

Media Update

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**PT Freeport Indonesia COVID-19 Update:
Increased Testing, Medical Staff, Facilities and Protective Equipment Support COVID-19 Fight**

TIMIKA - In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) continues to strengthen its healthcare system by increasing the number of rapid tests and adding Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing capability and analysis, providing additional medical personnel, and increasing the number of isolation accommodations.

To help keep its over 25,000 employee and contractor workforce safe, PTFI's medical providers are doing extensive testing to identify positive cases early and conducting contact tracing to help contain any spread of the virus. We now have approximately 50,000 rapid and PCR test kits at the jobsite, which allows PTFI to quickly detect and isolate those who have been infected, provide necessary medical treatment and take appropriate mitigation measures.

This increased testing capability is in addition to mitigation efforts implemented weeks ago that includes employee temperature checks, physical distancing requirements, travel restrictions, increased sanitation efforts and the barring of large gatherings.

"The health and safety of our employees is PTFI's top priority. We are working tirelessly with International SOS, and in close coordination with the government, to provide the best medical care we can in line with international COVID-19 mitigation procedures. We are pleased to see positive cases responding well to treatment, with many on the road to full recovery," said **PTFI President Director, Tony Wenas**.

PTFI also has increased the capacity for COVID-19 care at the jobsite by adding more treatment and isolation rooms at Tembagapura Hospital, as well as ventilators for those who require them. In addition, the Kuala Kencana Clinic is converting to an inpatient facility, and it soon will be certified as a RT-PCR testing laboratory that can confirm a COVID-19 diagnosis.

"We will work closely with the Government of Mimika so that tests can be analysed at the laboratory at the Kuala Kencana Clinic laboratory, rather than Jayapura Regional Health Laboratory. This will help us respond to new COVID-19 cases faster, provide greater testing capacity for our wider community to keep them safe, and reduce the burden on our public health systems," **Wenas** said.

For Patients Under Treatment and People Without Symptoms who need to be isolated, PTFI has expanded its dedicated isolation facilities to accommodate over 750 people in Tembagapura and 150 people in the Lowlands (Mile 38). This includes additional dormitories at the PTFI Mimika Sport Complex, which the Mimika public health authority has converted into additional isolation accommodation for the duration of the pandemic for the Timika community. With these measures, PTFI hopes it can help relieve pressure on the Regional General Hospital to concentrate more on patients who need dedicated medical care.

Dr. Darma Irawan, Chief Medical Officer International SOS said, "The existing health facilities and number of medical personnel in Tembagapura and Kuala Kencana are sufficient to handle anticipated scenarios. However, in an abundance of caution, we have and will continue to increase the number of medical personnel, as well as additional supporting health facilities."

The company also is supporting the local community by supplying food to indigenous communities, transporting PPE cargo to Papua and funding other efforts through community groups. To date, these prevention and mitigation measures amount to more than Rp 17 billion.

"Our focus remains the health and safety of our employees, along with their families and the wider community. In response to the evolving situation, our teams are constantly re-evaluating and implementing additional measures to keep them safe and help mitigate the spread of COVID-19," said **Wenas**.

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