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## Barrick Completes Joint Venture Agreement with Ma'aden for Jabal Sayid

TORONTO – Barrick Gold Corporation (NYSE:ABX)(TSX:ABX) (Barrick or the "company") today announced that it has completed the 50/50 joint venture agreement with Saudi Arabian Mining Company (Ma'aden) for the Jabal Sayid copper mine in Saudi Arabia. Jabal Sayid is expected to begin shipping low-cost concentrate in early 2016.

When fully operational, the mine is expected to produce 100 million pounds<sup>1</sup> of copper in concentrate per year in its first full five years, with the potential to increase to 130 million pounds<sup>1</sup> per year.

"We are excited to move this project into production, working in collaboration with our new partners at Ma'aden," said Kelvin Dushnisky, Co-President.

"Jabal Sayid is a high-quality mine that will be contributing new, low-cost copper production to Barrick in just over a year's time," said Jim Gowans, Co-President.

Jabal Sayid had 1.4 billion pounds of copper in proven and probable reserves as of December 31, 2013<sup>2</sup>. Further exploration work will be carried out within the mining license area and the exploration license area surrounding the mine with the aim of extending the mine life.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 100 percent basis; Barrick's equity interest is 50 percent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 100 percent basis; Barrick's equity interest is 50 percent. Calculated in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 as required by Canadian securities regulatory authorities. For a breakdown, see pages 29-37 of Barrick's Form 40-F.

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