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US Court Denies Class Action Certification in Bre-X Lawsuit

Barrick Gold Corporation received notice today that on March 31, 2003, Judge David Folsom of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District Court of Texas (Texarkana Division) denied all pending motions of the Plaintiffs seeking to certify a class action in the lawsuit against several Defendants, including Barrick, related to Bre-X Minerals Ltd.

Under U.S. rules, the Plaintiffs have the right to appeal the judge's decision declining to certify their lawsuit as a class action.

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