub-clan agent validation exercise

Media Statement : Jerry Maku - District Administrator for Porgera and Mr. Jerry Garry - Managing Director for the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA).

The National Court and State sanctioned sub-clan agent validation exercise for the Porgera gold mine which was launched on 19, July 2021 in Porgera was successfully completed on 5, August 2021.

All 25 clans owning land within the Special Mining Lease (SML) 11 boundaries have been processed and respective individuals have been given consents by their clan members to be their agents in relation to all matters arising or relating to Porgera gold mine.

The names of these individuals will be submitted to the Waigani National Courts for endorsement because this exercise was a National Court ordered program.

The exercise was aimed at getting landowners' consents in appointing clan agents within the SML 11, who will ultimately participate in the negotiations during the development forum either as agents or through a properly constituted association.

Clans in the Lease for Mining Purpose (LMP), Mining Easement and Mining Lease areas will undergo a similar process towards the end of this week.

The SML 11 clans which already gave their consents to be represented by the respective individuals are as follows: -

Clan Names	
	14. Pulumaini – Nalap
1. Waiwa – Yaliape	15. Pulumaini – Ambo Gai
2. Mamai – Kenja	16. Mamai – Andapo
3. Pulumaini – Wapini	17. Pulumaini – Ambo Endeme
4. Pulumaini – Paramba	18. Pulumaini - Ambo Amu
5. Tieni – Wangialo	19. Angalani – Piko
6. Tieni – Yangua	20. Waiwa – Lunda
7. Angalaini – Diwi	21. Tieni – Lakima

8. Angalaini – Huliwali	22. Tuanda – Yapala
9. Angalaini – Oyopene	23. Tuanda – Ulupa
10. Tieni - Kaimalo	24. Pulumaini – Yunga Epeya
11. Tieni – Akira	25. Anga – Warae
12. Tieni – Wuape	
13. Pulumaini – Wangia	

Names of the individual agents are withheld and will be published after the names have been declared or endorsed by the Waigani National Court.

The exercise follows a Waigani National Court order OS number 102 of July, 02, 2021, which directed, Mr. Jerry Maku, the Porgera District Administrator to conduct the clan agent validation exercise.

Mr. Maku thanked the following government agencies without whose unwavering support and commitment, the exercise could not have been successfully completed. The organizations are: -

1. Mineral Resources Authority (MRA)
2. Porgera District officials and four SML Ward Councillors
3. Enga Provincial Administration
4. Department of Prime Minister & National Executive Council (NEC)
5. Department of Mineral Policy & Geohazards Management (DMPGM)
6. Department of Lands & Physical Planning
7. Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary
8. Papua New Guinea Defense Force
9. Other government agencies that came in as observers were National Treasury Department, Kumul Minerals Holding and the Mineral Resources Development Corporation (MRDC).

The MRA's Managing Director Jerry Garry has commended Mr. Maku and all the State agencies involved in the exercise, especially the Royal PNG Constabulary (Police) and PNGDF soldiers.

Security was a major concern for officers involved in the exercise and the police and soldiers provided the much-needed assurance, comfort and confidence to officers on the ground.

The validation exercise will be followed by negotiations for shared benefits at development forum process which will lead to the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA).

