

## **MEDIA UPDATE**

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# **Ground Failure at West Muck Bay, Grasberg Block Cave Underground Area**

JAKARTA - The remains of mine operator Bobby Hermawan who lost his life because of a rockfall at PT Freeport Indonesia's underground Grasberg Block Cave late Friday, has been flown to Jakarta and will from there be transported to his family in Garut, West Java. Also involved in the incident was a co-worker, a jumbo drill operator who was working near Bobby when the rockfall occurred. However, his co-worker was able to escape and survived from the rockfall.

"Our hearts and prayers are with Bobby's family in this difficult time," said PTFI President Director Rozik B. Soetjipto. "Safety of our workers is a priority at PTFI," he said, adding that PTFI has reported this incident to the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR).

Bobby, 33, is survived by a wife and one child. An employee of PT FI contractor PT Redpath, Bobby has been working at the Papua mine site since 2011.

At 23.30 Indonesia Eastern Time on Friday, he was working at the West Muck Bay area of the underground mine Grasberg Block Cave when a ground failure occurred, resulting in a fall of material consisting of rocks and dirt. A Jumbo Drill vehicle was partially covered by the falling material. The Jumbo Drill operator was able to avoid the falling material but Bobby was trapped by falling debris.

PTFI's Underground Mine Rescue and Emergency Preparedness & Response Joint Group was immediately deployed when the incident happened and worked furiously to clear the debris despite the difficult conditions at the location. However, when they reached him, Bobby had passed away. His body was immediately taken to the Hospital at mile 68 and was transported to the airport in Timika first thing this morning. At 11am it was flown on a chartered plane to Halim Airport in Jakarta where an ambulance was waiting to send his remains to Garut, West Java, where his family lives.

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