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Subject: Barricks Statement

Hi Francois,

I was surprise that Barrick published a much detailed article on the issues surrounding the Porgera Mine. I will give brief answers to some of the points but we will prepare a comprehensive response as soon a get more information from Porgera,

Police Operation

Tonnes of statements from Barrick shows that Barrick did requested the State of Emergency though the Member for Lagaip/Porgera under pretext of lawlessness. Those tribal leaders surrenders are not issues related to the mine or communities from the SML area. Just some show peace to white wash the real issue behind Barricks call. In fact, one or two of the tribal fights ocured some years back are makings of Barrick now passing the buck on the marginalised poor communities.

These burnt down houses are houses were human beings dwell and not make shifts. For generations we have inhabited the Porgera valley in these kind of houses and seen fit that why not we all built houses with birick and metals like those in Canada.

Community and Information

Just a total bulshit, Barrick is failing to isolate the local landowners from the SML. We leave in the SML and want resettlement out and away from the SML.

Artiscal Mining or LEGAL/ILLEGAL

It is not the correct way to describe the artiscal mining activities of the local illegal. A competent court has not ruled that the traditional and customary owners of the land are illegal in there own land, Barrick and the under the influence of Barrick, the main stream media has founded the term in the media. The common law which the state of Papua New Guinea is founded grants Barrick the Special Mining Lease but than, the underlying customary law supersedes the introduced commons law. However the primary reason being that, the Barrick the worlds biggest gold miner and landowners presently occupies the same SML land area and Barrick is obliged to resettle the host landowners in good faith.

Barrick is accountable for more than 32 death from bullet wounds from the company security employees and accomplices, are these deaths results from work of Barricks best practice, Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights.

Socio - Economic Contribution

Under the pretext of social wages propaganda in the media by Barrick will not allow the affected communities from human rights abuses and environmental destruction to go un -

challenged, families have lost their love in the hands of Barrick security guards and enough is enough, money can not buy life.

Relocation

That's the main issue that links to the unlawfully killings, rapes and other human rights violation by Barrick. Barrick can not just say for the seek, the company has on going programs and priorities. The landowners want full resettlement and full stop.. The landowners are made to leave in squatter settlements in the own land

Women's Equality

Services are seen to be targeted towards selectively to buy support and time. Not the vast majority. So it been rarely seen that benefitors seen to be speaking supportively.

Building Healthier Community

Paiam Hospital has become one of the most expensive hospitals in the country and those with money or Barrick voucher have asses. Bulk of the grassroot community do not get treated,

Tailing Management

Its not a new language from Barrick, "sesismic activity and according to PNG government approved practices. Barrick had the first information on Porgera before acquisition of Placer Dome. Is Barrick saying they were blind that time and now they could see properly. They know what they putting out to the environment is toxic and harmfully. Why have the Norwegian Global Pension Fund divested almost US\$230million from Barrick in February this year.

Thankyou

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