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Sir,

To follow-up on Barrick Gold shareholders' proposition regarding Pascua-Lama and the Company commitment to produce a report by October, I have asked a number of institutional investors as to what kind of information would be helpful to understand how the project aligned with international standards and industry's best practices regarding the right to water, the precautionary principle as well as stakeholders information and consultation. You will find below a summary of comments I have gathered, sorted by issues.

General comments

In a nutshell, the report expected should summarize in English the national and international regulatory framework applicable to the project, Barrick Gold's compliance system and the technical data specific to the issues described in the Detailed comments section below. It would also help if it was reviewed by an independent body and/or endorsed by Barrick Gold's Board of Directors.

TXU¹ and American Electric Power² were mentioned as examples of reporting to shareholders on environmental issues.

Detailed comments

More specifically, shareholders I consulted suggest that the following items be described in the report.

¹ http://www.txucorp.com/responsibility/environment/reports/Env_Study100104.pdf

² <http://www.aep.com/environmental/reports/shareholderreport/>

1. Introduction

- A follow-up notice of the proposal and Barrick Gold's commitment.
- Barrick Gold's vision of sustainable development.
- Barrick Gold's position regarding international standards and law.
- Barrick Gold's vision of principles underlying the three standards referred to by shareholders and a short description of the report's structure.

2. Overview of Pascua-Lama

- An illustrative map of the catchment basin "hosting" the project with an identification of the main glaciers, zones of permafrost, water sources and water tables as well as the municipalities, farming areas, indigenous settlements and protected areas on both sides of the frontier.
- Location of the project itself in the catchment basin with an illustration of the cyanide heap leach mining process, locating, at scale and final size, the pit, waste rock and tailings deposits as well as the embankment works with their security and drainage control devices.

These illustrations would greatly help to understand the project's scope as well as more technical information that would follow.

- Approval and legal challenges. Another point of interest for the overview of Pascua-Lama would be the timeline of the project with a description of the regulatory approval process and complaints, if any. As of May 2006, it was reported that a ruling by the General Board of Waters invalidated the legality of the accord signed by the Board of Oversight of the Río Huasco and its Tributaries. An update on those legal challenges will be greatly appreciated as well as an update on the Argentinean approval process.

3. Right to water

Because water is a vital and non substitutable resource, essential to biodiversity, life and health, General Observation No 15 of the UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights have prioritized water usages giving precedence to:

1. ecological integrity to protect sources of water,
2. human right to sufficient, safe, physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic uses, and
3. sustainable use of water in order to protect the rights of future generations.

Since the populations located in the Pascua-Lama catchment basin are mostly farmers, priority should also be given to the protection of a sufficient and safe water supply to sustain people means of living.

On the right to water, interviewed shareholders suggest that Barrick Gold documents the regulatory framework and technical data supporting the commitment that Pascua-Lama will have no significant impact on the water, either in terms of quality in quantity. That would include:

- Summary of the applicable Chilean and Argentinean water regulatory framework.

A study by the United Nations Environment Program³ indicates that, in Chile, “there is no provision for integrated planning and management of water resources over a larger area than the project level — for example at the level of the river basin — and there are no plans to introduce something of this nature. (...) regulations concerning water quality do not provide adequate protection (...)”. Consequently, concerned shareholders would appreciate to know what the Company has done to go beyond and above the local regulatory framework, as follow:

- Summary of the international and mining industry water regulatory framework and standards followed by Barrick Gold.
- Prevention measures regarding Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) or Acid Rock Drainage (ARD) from open pit, waste rock and tailings into surface and ground waters. To that effect, a technical summary, including critical data, of the following is suggested:
 - For the open-pit: Prevention measures regarding generation of AMD from the pit over short and long terms, including after exploitation;
 - For waste rock: Characterization of material, metal leaching and ARD predictions with underlying data, site selection, design and drainage controls over short and long terms, including after exploitation;
 - For tailings: Acid-forming potential, containment method, impoundment design, site selection and drainage controls over short and long terms, including after exploitation.
- Cyanide management. Summary of measures and security techniques designed to ensure safe handling of cyanide in: transport, storage, operations from heap leaching to disposal of spent ore, and decommissioning.
- Dust control. Summary of data on dust generation from mining activities and road transportation and suppression techniques and controls. Shareholders and the general public understand that dust deposits over the permafrost

³ Environmental Impacts of Trade Liberalization and Policies for the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources : A Case Study on Chile’s Mining Sector, UNEP, 1999

and glaciers in the catchment basin could accelerate ice melting and negatively impact the quantity of water available in the long term.

- Usage of water for mining and processing. Quantity used and returned, sources (which river or stream) and treatment.
- Recapitulative table of the security program on the above issues.
- Summary of the water quality and quantity monitoring and management program during and after the project, including identification of the independent party in charge of the monitoring.

4. Precautionary principle

Principle 15 of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development stipulates that “where there are risks of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation”. Consequently, interviewed shareholders would appreciate a summary of:

- Barrick Gold risks assessment, modeling studies and contingency plans, including mitigation and rehabilitation measures and compensation of water users, relative to « worst case scenarios » (supplementing the current security program in 3.), such as:
 - Toxic leaks or spills either into surface or ground waters;
 - Reduction or depletion of water supply due to ice melting acceleration stimulated by mining activities;
 - Earthquakes or exceptional rainfalls, frequent in the Andes.
- Any studies of project alternatives.

5. Information and consultation of stakeholders

Interviewed shareholders are not aware of the legal framework that applied in Chile and Argentina for information and consultation of stakeholders. However, they have taken note from Barrick Gold’s communication that the Company has gone beyond local requirements. Consequently, although Pascua-Lama is not financed by any World Bank agencies, they would like to know how Barrick Gold stakeholders’ information and consultation program compares to the internationally accepted standards defined by Operational Policy 4.01 on Environmental Assessment. Since water is at stake, the project unprecedented and any adverse environmental impacts could be irreversible, they believe that the applicable standards should be those designed for Category A and B projects and suggest the Company prepares a summary of the following:

- Consultation process with project-affected groups (farmers, municipalities, and indigenous people) and local NGOs before implementation and

throughout the project, including site rehabilitation, and measures designed to take their views into account. Written consent obtained, if any. Vocal support is considered too volatile.

- Material disclosed. Content and format, timeline of disclosure activities. An appendix including all material disclosed is suggested.
- Independent studies conducted by or for project-affected groups and/or local NGOs and their results.
- Citizen and independent observation and verification program regarding the taking of the required water samples and availability of the analysis results to the public throughout the project.
- Performance follow-up reports planned.

I hope, Mr. Sinclair, that you will find these notes on investors' concerns useful. Shareholders and the general public are aware of the mounting opposition against Pascua-Lama in Chile, Argentina and Canada. Many believe that this report and its posting on the Company website this fall is a unique opportunity for Barrick Gold to disclose any technical data, standards and legal framework, practices and processes necessary to establish that Pascua-Lama follows or goes beyond all applicable best practices and that it does not threaten the viability of the ecosystems and people's right to water, now and in the future.

Best regards,



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