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**GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING ASSOCIATION (PRWWA INC.) MATTERS.**

**1. Introduction:**

This association is concerned with welfare and subsistence livelihood issues of the deprived population of clans women and young women living in the Lease for Mining Purposes (LMP) outside the SML, and has emerged over the years since 1989 from two (2) decades of defiantly overlooked grievances.

This group originated with the population of severely displaced women and young women here that had been the subjects of reconciliation plans by Barrick-PJV Community Affairs. The Cardno PNG Ltd was tasked to manage a Porgera Remediation Framework Association (PRFA) at Porgera Station that addressed these Social Welfare issues. The PRFA remedy mechanism has been contracted for 3 years that has so far delivered various benefits during the programme including:

* School subsidies for the victims who were physically and sexually assaulted;
* Medical subsidies for women victims (119 all together);
* Various skills, such as:
* **Home Economics;**
* **Project Management skills;**
* **Finance Management;**
* **Health/Hygiene cares and HIV/Aids awareness.**

These years of transformation that commenced for the group opened new knowledge horizons. The 119, out of the many women that underwent the PRFA remedy programme, were granted K20, 000.00 at first and then K30, 000.00 at different intervals as seed money to start any projects of their own choosing.

Unfortunately, the publicity of being granted the money drew friends and foes, debtors and creditors, to leach the money off these 119 PRFA women. Before the year’s end, the grants paid in 2014 were all gone within weeks. The entire social and economic atmosphere here discouraged the genuine goal of the PRFA remedy mechanism. Ms. Cressida Kuala of Lower – Maipangi clan at Porgera station decided to form an association to bind these women against any form of discouragement. Hence, Lower Maipangi Red Wara (River) Women’s Association (LMRWWA) was formed in 2014 with Lease for Mining Purposes (LMP) Womens’ membership only.

**2) THE ASSOCIATION NAME CHANGED.**

The Lower – Maipangi Red Wara (River) Women’s Association was formed with the primary goals of establishing a piggery project for the “subsistence lives deprived clans women” but the rumors spread around Porgera. Since the idea of association was hatched on 28th May 2014 to now 1800+, 180 lots of 10 member women’s project groups are registered to commence Barrick – PJV, MRA, MRE and the National government aided projects. The broader interest of the women and young women of the 13 LMP clan communities and Paiala/ Hewa sub-districts has pressured the association to change its name to **PORGERA RED WARA (RIVER) WOMEN’S** **ASSOCIATION**. That means, all correspondences, business or deals conducted before in the identity of Lower-Maipangi Red Wara (River) Association now changes to be affairs of a 1800+ member **PORGERA RED WARA (RIVER) WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION** that is now an incorporated entity that represents the female population of 13 LMP clan communities in Porgera zone #1, as listed below;

* **Pulumaini Clans Women and young women**
* **Anga Clans Women and young women**
* **Mamai Clans Women and young women**
* **Pakean Clans Women and young women**
* **Angalaini Clans Women and young women**
* **Kewai Clans Women and young women**
* **Tuanda Clans Women and young women**
* **Waiwa Clans Women and young women**
* **Peyanda Clans Women and young women**
* **Maipangi Clans Women and young women**
* **Tiaini Clans Women and young women**
* **Timaini Clans Women and young women**
* **Aipiakaini Clans Women and young women**

Women and young women who live in clan communities along the Barrick – PJV mine tailings riverine system, within the Porgera land boundary Zone #2 – Zone #3;

* **Lower – Porgera – Zone #2**
* **Hewa/Paiala – Zone #3**

**3) PORGERA RED WARA (RIVER) WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION**

The primary objectives of PRWWA are to apply knowledge, skills or opportunities within the association members and executive’s capacity to revive the potential in our land-poor and displaced subsistence women population through creation of alternative survival means.

Particularly to start-up simple, easy to manage projects that will earn income for the large LMP population that Barrick-PJV’s Porgera Mine Operation flushed out from subsistence lives since July, 1989. The overall mission of the association is to ensure that standard health, education, nutrition and justice issues of member families are accessible.

The Association also engages in social and culture shocks management that effectively convinces dominant male population here that women can be reliable family bread winners too. In other words, the gender differentiated roles of traditional Porgera had been changed by modern life associated with market economy. The men here are made to realize that women here can also be reliable family finance managers too. This entails that traditional norms of men’s world here is being compromised.

**4) CONCLUSION**

This informative report is intended to update your office of the progresses here and also thank you for the valuable attention you are giving to read through this association matter and the PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037 in the next pages on how its visions and dream will change the lives of women and young women in Porgera within the next 20 years time to a more modernized and improved Porgeran society.

Despite the fact that PRWWA Inc. has grown in popularity and membership (it’s still growing), the process of engaging in income generating small grant projects is still in progress. These delays are more or less intentional because of the growing interest and continual resources pooling by members to form a substantial capital base from which the association can be launched sometime in May, 2017. Then from there on, PRWWA Inc. will be in its infancy stages and we hope to seek your assistance constantly for guidance to maturity.

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Respectfully compiled for your information Sir/madam.

Yours Truly

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**A 20-YEAR “BOTTOM-UP” DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR MOST AFFECTED PORGERA WOMEN AND YOUNG WOMEN IN 13 LMP CLAN COMMUNITIES, AND WOMEN AND YOUNG GIRLS LIVING ALONG THE BARRICK-PJV MINE TAILINGS RIVERINE SYSTEM, WITHIN PORGERA LAND BOUNDARY.**

***“We Can Make One Ipilli (PORGERAN) Women Associations’ Vision become every (PORGERAN) Ipilli Women’s Dream”.***

 **(PRWWA INC. VOICE)**

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***PORGERA RED WARA (RIVER) WOMEN’S* *ASSOCIATION IDEAL 2017 – 2037.***

**PORGERA RED WARA (RIVER) WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION (PRWWA) IDEAL 2017 – 2037**

The most affected women and young women in the 13 Lease for Mining Purposes (LMP) Clan Communities, women and young women living along the Barrick-PJV mine tailings riverine system within Porgera District Land boundary, seek: Social Order, Empowerment of women and young women, equal participation in Social, Economic, and Political Affairs, and a Public Amenities Maintenance based award system.

The Porgera Red Wara (River) Women’s Association (PRWWA) Ideal 2017 – 2037 is a specifically-tailored 20-year “bottom up” development plan for the 13 LMP clans women and young women, and women/young women living along the mine tailings riverine system. The concept emphasizes equal participation of women and young women in the most affected areas of the Barrick-PJV mine dumping areas in the realization of:

* **Sustainable development**
* **Dual – Economy**
* **Gender Equity**
* **Prevailing Justice**
* **Education**
* **Health**
* **Socio – Economy**
* **Nutrition**
* **Agriculture**
* **Water, Electricity & Sanitation**
* **Cultural Commodity**
* **Grievances**
* **Public Amenities maintenances based award system.**

The PRWWA Ideal 2017-2037 challenges clan communities to maintain peace and harmony to be worthy of receiving grants payments/project funding from the government, Company (Barrick – PJV) and other donor funding agencies.

The principal goal of the PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037 can be translated as “Engaging Women and Young women in the most affected areas of the 13 LMP Clan Communities and Women/Young women in the Clan Communities along the mine tailings riverine system, in sustaining development and regenerating income after the Porgera Gold Mine closure.” Moreover, the concept is the development initiative that imprints a “minds picture” in the simple women and young women here to visualize where the mine impacts in the most affected areas in the LMP clan communities and clan communities along the mine tailings riverine system is now in terms of development and it propels them to advance at their own pace towards how they must be living their lives by 2037.

**The PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037**, therefore, “Creates alternative niches for rural most affected, Porgera Women population flushed out of their ancient subsistence survival niches, compatibly mixing multi-cultural components towards producing an outcome that enhances a conducive atmosphere for maximizing economic growth.”

**The PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037** envisions a centralized establishment comprised of National and International NGO organization personnel that must possess extreme traits of steady commitment, dependability and trust that are Godly qualities.

 We hope to form a team that must instill and set into motion the “spirit of maximizing output with less input.” Production culture that can be likened to local Porgera home brew addicts popular chant **“Liklik moni, bikpela spak”** **(Little money, getting dead drunk).**

This development strategy, the Porgera Red Wara (River) Women’s Association (PRWWA) Ideal 2017 – 2037 envisages is merely creating a dual survival means for women and young women in the most affected areas in the Porgera mine and along the riverine system, so they have 50% of their lives engaged in market economy powered life while the other half unconsciously remains in contact with ancient subsistence livelihood.

Thereby, the current women and young women population from the 13 LMP clan communities and women and young women living along the mine tailings riverine system, who often feeli hopeless, inadequate and valueless, may face their futures with confidence of seeing a brighter tomorrow.

**The PRWWA**, like others of AKALI TAENG ASSOCIATION (ATA), Porgera Land Owner Association (PLOA), PORGERA WOMEN IN BUSINESS (PWIB), PORGERA DISTRICT WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION (PDWA) and other women’s groups in Porgera, has different objectives and strategies yet are working towards achieving the same goal for the improvement of the lives of people in Porgera, Enga of PNG.

Through partnership with the US Embassy in Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby and the Human Rights International the PRWWA had come up with the PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037 after advocating Human Rights issues and gender equity in empowering women and young women in Porgera to take equal participation in social, economic and political affairs to encourage women and young women in Porgera to expect quality services.

**PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037** is tasked with these co-ordination roles that certainly will see Porgera women and young women advance in equal pace with the other Pacific women in the coming decades.

There is a need for broader scopes in all activities of Porgera women advancement. The entire operation does not need to be centered on rape, sexual abuse/assault or domestic violence. It must extend to;

* **Good Leadership**
* **Creating Justice**
* **Education**
* **Gender Equity**
* **Health**
* **Nutrition**
* **Socio – Economy**
* **Maximize Economic growth in ALUVIAL MINING**
* **AGRICULTURE**
* **WATER, ELECTRICITY & SANITATION**
* **CULTURAL COMMODITY**
* **Grievances**
* **Trust and Custodian Institutions**

These will be extended to Paiala/Hewa and Mt. Kare areas of Porgera District. Due to entrepreneurial skills resource handicap the activities focus only on Porgera mine impact.

**PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037** is enabled through International Human Rights, UN Human Rights, and US Embassy involvement now for broader and long term vision of empowering Porgera women and young women during the contemporary era, in line with goals of the US Ambassador to PNG, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

Mr. Walter North discussed the “Pacific Century” during his visit to Porgera to confirm a mission statement compiled and presented by Porgera Red Wara (River) Women’s Association (PRWWA Inc.) on the 30th November, 2015. The PRWWA IDEAL 2017 – 2037 is looking forward to help realize this vision. This requires:

**A) GOOD LEADERSHIP**

The first step towards women and young girls here becoming reliable leaders is to stand out amongst the others at village levels. The outstanding ones at the village setting progress to Regional, Provincial and National recognition. This should be the process, we the most affected Porgeran women and young women, Engans and Papua New Guinea women and young girls envisage for our future.

**B) CREATING JUSTICE**

Work along with women and young women in doing awareness campaign on physical and sexual assault. Report issues direct to the police and train women and young women on how to help others who are assaulted, both physically and sexually to report to the police to attend counseling at the family sexual violence office (FSVO). If the police or the court tries to ignore the matter referred to their office, they should be referred to the Police Commissioner and the Justice Department.

**C) EDUCATION**

Encouraging enrollment and continued schooling for the entire “Basic Education Years” (BEY). The women and young women processing BEY certificate shall be the mothers of the next two (2) decades to year 2037. That shall be the time when we look back and laugh about 100% of Porgeran women and young women today being illiterate.

**D) GENDER EQUITY**

Women and young women of Porgera taking lead to equal participation in Social, Economic and Political Affairs in various district population packets; including Paiala/Hewa local level government areas.

**E) HEALTH**

A home based health service (HBHS) will condition Porgera women and young women to be prevention conscious in Health/Hygiene matters. This will cover cleanliness, safety, first Aid, etc. Complicated health issues require doctors. Improved health will begin at the household unit in year 2037, with women and young women as the leaders here.

**F) NUTRITION**

This area is what women and young women in Porgera are now extremely concerned with. Traditionally Porgera women and young girls have been subsistence agriculturist and livestock herders. In every house there have been pigs, dogs, birds or pets. After disruption by mining and development activities all gender roles changed to the means of the single note of “Making Money,” the ever convertible wealth.

This area looks at the psychological needs that range from food, shelter, clothing, air, water etc…, and to higher needs of self-esteem. With education, Porgeran women and young women can become household heads.

**G) SOCIO-ECONOMY**

Participation in sports, religion or employment in various industrial sectors will bring out inner qualities of women and young women. Some will be so incredibly awesome that men and women will acknowledge such qualities. This is when women and young women will take the lead through being better and useful standard settlers.

In traditional Porgera life, anyone who could exert brute force to impose his dominance over others was regarded as a superior warrior. The women and young women were “crumb consumers,” accepting the ancient well for adequate “Crumbs” to fall out for women and young women of the community to enjoy. For example, during pig killing feast, the women ate the guts, while men ate most of the good meat. However, this is different in the contemporary Porgera women and young women envisage.

**H) ALLUVIAL MINING AND SMALL SCALE MINING – REMINING THE PORGERA MINE DUMPS.**

Before Porgera mine’s construction, there was alluvial gold mining along Porgera River from Mt. Warowoti to Kaiya/Pongema rivers junction all the way down towards Paiala and Hewa riverine system. Mining operations took up most subsistence life supporting land and chemical discharges outlet through the Porgera riverine system had contaminated the riverine habitat and the environment. The PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037 would be working closely with the National government mine department and the company (Barrick-PJV) to create an establishment of Development for Porgera Women in Mining to encourage alluvial mining along the riverine system and encourage small scale mining to remine the Porgera mine dumps according to each clan community’s land hectares. The National government and the company (Barrick-PJV) should assist in providing geologists and create a Department/Section to provide equipment for alluvial and small scale mining to remine the Porgera mine dumping sites.

**I) AGRICULTURE**

Apart from the essential need of oxygen in life, the next most important basic need is water and food. Food production in Porgera is embraced by the agricultural functions in Porgera. With not enough land, the women and young girls in the 13 LMP clans communities and women/young women living along the Porgera riverine tailings cannot produce sufficient food/farming. The PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037 will work towards finding land outside of Porgera with the help of the company (Barrick-PJV) with aims to ensure high yield food production and to be self-reliant, with collective clan community farming;

* Local market crops production;
* Livestock husbandry;
* Fisheries – Trout farming;
* Poultry Projects;
* Hatchery Projects;
* Cash crop production;

**J) WATER, ELECTRICITY & SANITATION**

After 27 years of mining in Porgera the mindset of Porgera women and young women has been changed to create a more modernized home but have found difficulties in adapting to the system of training and practicing. The Porgera Red Wara (River) Women’s Association (PRWWA) Ideal 2017 – 2037 would be working closely on the household level and engaging in home improvement by providing a modernized training in Laundry, House/Home beautification with stitching latrine covers, window curtains, beddings cover, cushion covers and most of all to create better home in planting flower gardening.

Water and Electricity should be the most prioritized sources in a household to have a more modernized home. Every woman and young woman in Porgera should have electricity to pump water from the tank flowing through the household for Latrine use, Laundry, Cooking, Washing and electricity for many other uses in the household even after the mine closes.

**The PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037** would also be seeking assistance from the company (Barrick-PJV) to create a contact on a soul-source to PRWWA Inc., to build a hydro-power source for Porgera District.

**K) CULTURAL COMMODITY**

Cultural commodity is a multi-million Kina project that alone could change Porgera. When this tourism money begins flooding into Porgera, Enga of Papua New Guinea, it will be a power house economic project that is bound to transform Porgera in a manner never before anticipated.

**The PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037** would be gathering women and young women from various clan communities to take part in cultural shows Locally, Provincially, Nationally and Internationally as well as incoming tourism. Traditional culture is a power house economic project which the country (PNG) obviously has, and will lead to economic development. When the Ipilli traditional culture is performed Locally, Nationally and Internationally, it will generate income for Porgera women and young women to achieve their goals and to advance in life.

**L) MATTERS RELATING TO GRIEVANCES .**

When Barrick Niugini Ltd (BNL) initiated the Porgera Remediation Framework- Association (PRFA) program, contracted for 3 years in 2012, it opened the minds of the female victims who were physically and sexually assaulted by Operation Police hired by PJV-Barrick and the mine securities.

Most women who claimed the compensation (Remedy) were chemically affected, women who lost their land for the mine dumping, who forage the dump sites to find rocks containing precious mineral gold.

**PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037** will consistently work as an intermediary between the indigenous people of Porgera and the company to create a common understanding between them.

**PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037** will work closely with the local police of the Family Sexual Violence Unit (FSVU) and Porgera Medical Center in providing a report for female victims and will be sent to the mine grievance office. The nature of the female victims damage/harm done to their lives and their grievances would be observed in seven categories;

* **The 119 former PRFA claimants;**
* **Women & young women who were missed out on PRFA program;**
* **Women and young women who were assaulted both physically and sexually in 1994 – 2012;**
* **Women and young women assaulted in 2012 – 2015;**
* **Women and young women who were physically/sexually assaulted and traumatized when Operation Police and Mine Securities burnt houses during 2009 and 2013 Wingima raid.**
* **Women and young women who were involved in accident during the dyno-West Farmers explosion in 1994.**
* **Chemical affected women, young women and children.**

**M) TRUST AND CUSTODIAN INSTITUTIONS**

The PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037 shall have (5) trust institutions.

* **An institution to cater for the future of the young women and children for school fee sponsorship/scholarship and special trainings.**
* **A trust institution to deal with varying demographic sectors such as the needs of orphanages, needs of disabled women and young women, and other culturally complex and diverse issues the present populations of the affected clan communities confront.**
* **A trust institution to cater the agricultural projects in the most affected areas for women and young women.**
* **An institution to cater for special cases and grievances funds and investments for victims of women and young women who were physically and sexually assaulted.**
* **A trust institution for charity funds.**
* **All funds shall be kept separately and shall be used separately as tied to special functions.**
* **The PRWWA Ideal 2017 – 2037 shall establish trustee boards.**
* **The trustee boards shall be appointed by the Association executives via executive meeting resolutions.**

The preceding information is the dream/vision of Porgera Red Wara (River) Women’s Association (PRWWA). We can make that vision be every Porgeran women and young girls dream to create a better tomorrow.

I believe your respectful office will assist in creating this visions and dreams of an infant women’s association through partnership.

Yours faithfully,

**PORGERA RED WARA (RIVER) WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION**.

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