

Summary of Meeting

CSR Advisory Board Meeting, June 4-7, 2016
9th Meeting
Porgera Joint Venture, Papua New Guinea (PNG)

PARTICIPANTS

From the CSR Advisory Board:

- Aron Cramer, President, BSR
- Robert Fowler, Canada's Former Ambassador to the United Nations
- Gare Smith, Senior Partner, Foley Hoag

From Barrick's Board of Directors

- Nancy Lockhart, Chair of the Corporate Responsibility Committee of the Board

From Barrick:

- Peter Sinclair, Chief Sustainability Officer
- Andy Lloyd, Senior Vice President, Communications
- Simon Jimenez, Senior Director, Corporate Social Responsibility
- Naomi Johnson, Senior Director, Community Relations

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Between June 4th and 7th, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Advisory Board was at the Porgera mine in Papua New Guinea. The Advisory Board was accompanied by Nancy Lockhart, Board member and Chair of the company's Corporate Responsibility Committee, along with Peter Sinclair, Chief Sustainability Officer, Andy Lloyd, Senior Vice President, Communications, Simon Jimenez, Senior Director, CSR, and Naomi Johnson, Senior Director, Community Relations.

The purpose of the trip was to further advance Advisory Board members' understanding of Barrick's operational context, based on the success of previous Advisory Board visits, including to the Cortez mine in Nevada in April 2013, the Pueblo Viejo mine in the Dominican Republic in June 2014, and to Pascua-Lama in Chile in April 2015.

The group spent all of its time in Porgera and was hosted by Greg Walker, Executive Managing Director of Barrick Niugini Limited, Ila Temu, Executive Director, PNG, along with senior members of the mine team, including from Community Relations, Security, Environment, and Operations.

Upon arrival, Mr. Walker briefed the Advisory Board on the operational, governance, and social context of the Porgera mine. This included a history of the operation, the challenging physical environment in which the mine operates, the joint venture structure of the Porgera

mine,¹ and the complex social situation surrounding the operation, including in-migration to the Porgera Valley, the presence of illegal miners, and resettlement. Over the course of the next several days, these and other topics were covered in detail, highlights of which are shared below.

Environmental Management

The group saw firsthand the challenging physical environment in which the Porgera mine operates, including heavy rain fall (Porgera receives more than 4 meters of rain per year), changing ground conditions due to seismic activity, and the isolation of the mine. The Porgera mine's use of riverine disposal was of particular interest to the Advisory Board. While touring the discharge point, they were briefed on Barrick's investigation into alternative waste management methods when the company acquired its interest in the mine in 2006 and that no practicable alternatives were found due to the above-mentioned challenging physical environment. Discussions focused on stakeholder concern about this disposal method, the extensive monitoring undertaken, and Barrick's recent statement that it will not rely on this disposal method in its future mines (for additional information about this, see [here](#)).

Security & Human Rights

In previous meetings, the Advisory Board has been briefed on the difficult security and human rights context in Porgera, including illegal mining, the prevalence of sexual violence against women in Papua New Guinea, and specifically, historical acts of sexual violence perpetrated by mine security. Given this, the group received a thorough briefing from the mine's security and asset protection team. The wide-ranging discussion looked at the now closer links being forged between the mine's security and community relations teams in an effort to prevent illegal mining and promote safer and more stable community relations; the application of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights; and employee training on sexual harassment and human rights more generally. The group was also engaged in a detailed discussion with Mr. Ila Geno, the highly respected former Ombudsman of Papua New Guinea, on his role as Independent Observer in monitoring policing activities in the Porgera valley.

Community Relations

The Advisory Board gained a more complete understanding of the complexity and scope of issues being managed by the Porgera mine's Community Relations team. This included the challenges of re-settling communities currently living on the mining lease (more information [here](#)); receiving and resolving community concerns through the grievance mechanism; and women's empowerment programs in financial literacy, business administration, and training as magistrates. A visit to the Porgera District Women's Association provided a look at the work this group is doing to empower women in the Porgera Valley. A dinner with Porgera Landowners also allowed the group to hear firsthand the complexities of resettling communities off the mining lease.

¹ The Porgera mine in Papua New Guinea is operated by Barrick Niugini Limited (BNL), an independent operating entity which is jointly owned by Barrick and Zijin Mining. On August 31, 2015, Barrick divested 50 percent of its interest in Barrick Niugini Limited to a subsidiary of Zijin Mining Group Co. Ltd., thereby reducing Barrick's interest in the Porgera Joint Venture from 95 percent to 47.5 percent.