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Barrick plans to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission a Registration Statement on Form F-8, which will include Barrick's offer and take-over bid circular. Investors and security holders are urged to read the offer and take-over bid circular, regarding the proposed business combination transaction referred to in the foregoing information, when these documents become available, because they will contain important information. Investors

may

obtain a free copy of the offer and take-over bid circular when they become available and other documents filed by Barrick with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The prospectus and these other documents may also be obtained for free, once they have been mailed, on Barrick's web site or by directing a request to Barrick's media or investor relations department.

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Barrick Offers to Acquire Placer Dome
Barrick Announces Share and Cash Offer
for Placer Dome Inc. at Value of US\$9.2
billion

Separate agreement provides for sale to
Goldcorp of certain Placer Dome assets
and interest in a development project for
approximately US\$1.35 billion in cash

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(1) All amounts in US dollars

Goldcorp agreement to buy Placer Dome's
Canadian assets, La Coipa, and 40% of Pueblo
Viejo for approximately \$1.35 billion in cash

Sale of

Assets

Minimum 2/3 tender condition

35 day take-over bid

Structure

Assuming full pro ration \$2.65 per share in cash and

0.6562 Barrick shares

— Maximum Barrick shares 303 million

— Maximum cash \$1.224 billion

\$20.50 per Placer Dome share in cash or 0.7518

Barrick shares + \$0.05 per share in cash

Offer Price

Transaction Summary⁽¹⁾

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Acquisition Highlights

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Creates value for Barrick and Placer Dome
shareholders

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Strength, breadth and scale to capitalize on industry
opportunities

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Accretive to NAV, and to earnings per share and cash
flow per share

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Increases gold reserves, resources and production per
Barrick share

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Consolidates gold industry's unrivalled suite of projects
and prospective exploration properties

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Financial strength and proven development capabilities

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Anticipated transaction synergies of approximately
\$240 million⁽¹⁾ per year identified to date

(1) Barrick / Goldcorp combined

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(1)

Based on average of street estimates adjusted for synergies

(2)

Company estimates, adjusted for sale of assets to Goldcorp

(3)

Company 2004 Annual Reports, adjusted for 2005 updates and sale of assets to Goldcorp

(4)

Includes gold equivalent copper calculated at \$450/oz. gold and \$1.20/lb. copper

0

10

20

30

40

15%

137%

22%

12%

NAV ⁽¹⁾

2005E Prod. ^(2,4)

P&P Reserves ^(3,4)

M+I Resources ^(3,4)

Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders

Increase in reserves, resources and production per share

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Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders	
	0
	50
	100
	150
	200
	Gold / Barrick
	Gold / Placer Dome
Gold equivalent copper (calculated at \$450 gold and \$1.20 copper)	
	71.1
	92.2
	89.1
	17.4
	22.8
	60.7
	17.4
	Barrick Pro Forma
	Newmont
	Barrick
	Placer Dome
	Anglogold Ashanti
	Gold Fields
	Harmony
	Goldcorp Pro Forma
	Kinross
	19.4
	54.1
	64.8
	78.9
	89.1
	88.5
	115.0
	27.0
	167.2
	12.5
	10.4
	4.1
Source: Company reserve statements and subsequent updates	
	149.8
Pro forma gold reserves (millions of ounces)	

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Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders

6.5

0.4

0.9

2.9

5.4-5.5

1.0

0

2

6

8

10

Gold / Barrick

Gold / Placer Dome

1.6

3.0

5.4-5.5

6.2

2.3

4.6

7.4

9.3-9.4

Gold equivalent copper (calculated at \$450 gold and \$1.20 copper)

0.7

1.2

3.6

1.0

4

4.3

Source: Company guidance

Barrick Pro Forma

Newmont

AngloGold Ashanti

Barrick

Placer Dome

Gold Fields

Harmony

Goldcorp Pro Forma

Kinross

2005E pro forma gold production (millions of ounces)

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\$225

\$264

\$282

\$287

\$306*

0

100

200

300

Gold Fields

Placer Dome

AngloGold Ashanti

Newmont

Barrick Pro Forma

Barrick

\$246

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Remains lowest cost of the senior producers

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Proximity of operating assets improves cost mitigation opportunities

Source: Company guidance

* Gold Fields F2006E (June – June)

Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders

2005E pro forma total equity cash costs (US\$ per ounce)

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Buzwagi
Pascua-Lama
Cortez Hills
Cowal
Tulawaka
East Archimedes
Lagunas Norte
Cerro Casale⁽¹⁾
Veladero
Beyond 2009
2009
2008
2007
2006
2005
Pueblo Viejo
Barrick
Placer Dome
Donlin Creek
Kabanga

(1) Placer Dome announced agreement in principle to sell its interest to Arizona Star
and Bema Gold

Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders
Unrivalled pipeline of projects

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Gold Equivalent
Reserves & Resources
2005E Production

Barrick
Pro Forma
Barrick
Pro Forma

42.1%

15.9%

14.0%

28.0%

North America
South America
Australasia
Tanzania
South Africa

2.4%

35.6%

13.9%

13.8%

8.3%

28.4%

21.0%

30.0%

7.0%

39.6%

22.5%

17.4%

7.4%

52.7%

Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders
Maintains balanced geographic diversification

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Billions of US dollars	Barrick	Placer Dome	Pro Forms(1)
Revenue	2.1	1.9	3.7
EBITDA ⁽²⁾	0.7	0.4	1.0
Cash Position ⁽³⁾	1.1	1.1	2.4
Net Debt ⁽⁴⁾	0.7	0.2	0.7

n Financial strength to develop gold projects on a global scale without equity dilution

n Pro forma market capitalization of \$21.8 billion(5)

(1) Pro forma totals adjusted for assets to be sold to Goldcorp and assuming cash proceeds of \$0.2 billion from the exercise of in-the-money stock options

(2) Excludes writedowns on mining assets, equity in investees and cumulative effect of changes in accounting principles.

(3) Includes restricted cash held by Placer Dome of \$0.2 billion

(4) Net debt excludes the impact of temporary financing for the \$1.2 billion cash component, which will be repaid on closing of the sale of assets to Goldcorp

(5) Combined market capitalization of Barrick and Placer Dome based on October 28, 2005 closing prices

Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders

Financial strength to accelerate development

Twelve months ended September 30, 2005

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Mines Projects

Dome

Placer

Projects

Mines

Barrick

Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders

The combined operations and projects can be
efficiently integrated into Barrick's existing Regional
Business Units

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Strength, breadth and scale to capitalize on industry opportunities

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Experience gained and track record in construction of eight major development projects in last ten years

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Operations excellence as the lowest cost senior gold producer

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World-class exploration team with successful track record

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Combined technical excellence to improve operations, development projects and exploration targets

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Ability to extract significant synergies through past experience and Regional Business Unit structure

Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders

Proven management capability to acquire, integrate and optimize value of combined assets

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Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders

Annual estimated Barrick synergies of approximately
\$200 million expected from:

Operations

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Optimize and share mining and processing infrastructure in
Nevada, Australia and Tanzania

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Reduce energy costs and inventory levels through joint
infrastructure

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Implement combined best practices at all locations

Exploration

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Consolidate land position on most prospective belts

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Prioritize exploration projects pipeline

Procurement

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Generate savings from improved purchasing power

G&A

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Eliminate duplication of offices and overheads in all regions

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Shared business services

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Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders

Finance and Tax

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Realize jurisdictional tax synergies

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Overall lower cost of capital

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Debt optimization

Additional Capital Synergies

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Transfer development teams, equipment, and knowledge
base through sequential development of project pipeline

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Pipeline of projects allows in-house management of EPCM
contracts

Additional expected Goldcorp synergies of
approximately

\$30 - \$40 million per annum

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Value Creation for Barrick Shareholders
Significant exploration opportunities

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Substantial reserve and resource base in stable
geo-political regions

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Dominant land position on the most prospective
ground in both companies' core districts (Nevada,
Frontera, Tanzania and Australia)

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Combined exploration expertise will create stronger
team

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Ability to expand exploration efforts in developing
regions

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Enhanced R&D capabilities in exploration
technologies

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Goldstrike

Round Mountain

RENO

Marigold

C A L I F O R N I A

UTAH

Power Plant

Turquoise Ridge

Nevada – Exploration Potential

0 km

100

200

300

400

500

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Bulyanhulu

Kabanga

Buzwagi

Tulawaka

North Mara

Tanzania – Exploration Potential

0 km

100

200

300

400

500

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Perth

Darlot

Plutonic

Western Australia – Exploration Potential

0 km

100

200

300

400

500

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A R G E N T I N A

C H I L E

Cerro Casale

Pascua-Lama

Veladero

La Serena

Chile / Argentina – Exploration Potential

0 km

100

200

300

400

500

Zaldivar

200km

Frontera

District

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Value Creation for Placer Dome Shareholders

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Offer represents an approximate 27% premium to the average closing price over the past ten days

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13% of the offer price in cash

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Placer Dome shareholders will own 35% of the new Barrick on a fully diluted basis

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Opportunity to receive a significant premium and participation in an enhanced gold equity

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Increased scale and capability to maximize value of development projects and key exploration districts

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Execution timing – no shareholder votes required
All-Canadian bid – no Investment Canada approval
Strong partner in Goldcorp results in additional
transaction synergies
Asset sales by Canadian bidder to Canadian
partner are tax efficient
Lower on-going tax rate for purchaser domiciled in Canada
Ability to manage and reduce hedge position effectively
Significant cash component in bid
The Barrick / Goldcorp Advantage
Benefits of Barrick and Goldcorp transaction
structure

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