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Rock Fall at Bulyanhulu Mine Claims Three Lives

Bulyanhulu, Kahama District, March 17th 2010 - African Barrick Gold (ABG) reported today that its Bulyanhulu mine suffered a rock fall incident which tragically resulted in the death of three employees: Dickson Kadelema, Vedastus Wilfred Tandise, and Joel M. Nicholas.

The mine rescue team was deployed immediately after the incident occurred on March 16, 2010 and worked in rotation, around the clock, in an attempt to rescue the miners. Unfortunately, rescue efforts were unsuccessful. ABG immediately suspended mining activities at the start of the rescue and recovery mission. In addition, mining operations will be suspended for a period of mourning on March 18, 2010 as a sign of respect and are expected to be fully restored thereafter. The area of the rock fall will remain closed until the incident has been investigated, the cause understood and any appropriate action taken.

"Words can not express the deep sorrow we feel for the tragic loss of life of our colleagues. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends and we pay tribute to their memories," stated Dave Anthony, Chief Operating Officer, ABG.

A team of senior investigators from Barrick Gold Corporation (Barrick) has been dispatched to commence a full and thorough investigation of the accident. ABG is committed to the safety of each of its employees and will continue to make safety the top priority at its mines. Barrick had not suffered any employee safety-related fatalities since 2006 in Tanzania. Bulyanhulu mine earned a National Award for the best overall Occupational Health and Safety system from the Tanzania Occupational Safety and Health Authority in 2009.

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