

# **NEWS RELEASE**

# Greenstone's Way of Strengthening Indigenous Peoples' Welfare Through Sustainable Initiatives

Empowering Indigenous Communities with Long-Term Livelihood, Education, and Environmental Stewardship



Greenstone's Community Relations Office Supervisor for IEC, Larry Franz Goña, happily poses with two women from the Mamanwa tribe. This local Indigenous tribal group lives near the Siana Gold Project Site.

**Tubod, Surigao del Norte** / **February 2025**—Greenstone Resources Corporation (GRC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TVIRD and operator of the Siana Gold Project, has long been dedicated to fostering strong, mutually beneficial relationships with the Indigenous Peoples (IP) community. As a responsible mining company, Greenstone ensures that its operations positively

contribute to the development and well-being of its host and neighboring communities, particularly

the Indigenous cultural groups that have long inhabited the lands surrounding its project site.

**Sustainable Livelihood Programs** 

Greenstone actively supports the economic empowerment of Indigenous Peoples through various

livelihood programs. The company has initiated sustainable agriculture and handicraft-making

projects that provide alternative income sources for the IP community. Greenstone helps

strengthen self-sufficiency while preserving cultural heritage by equipping them with skills and

resources.

Kahlil Pope Tabernero, Greenstone's Community Relations Office Manager, expressed, "For us

at Greenstone, mining is not just about extracting resources—it is about building relationships

and uplifting communities. Seeing Indigenous families thrive through our livelihood programs, like

the Mabakas Techno Demo Farm, reminds us why we do what we do. It is about creating lasting

opportunities that honor their traditions while helping them secure a better future."

One key initiative within this program is the Mabakas Techno Demo Farm, which serves as a

training ground for Indigenous farmers. The farm promotes sustainable agricultural practices,

ensuring the IP community can access modern techniques while maintaining traditional farming

knowledge.

**Education and Capacity Building** 

Recognizing the importance of education in empowering Indigenous youth, Greenstone

continuously provides scholarship grants and educational assistance to IP students. The

company collaborates with local schools to enhance educational facilities, supply learning

materials, and conduct training programs tailored to the needs of Indigenous learners. These

efforts aim to bridge academic gaps and create more opportunities for the younger generation

within the IP community.

"Education has the power to change lives. Whenever we see an Indigenous student graduate

through our scholarship program, we are reminded that our responsibility goes beyond

business—giving young minds a chance to dream bigger, reach higher, and create their path

forward," Tabernero stated.

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**Infrastructure and Community Development** 

Greenstone's commitment to Indigenous welfare extends to infrastructure development that

benefits their communities. Through its Community Royalty Development Program, aligned with

the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the company has improved the quality of life

for the Indigenous population by providing better access to clean water, transportation, and

communal spaces for social and cultural activities.

**Health and Well-being Initiatives** 

Healthcare is another primary focus of Greenstone's community development efforts. The

company regularly conducts medical missions, vaccination drives, and nutrition programs to

ensure the well-being of Indigenous families. Collaborating with local health agencies and

professionals allows Greenstone to provide free medical consultations, distribute essential

medicines, and educate the IP community on preventive healthcare practices.

**Preserving Indigenous Culture and Heritage** 

Greenstone deeply respects Indigenous Peoples' customs and traditions. The company actively

participates in and supports cultural celebrations, rituals, and heritage conservation efforts. By

fostering cultural preservation programs, Greenstone helps maintain the rich traditions and

identities of the IP community while promoting inclusivity and awareness within its operational

areas.

A Commitment to Inclusive and Responsible Mining

Greenstone's engagement with Indigenous Peoples is anchored in respect, transparency, and

collaboration. By working closely with IP leaders and organizations, the company ensures that its

programs meet the genuine needs of the community. Through inclusive development strategies,

Greenstone remains steadfast in its mission to uphold Indigenous rights while promoting

sustainable progress for all stakeholders involved.

"When we work hand in hand with the Indigenous community, we're not just partners—we become

family. Their stories, struggles, and aspirations drive us to do more. At Greenstone, we support

their development; we stand with them, ensuring that growth and progress leave no one behind,"

Tabernero added.

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As Greenstone continues its responsible mining operations, it remains committed to being a growth partner and a catalyst for positive change within the Indigenous communities it serves. Through these dedicated efforts, the company reinforces its role as an organization that prioritizes people, sustainability, and the responsible use of natural resources.

### **Press Photos**



**1** Greenstone's IEC team conducted an educational campaign on basic hygiene for young IP members before conducting a feeding program activity.



**2** Hard hats off, Farmer's hat on—as the IP members learn the modern farming techniques provided by Greenstone through its Mabakas Techno Demo Farm.



**3** During his visit in August 2023, the Canadian Ambassador, together with Greenstone's top management, warmly recognized a family of IP members.

## About TVI in the Philippines

TVI Resource Development Philippines Inc. ("TVIRD") is owned in part by TVI Pacific Inc. (TSX: TVI), a publicly-listed Canadian mining company focused on the exploration, development, and production of precious and base metals from district-scale, large-system, high-margin projects located in the Philippines. Concurrent ownership of ventures is shared with partner company Prime Resource Holdings Inc.

The Agata Nickel Laterite Mine is the third successful mining project that TVIRD brought on stream in a period of 10 years, while its Balabag Gold-Silver Mine further cements its position as a steady producer of precious metals in the country. With the commercial operations of its Siana Gold Mine, the company remains committed to exploration and mining practices that promote transparency, responsible stewardship of the environment, and the inalienable rights to life, dignity and sustainable development of its host communities.

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