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Notice to Holders of Placer Dome 2.75% Convertible Senior Debentures

Barrick Gold Corporation announced today that, subject to any necessary approvals, May 9, 2006 is the anticipated effective date of the amalgamation of Barrick and its wholly-owned subsidiary Placer Dome Inc. (the "Amalgamation").

Pursuant to the terms of Placer Dome's 2.75% Convertible Senior Debentures due 2023, the Debentures may be surrendered for conversion at any time from and after the date that is fifteen days prior to the anticipated effective date of the Amalgamation until and including the date that is fifteen days after the actual effective date of the Amalgamation.

Barrick's vision is to be the world's best gold company by finding, acquiring, developing and producing quality reserves in a safe, profitable and socially responsible manner.

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