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Freeport Indonesia Signs Collaboration Agreement with Basarnas Timika and Presents Assistance of 800 Life Vests

(Timika) PT Freeport Indonesia (PTFI) has signed a Collaboration Agreement with the National SAR Agency (Basarnas) in Timika for incident and emergency response in or outside the PTFI area in accordance with the agreed terms and conditions. This event took place at Hotel Rimba Papua in Mimika Regency on Tuesday (23/8/2022).

Signing of PTFI's Collaborative Agreement with Basarnas Timika was performed by PTFI Vice President for Occupational Safety and Health Eman Widijanto together with Head of Basarnas Timika, George Mercy Randang, and witnessed by Mimika Vice Regent Johannes Rettob, S,Sos,.MM, Central BASARNAS Deputy for Operational Preparedness, Rear Admiral Eko Suyatno Ribut, and PTFI Director & EVP for Sustainable Development, Claus Wamafma.

"The purpose of this collaborative agreement is to have in place a written arrangement between PTFI by way of PTFI Emergency Preparedness and Response (EP & R) Division, and Basarnas Timika to provide mutual assistance across jurisdiction boundaries in responding to incidents or emergencies," PTFI Vice President for Occupational Safety and Health Eman Widijanto said.

Eman further disclosed the agreement reached between PTFI and Basarnas Timika encompasses an Incidents Command System in areas inside and outside PTFI, Preparedness, Communication and Information Management, and Resources Management.

Symbolic Presentation of 800 Life Vests in Assistance

On the same occasion, PTFI conducted a symbolic presentation of assistance in the form of 800 life vests to Basarnas Timika, in support of public safety measures for communities in the Mimika Southern Coast. PTFI Vice President for Occupational Safety and Health Eman Widijanto symbolically presented the life vests assistance to the Head of Basarnas Timika, George Mercy Randang.

"Assistance of life vests from PTFI for Basarnas Mimika indicates favorable synergy between PTFI and Basarnas Timika as a Government Institution representative. Hopefully this will in particular benefit residents of Coastal Mimika engaging in fishing activities or traveling using water transportation," Eman Widijanto said.

PTFI voiced the hope that the assistance of life vests will cut down fatalities related to water transportation in Mimika's coastal areas. "This assistance is by way of the company's concern for community activities in Mimika's coastal areas, and in support of Basarnas Timika efforts to improve services and to campaign for safety to residents," Eman continued.

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Basarnas Timika expressed appreciation for PTFI's assistance of 800 life vests, which will bolster provision of safety for water transportation users in Mimika Regency. George Mercy Randang said thanks to the 800 life vests, Basarnas Timika will be better assisted in optimizing safety for users of water transportation.

"We will distribute the life vests to villages on the Mimika Eastern Coast and in the vicinity of Ajkwa Estuary, as well as to groups frequently traveling by water. We expect public safety to improve significantly such that water transportation becomes safer and promotes safety, in particular in the coastal areas of Mimika Regency," George ended.

In addition to boosting public safety for Mimika's coastal communities, PTFI has been consistently providing transportation assistance through weekly boat operations traversing the Poumako – Otakwa – Poumako, and Poumako – Fanamo – Poumako routes respectively to serve Mimika's coastal communities. In the area of economic development, PTFI has built Bulk Retail Centers in Manasari and Otakwa aimed at facilitating residents to buy basic necessities without having to travel to Timika city.

PTFI continues to collaborate with primary stakeholders from customary communities and customary organizations, local government agencies, and local non-government organizations such as Mimika Diocese, on various efforts to manage programs benefiting residents in villages around the PTFI area.

Such programs include provision of bus transportation to 5 villages (Nayaro, Koperapoka, Nawaripi, Ayuka and Tipuka); economic development through fishery, farming, and plantation activities; increasing facilities and infrastructure; provision of healthcare services; and education and capacity development for communities through various training needed by the communities (e.g., on preparing salted fish, repairing and building fiber boats, repairing boat engines, sago processing, and so on).

"Provision of the 800 life vests is by way of the company's supporting safety for residents in Mimika coastal areas. PTFI has in place a corporate values system known as SINCERE, which stands for Safety, Integrity, Commitment, Respect, and Excellence," Eman Widijanto ended.