

Kiasi chochote cha fedha kilichotajwa humu ni kwa Dola za Marekani

MIGODI YA TANZANIA YAWEKA REKODI YA UZALISHAJI NA KUPATA THAMANI YA MUDA MREFU

Mgodi wa Dhahabu Bulyanhulu, Tanzania, Januari 25, 2023 – Kampuni ya Dhahabu ya Barrick (NYSE:GOLD) (TSX:ABX) – Migodi miwili ya dhahabu ya Barrick nchini Tanzania, North Mara na Bulyanhulu, imeongeza pato lake kwa pamoja hadi kufikia wakia 547,000ⁱ kwa mwaka 2022, na kufanikisha hatua nyingine ya kuelekea hadhi ya Daraja la Kwanza². Wakati huohuo, utafutaji wa madini unaendelea kutoa fursa za kuongeza ukubwa wa akiba ya miamba yenye madini katika migodi yote miwili.

Kipindi cha mpito cha mgodi wa North Mara kuelekea uchimbaji wa mmiliki unafanikiwa kwa kuongeza kwa kasi upanuzi wake unaoendelea wa chimbo la wazi kukiwa na uboreshaji wa ufanisi na gharama, wakati maendeleo ya kiteknolojia katika shughuli za uchimbaji wa chini kwa chini yanaongeza tija. Mipango ya kuanzisha upya uchimbaji katika chimbo la Gena inaendelea vizuri. Katika mgodi wa Bulyanhulu, shabaha kuu ni kuharakisha maendeleo ili kuukabili upungufu wake kwa kuifikia akiba mpya ya madini katika upande wa magharibi na upatikanaji wa wake.

Akitoa taarifa kwa vyombo vya habari na wadau wengine hapa leo, rais na mtendaji mkuu wa Barrick, Mark Bristow, amesema kwamba tangu kampuni ichukue jukumu la udhibiti wa migodi hiyo mwaka 2019 imefanikiwa kufanya mageuzi kabisa katika shughuli zilizokuwa zimekufa au zikielekea kufa na kuwa mali zenye thamani ya hali ya juu kwa utendaji wake kwa sasa, matarajio yake ya baadaye, na kukubalika kwake katika jamii.

"Leo hii, migodi hiyo inatambuliwa na serikali na jamii kama biashara zinazowajibika kwa jamii kwa kutengeneza fursa zenye manufaa makubwa na kuzishirikisha jamii na wadau wote katika fursa hizo na katika manufaa yenyewe, na kama mbia mkuu katika maendeleo ya kijamii na kiuchumi nchini Tanzania," alisema.

"Mwaka jana, North Mara ilitambuliwa rasmi kama mlipakodi mkubwa zaidi wa Tanzania na Bulyanhulu ilitunukiwa tuzo ya Mwajiri Bora Anazingatia Masharti na Matakwa ya Sheria, iliyotolewa na Mfuko wa Taifa wa Hifadhi ya Jamii. North Mara na Bulyanhulu pia zilipokea tuzo za mshindi wa kwanza na wa pili mtawalia za kutambua mchango wao kwa Uuzaji wa Madini nje ya nchi na kwa uzalishaji wa fedha za kigeni. Migodi yote miwili imetoka safari ya mbali sana na tunatarajia kuendelea na safari hiyo kupitia ubia wetu wa Twiga na serikali."

Tangu ichukue jukumu la udhibiti mnamo mwaka 2019, Barrick imeingiza dola za kimarekani bilioni 2.4 katika uchumi wa Tanzania. Mwaka jana, ililipa dola za kimarekani milioni 303 za kodi, mrabaha, ushuru,

gawio na ulipaji wa mikopo ya wanahisa na dola za kimarekani milioni 476 kwa wasambazaji na watoaji wa huduma wa ndani.

Kadiri migodi ilivyoendelea kukua, imeendelea kuweka kipaumbele cha utoaji wa ajira kwa watu wa ndani. Nguvukazi yake hivi sasa tayari ina Watanzania wapata 96%, huku 45% ya waajiriwa wapya wakitoka katika jamii zinazoizunguka migodi. Kupitia kamati zake za maendeleo ya jamii, migodi hiyo imewekeza zaidi ya dola za kimarekani milioni 10 katika miradi ya kuboresha huduma za afya, elimu, upatikanaji wa maji ya bomba na miundombinu ya barabara.

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Tanbihi 1

Kwa 100%

Tanbihi 2

Mgodi wa Dhahabu wa Daraja la Kwanza ni ule wenye hifadhi ya dhahabu yenye uwezo wa kuzalisha kwa angalau kipindi cha miaka 10, angalau wakia 500,000 za dhahabu kwa mwaka na jumla ya gharama za fedha taslimu kwa kila wakia kwa kipindi cha uhai wa mgodi ambazo ziko katika nusu ya chini ya grafu ya gharama za tasnia husika.

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Certain information contained or incorporated by reference in this press release, including any information as to our strategy, projects, plans, or future financial or operating performance, constitutes “forward-looking statements”. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. The words “potential”, “create”, “continue”, “opportunity”, “on track”, “future prospects”, “projects”, “look forward”, “continue”, “would”, “will”, and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. In particular, this press release contains forward-looking statements including, without limitation, with respect to: future production and cost levels for the North Mara and Bulyanhulu mines and their Tier One potential as a combined complex; opportunities to grow mineral reserves at North Mara and Bulyanhulu through exploration; the anticipated benefits of North Mara’s open pit expansion project and increased productivity from the underground operation through optimization and technological advancements; the potential for Barrick’s partnership with the Government of Tanzania to deliver long-term value to the Tanzanian economy and create benefits for employees, suppliers and other local stakeholders; Barrick’s sustainability initiatives in Tanzania including planned investments by Barrick in Tanzania including to develop healthcare, education, potable water and road infrastructure; Barrick’s contributions to the local economy, including local hiring and procurement programs and spending.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions including material estimates and assumptions related to the factors set forth below that, while considered reasonable by the Company as at the date of this press release in light of management’s experience and perception of current conditions and expected developments, are inherently subject to significant business, economic, and competitive uncertainties and contingencies. Known and unknown factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements, and undue reliance should not be placed on such statements and information. Such factors include, but are not limited to: fluctuations in the spot and forward price of gold, copper, or certain other commodities (such as silver, diesel fuel, natural gas, and electricity); the speculative nature of mineral exploration and development; changes in mineral production performance, exploitation, and exploration successes; risks associated with projects in the early stages of evaluation, and for which additional engineering and other analysis is required; risks related to disruption of

supply routes which may cause delays in construction and mining activities, including disruptions in the supply of key mining inputs due to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia; failure to comply with environmental and health and safety laws and regulations; timing of receipt of, or failure to comply with, necessary permits and approvals; uncertainty whether some or all of the targeted investments and projects will meet the Company's capital allocation objectives and internal hurdle rate; changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls or regulations and/ or changes in the administration of laws, policies and practices, expropriation or nationalization of property and political or economic developments in Tanzania and other jurisdictions in which the Company or its affiliates do or may carry on business in the future; our ability to convert resources into reserves; increased costs, delays, suspensions and technical challenges associated with the construction of capital projects; the impact of inflation, including global inflationary pressures driven by supply chain disruptions caused by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and global energy cost increases following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia; risks associated with working with partners in jointly controlled assets; damage to the Company's reputation due to the actual or perceived occurrence of any number of events, including negative publicity with respect to the Company's handling of environmental matters or dealings with community groups, whether true or not; risks associated with new diseases, epidemics and pandemics, including the effects and potential effects of the global Covid-19 pandemic; litigation and legal and administrative proceedings; employee relations including loss of key employees; increased costs and physical risks, including extreme weather events and resource shortages, related to climate change; and availability and increased costs associated with mining inputs and labor. Barrick also cautions that its guidance may be impacted by the unprecedented business and social disruption caused by the spread of Covid-19. In addition, there are risks and hazards associated with the business of mineral exploration, development and mining, including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected formations, pressures, cave-ins, flooding and gold bullion, copper cathode or gold or copper concentrate losses (and the risk of inadequate insurance, or inability to obtain insurance, to cover these risks).

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