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*The undersigned affirms that this document  
contains no Social Security Numbers*



## NOTICE OF PREEMPTIVE RIGHT

(South Property)

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

Pursuant to an Option Agreement dated October 16, 2002 between Tom and Volina Connolly, the predecessors in interest to Thomas P. Connolly and Volina L. Connolly as Co-Trustees of The Thomas and Volina Connolly Family Trust dated November 2, 2004 ("**Connolly**"), as optionor, and Placer Dome U.S. Inc., the predecessor in interest to Barrick Gold U.S. Inc., a California corporation ("**Barrick**"), as optionee (the "**Option Agreement**"), Barrick was granted an option (the "**Option**") to purchase the real property described in Exhibit A hereto (the "**Property**"), which Property is located in Eureka County, Nevada. A short form of the Option Agreement was recorded in Eureka County as Document No. 179384 in Book 353 at page 259.

Section 4(b) of the Option Agreement provides for the payment to Connolly of a certain net revenues production royalty (the "**Production Royalty**") on the sale of certain minerals from the Property. Sections 4(a) and 5 of the Option Agreement provide that Barrick shall have an exclusive right of first refusal (the "**Preemptive Right**") to meet any offer that Connolly may make or receive to sell all or any part of the Production Royalty, which Preemptive Right shall last for a period of 15 years from and after the date on which the Option was exercised. The Preemptive Right is subject to certain exceptions for transfers of the Production Royalty made by Connolly for bona fide estate planning purposes. The Option Agreement also provides, in Sections 4(a) and 5, that if the Option is exercised then the deed to Barrick will include notice of Barrick's Preemptive Right in and to the Production Royalty.

The Option was duly exercised by Barrick on October 2, 2007. However, contrary to the terms of the Option Agreement, the deed to Barrick, dated December 11, 2007, which is recorded in Eureka County as Document No. 211323 in Book 467 at page 234, did not contain the intended language providing notice of Barrick's Preemptive Right in and to the Production Royalty. Therefore, Barrick is providing this notice of its Preemptive Right in and to the Production Royalty.



Exhibit A

Property

The surface estate within the following fee lands located in Eureka County, Nevada:

T26N, R48E, MDM

Section 13: Lot 4, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

T26N, R49E, MDM

Section 18: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4

Section 19: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4

Section 30: Lot 1, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Lot 6

