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Mark Fisher
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Dear Mr. Fisher,

RE: CALL FOR INVESTIGATION ON THREE LOCAL GIRLS BEING CALLED INTO PJV CAMP TO HAVE SEX WITH THE MEMBERS OF PJV ENGAGED POLICE MOBILE SQUADS.

It has been brought our (Porgera Landowners Association) attention that three local teenager girls of age around 14 years have been manipulated and called into your camp at Yoko. 2 and conducted sexual activities with your (PJV) engaged police mobile squads.

It has been reported with the aid of their parents that the girls were picked up by hired police van – a green Toyota Land Cruiser, numbered as 1501. Its plate No. is HAK 132. The girls were called in on the night of Friday the 18th of June 2010 and detained for one full day and released on Saturday the following day.

Apparently the victims and their parents have reported the matter to the local police station and being recorded on Occurrence Book (OB) as record # 6288/10. However, the local police have not conducted any investigation yet.

Thus, we bring it to your attention to conduct full investigation into matter as an urgent, because we understand that PJV is now inducing underage local girls and secretly allowing them into the camps and perform sex with the police and security personals as a bribery for them to execute PJV's favors. Such practices are also been brought into the valley to promote prostitution and corruption on underage school girls.

We at the Association condemn the actions and behaviors PJV/Barrick Gold is enthusiastic at disrespecting the ethics of Porgera and encouraging rapes and sexual activities with local women in the mine sites. Though PJV/Barrick is fully aware that such practices are unlawful in this country (PNG), the histories confirm that PJV/Barrick has bypass the constitutional laws and illegally stir up local girls to perform sexual favors.

In other rape allegations we made against your security personals since the mining began, your management was accustomed to neglect and deny the incidents. I now with the strongest possible term

urge your Internal Investigation Units to investigate and document these cases and urge that you apply acts according to Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights by assuring that these cases are investigated by the police and respectively determine compensations according to the nature of the damages being done to the individuals.

Yours Sincerely,

Porgera Landowners Association

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Tony Ekepa', is written over a horizontal dotted line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mark Tony Ekepa
Chairman

Cc: The Police Commissioner of Papua New Guinea

Cc: Provincial Police Commander – Enga Province