

St Barbara to donate US\$100,000 to Papua New Guinea Earthquake Appeal

St Barbara Limited (ASX: SBM) will donate US\$100,000 (~Kina 320,000, ~A\$130,000) to support Papua New Guinea Highlands communities impacted by the devastating 7.5 magnitude earthquake in February this year. The donation will be made through the [Care Australia PNG Earthquake Appeal](http://www.care.org.au) (visit www.care.org.au).

The earthquake was one of PNG's most severe in recent years, resulting in scores of fatalities, the destruction of numerous villages and serious damage to food gardens, the vital Highlands highway and other infrastructure. Serious aftershocks have impacted clean up and recovery attempts.

Although the Company's Simberi mine is located about 1,000 km from the earthquake and was not impacted by the event, a significant number of the predominantly national workforce are from the Highlands, where their immediate and extended families reside.

St Barbara MD & CEO, Bob Vassie said, "We have a number of employees from the Highlands and they are deeply concerned about the devastating impact of the earthquake on their families and home communities. We are committed to our PNG operations and this is a way to help support our employees and the country."

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