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Home-grown resource industry graduates recognised by Chamber

The PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum has acknowledged the thousands of new graduates who undertake training programs with mining and petroleum companies in Papua New Guinea each year.

With a commitment to growth and future prosperity of PNG, the resource industry provides significant investment each year to train employees, graduates and apprentices across a wide range of disciplines.

Dr Albert Mellam, Executive Director of the PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum, wishes to congratulate Underground (UG) Senior Mine Engineer, Adrian Gereg of Porgera Joint Venture (PJV) on his recent appointment in Mongolia.

Mr Gereg joined PJV in November 2008 as a Graduate Mine Engineer, which in 2015 saw him become the company's first graduate of their Compass Development Program.

This month he accepted a role as a Development Coordinator at the Oyu Tolgoi Copper and Gold Mine. The mine is Mongolia's highest profile asset and is located in the Gobi Desert, bordering China and Russia.

"Being the first graduate of the PJV Compass Development Program in Porgera has greatly helped in the progression of my career to becoming a Senior Mine Engineer and securing my new role in Mongolia," Mr Gereg said.

The Compass Development Program offered by PJV is a combination of practical learning, application, mentoring and technology-based instruction that acts as a compass to help employees navigate their professional development, networking and career progression in technical and leadership roles in various modules of respective disciplines within the company.

"The amount of knowledge that Porgera Gold Mine can give to a mining engineer or any other profession is one of the main things I have liked about working for PJV. Almost every day you learn and or find out something new," said Mr Gereg.

PJV Mining Manager Mr Dale Burgess commended Mr Gereg for his outstanding work performance during his time with the company as he wished him well for his new role in Mongolia.

"I've worked with Adrian very closely as the Underground Manager and what struck me was the consistent quality in what he delivered. There's no doubt he'll do well," said Mr Burgess.

The Chamber also recognised participants in Newcrest Lihir's Graduate Development Program (GDP) for their commitment to community development in PNG.

Earlier this year, the group of graduates had their first induction to the Trupla Man Trupla Meri (TMTM) anti-violence and behaviour change program. TMTM creates an opportunity for graduates to gain confidence in public speaking and sharpen other skills essential for taking leadership roles in the workplace.

“By delivering this ongoing training, the resource industry is providing Papua New Guineans with world-class skills that will ensure they can lead and shape the industry well into the future,” said Dr Mellam.

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Mr Gereg (third from left) with PJV’s Mine Management team, including Mr Burgess (first from left) and Adrian’s partner, Norma Siki (second from right) who is a project geologist



Adrian Gereg was Porgera Joint Venture’s first graduate of their Compass Development Program in 2015



Newcrest graduates looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. Front from left; Larisha Mirino, Karen Francis, Lynjoy Lynch, Doris Kei, Joanne Wilhelm, Benjamin Kaul & Judith Maith. Back from left; Natasha Glipu, Henrick Mano, Mathew Montai, Inali Kurumbi, Fidelma Molom, John Ure & Antonio Gimbol.



The graduates busy in group discussions learning more about Trupla Man Trupla Meri.

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