

## Statement on policing activities in the Porgera region

June 11, 2014 – Police in Papua New Guinea have reported the removal of a number of structures in an area near the Porgera Joint Venture mine known as Wingima on June 6. Local reports indicate that these structures had been used as dwellings by illegal miners. The exact number of structures removed has yet to be confirmed.

An independent observer appointed to monitor policing activities in the region has initiated an investigation into the removal of these structures.

The Papua New Guinea government has previously acknowledged that it will investigate any complaints related to policing activities in the Porgera region in accordance with established government and police procedures. The Porgera Joint Venture urges the government to investigate any such complaints.

The Porgera Joint Venture and its employees had no involvement in the removal of these structures.