



MEDIA RELEASE

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Phu Bia Mining’s commitment to fight COVID-19

Phu Bia Mining (PBM) advises that two employees from its Phu Kham Copper-Gold Operation have tested positive for COVID-19.

Both employees are being treated and cared for in a hospital in Vientiane. The Company is monitoring their condition and is in regular communication with their families.

The Company responded swiftly with measures to protect its workforce. This included the immediate cessation of operations at its two mine sites and logistics hubs. This is consistent with the Government of Laos’ notice for all mines in Laos to temporarily cease operations until 19 April 2020 to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Anchored in its Zero Harm philosophy, the Company has put in place measures to protect its workforce, their loved ones, and the local and broader Lao community. This has included implementing social distancing protocols at its worksites, communicating with its workforce around the importance of maintaining good personal hygiene and the provision of face masks and hand sanitisers. Temperature testing of all site personnel and self-isolation measures are also in place.

The Company is also working with the Government of Laos to ensure its complying with all COVID-19 guidelines, including regular reporting and sharing of data for contact tracing. The Company is also working closely with the team from the Lao National Centre for Laboratory and Epidemiology, a representative from World Health Organization and Provincial health department personnel who are at the Phu Kham Operation.

PBM Chairman, Mr Chanpheng Bounnaphol spoke of the Company’s long-standing history in supporting the Government and people of Laos and is committed to help fight the COVID-19 outbreak.

“At PBM, respect for the Government and people of Laos is matched only by our resolve to work with them to navigate through this unprecedented period. An essential element of this commitment is our determination to increase access to quality healthcare for those in need.

“PBM is working with the Lao National Taskforce Committee for COVID-19 Prevention and Control to address essential medical equipment and supplies for COVID-19 screening and treatment facilities.

“The Company stands ready and poised to further assist the Government and people of Laos and will continue to provide ongoing support,” Mr Bounnaphol said.

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