



Simberi production interrupted due to illegal industrial action

St Barbara Limited (ASX:SBM) advises that its Simberi Operations in PNG have been impacted by an illegal work stoppage initiated by a contingent of the workforce.

For safety reasons, production was halted on Wednesday 7 March 2018, while site management attempted to understand and resolve the stoppage. Approximately 40% of the workforce remained at work during the stoppage.

Site management has engaged with workers and community leaders. Despite discussions with representatives seeking to address the stoppage, there had been no progress towards a resolution by yesterday. To breach the impasse, yesterday site management informed the workforce that as the work stoppage was not in accordance with PNG law, any employees who did not present for work this morning could have their employment terminated.

Since then, some progress has been made in negotiations. The possible termination of employees who did not present for work this morning has been deferred, pending the anticipated arrival tomorrow of representatives from the PNG Department of Labour and Industrial Relations. It has been agreed for a mediation to be led by the Department seeking to address the remaining concerns behind the stoppage. It is anticipated that the mediation will occur this week.

This morning the National workforce presented for work but a majority of the local island contingent of the workforce did not come to work. Process plant operations will restart tomorrow, Tuesday 13 March 2018, on a day-shift only roster and limited mining operations will resume with the National workforce, some local islanders and existing local contractors.

Until suspension of operations on Wednesday 7 March 2018, the mine had produced 93,000 ounces of gold this financial year, and it is expected that the mine will achieve full year production guidance of between 115,000 and 125,000 ounces of gold.

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