

Barrick urges all parties to report credible allegations

June 13, 2014 – Barrick Gold is aware of an allegation of violence and sexual assault that allegedly took place during a police operation on June 6 near the Porgera Joint Venture mine.

Barrick strongly urges anyone with information regarding this allegation to contact police immediately. Those with information may also contact Mr. Ila Geno, the independent observer appointed to oversee policing activities in the area. Mr. Geno, a former Chief Ombudsman of Papua New Guinea, has already initiated an investigation into the events of June 6 in accordance with his role.

Concerns may also be reported to the Fund for Peace, an international NGO that works to prevent conflict and promote sustainable security. Fund for Peace is supporting Mr. Geno in fulfilling his mandate as independent observer.

The Family and Sexual Violence Unit of the Papua New Guinea police is also active in the Porgera area and we encourage any victims of sexual assault to contact this unit directly.

Barrick will continue to monitor the situation closely and will urge the Papua New Guinea government to investigate any credible allegations it receives.

Contacts

Ila Geno
Independent Observer
Email: ilamisinigeno@yahoo.com.au
Phone: +675 76868222 / +675 72088859

Krista Hendry
Fund for Peace
Email: khendry@fundforpeace.org
Phone: +1 202 223 7940