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Dear Mr. Yapari,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter containing allegations of police misconduct arising from the police operation in Wangima that took place on the morning of March 25th 2017. Both Barrick and Barrick Niugini Limited (BNL) take these allegations seriously. Immediately upon learning of these allegations, we launched a formal inquiry to better understand the situation and have also urged senior police to investigate any complaints.

We are advised that mine management have requested further information from the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary regarding the operation and the resulting allegations. As you are aware, Mr. Ila Geno, the Independent Observer of the Porgera Police Operations, has also begun investigating the reports.

While it is still early in the process, our preliminary inquiries suggest key facts that are not consistent with allegations made in your letter. For instance, aerial observations of the area undertaken on March 26th, and subsequently confirmed by Mr. Geno on March 27th, show that approximately 18 make-shift structures in the operation area were removed, not 150 structures as indicated in your letter.

In addition, and contrary to your letter, we can confirm that site personnel at the mine were not aware of the intended police action until after it had taken place, and neither encouraged the action nor participated in its planning or implementation.

We are advised that the police operation was conducted under warrants issued by the Porgera District Court, and police searches had identified drugs and other evidence of criminal activity in the make-shift structures. The police advise they had provided notice to the individuals associated with these temporary structures that they would be removed well in advance of the operation.

Your allegation of physical abuses is quite serious. To facilitate a proper investigation and provide medical care to those who may be affected, we believe it is important that you provide mine management and/or Mr. Geno with the following information:

- The names of any individuals who may have been assaulted or victimized by the police, or those who may know such victims
- The name of the police officer who was interviewed
- Any supporting evidence you have that there were 150 structures removed

In terms of your requests, we have already begun an investigation and encourage the police to do the same. The Porgera Joint Venture will also consider any requests for humanitarian assistance that may arise from the police operation. We encourage any individual who believes they were treated improperly to relay their experience to Mr. Geno. Once the investigation progresses, the PJV can revisit the other requests.

In closing, I reiterate my request that you please provide mine management and/or Mr. Geno with any material information so that a proper and thorough investigation can be conducted. You can contact Ila Geno on 76868222 and 72088859.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Sinclair', written in a cursive style.

Peter Sinclair
Chief Sustainability Officer