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Placer Dome Inc. (PDG) - Exchange Offer

Barrick Gold Corporation (ABX) announced an offer to purchase all Common Shares of Placer Dome, Inc. (PDG). Placer Dome, Inc. Shareholders may elect to exchange each Placer Dome, Inc. Common Share for either, **1) U.S. \$22.50 in cash (Cash Alternative), or, 2) 0.8269 Barrick Gold Corporation (ABX) Common Shares and U.S \$0.05 in cash (Share Alternative).**

The Exchange Offer and withdrawal rights will expire at 12:00 Midnight, Toronto time, on Thursday, January 19, 2006, unless extended.

***The foregoing is an unofficial summary of the terms of the Offer, prepared by the ISE for the convenience of its members. ISE accepts no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the summary. Members should refer to the proxy statement for the authoritative description of the Offer terms and conditions.*

Please refer to OCC Memo # 21314 for more details

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