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Dear Ms. Van Woudenberg,

I refer to the recent illegal mining incident at North Mara Gold Mine (NMGM) which occurred on 11 March 2023 and to our press release issued the very next day.

On 11 March 2023, the independent Tanzanian government task force combating gold smuggling investigated a lead at NMGM. The individual, illegally digging for gold-bearing ore in an abandoned and barricaded stope of the underground mine, fell to his death when he attempted to escape arrest by the Tanzanian task force. In our press release of 12 March 2023, we referred to the Regional Police Commander's (RPC) public statement, which suggested that a full report would be made after the autopsy on the deceased had been completed.

Regrettably, RAID chose to pre-empt the autopsy and the police investigation by publishing a series of tweets on 14 March 2023, mere days after the incident, engaging in reckless speculation about the cause of the deceased's death, specifically by airing unsubstantiated rumours that the deceased was shot. Those tweets were retweeted by others associated with RAID, including you. We can only conclude that those tweets were an attempt to undermine legitimate investigations including the autopsy which is in line with what you have been advocating with respect to incidents like this.

The now-completed autopsy and police investigation proves that there was no use of force against the deceased, who died after falling from height when attempting to evade arrest. We refer you to the RPC's statement of 20 March 2023 and our press release dated 21 March 2023 which are attached for ease of reference. The RPC in his statement confirmed that these rumours were untrue, and specifically that information spread on social media suggesting that the deceased was shot was inaccurate.

By spreading unsubstantiated rumours, RAID's conduct has the potential to encourage and condone criminal and dangerous behaviour which puts people's lives at risk. This is not the first time that you have chosen to spread unsubstantiated rumours and we would ask that you immediately desist from speculation on incidents occurring in or around the NMGM while the relevant investigations are still ongoing, particularly because RAID has no official representation on the ground or in the community, as we have pointed out numerous times.

More generally, we had expected that following the recent visit by RAID to the NMGM, RAID would take a more constructive approach to illegal mining issues arising at the Mine.

If you choose to post this letter on your website, I would request that you publish it together with all the attachments with equal prominence so your readers will have the benefit of all the facts. In the meantime, we will be publishing this letter on our website under the North Mara section.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bristow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Encl.: RPC's statement of 20 March 2023  
Barrick Gold Corporation statement of 21 March 2023