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Phu Bia Mining donates mobile sample collection unit

On 19 October, Phu Bia Mining (PBM) Chairman, Mr Chanpheng Bounnaphol donated Laos’ first mobile medical sample collection unit to the Government of Laos in Vientiane. Worth US\$68,000, the unit was presented to the Minister of Health, Associate Professor, Dr Bounkong Syhavong.

The mobile sample collection unit will be used by the Lao National Center for Laboratory and Epidemiology (NCLE) to collect COVID-19 and other specimens for laboratory testing across the country, particularly from those living in remote Provinces.

Customised and fitted on a four wheel drive, the mobile sample collection unit is ergonomically designed and all systems including laboratory facilities, air conditioning, lights, ozone disinfection, surveillance cameras and a microphone, are centrally controlled. The design also incorporates personal protective equipment that allows medical personnel to collect samples inside the unit through protective sleeves.

Mr Chanpheng Bounnaphol spoke about PBM’s commitment to supporting increased access to healthcare services in country.

“As part of the Company’s broader sustainability commitments, PBM continues to work with the Government of Laos on ways to increase healthcare services for the Government and people of Laos and on ways to safeguard the safety wellbeing of medical personnel providing these services.

“This mobile sample collection unit enables the Lao National Center for Laboratory and Epidemiology to provide medical testing services to those who would not have access to such facilities, particularly those living in the county’s remote Provinces,” Mr Bounnaphol said.



Above: (Front: from left to right) Phu Bia Mining (PBM) Chairman, Mr Chanpheng Bounnaphol, Minister of Health, Assoc. Prof. Dr Bounkong Syhavong and PBM and medical representatives at the handover ceremony of the mobile sample collection unit

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