

Mt. Kare Landowner's Association

Media Statement

We, the undersigned Mt Kare landowner leaders want to know why MRA is not supporting Summit Development Limited (Summit)'s application for a renewal of EL 1093 and/or Summit's application for a new EL over the same area.

The Mt Kare people have waited for more than 32 years for the project to be developed and we want the MRA and the Department of Mines led by the Minister to tell us what the future of the mine is.

Summit has established a very good relationship with the landowners and it has also spent millions of Kina already on preparation for the development of the mine.

We want Summit as the developer for the project and we do not want to wait another 10-15 years again for a new company to do exploration and another clan vetting and social mapping exercise to take place.

The landowners who have been identified and declared at the Mt Kare land court mediation process support Summit to be the developer. As recognized landowners we also support the proposed appeal of the National court's recent decision upholding the Minister's refusal to renew EL 1093.

We are pleased that Summit has completed at its own expense the Land Investigation Study (LIS), Land Investigation Report (LIR), Clan Vetting, Social Study and other studies which were supposed to be funded by the National Government through the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA), the Mining Department and Enga Provincial Government.

Given the completion of these important requirements and processes, we believe that Summit is in the best position to complete the last part of its Feasibility Study and is ready to apply for a Special Mining Lease



to develop Mt Kare.

Even though Summit has spent hundreds of millions of Kina in developing the Mt Kare project, the Minister has failed to renew EL 1093 when other exploration companies have tried and failed to develop Mt Kare over the last 32 years.

Given the progress made so far, Summit has proven to us that it is capable of developing Mt Kare and accordingly Summit has the overwhelming support of the impacted landowners.

Unlike other mining area landowners in PNG, we have waited and suffered for the last 32 years without reaping any fruitful benefits from our land. Many of our leaders have passed away whilst waiting for the Mt Kare project to be developed and we now appeal to the national government and Prime Minister Mr Peter O'Neill, the Mining Minister Mr Johnson Tuke, Member for Lagaip-Porgera Mr Tomait Kapili and Enga governor Grand Chief Sir Peter Ipatas to allow Summit to develop the project and issue a Special Mining Lease to Summit.

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