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## Barrick Achieves Dow Jones Sustainability World Index Ranking for Sixth Consecutive Year

TORONTO – Barrick Gold Corporation has been named to the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI) for the sixth consecutive year, and has also been included on the DJSI's North American index of leading companies for a seventh straight year.

"It's an honor to be recognized again this year by this highly-regarded and long-standing global sustainability index," said Jamie Sokalsky, Barrick's President and Chief Executive Officer. "The DJSI provides a very important benchmark for our progress in mining responsibly.

"While the past year has been a challenging one for the company, Barrick's commitment to transparency, environmental management, and positive community engagement remains unchanged. I'd like to thank our employees for their continued diligence and professionalism, and I share this important recognition with them."

The DJSI World Index independently evaluates more than 2,500 global companies using rigorous sustainability criteria to identify the top ten percent of performers. Companies are assessed based on a range of sustainability metrics, including governance, social performance, environment and economic contributions – taking into account both industry-specific trends, as well as sustainability issues facing multiple sectors.

Barrick knows that operating in a responsible manner creates significant value for its shareholders, employees, local communities and host-country governments. In 2012, Barrick contributed \$13.8 billion in the form of wages and benefits, royalties and taxes, local procurement and community investments to its host countries. This includes \$6.4 billion in communities in the developing and emerging economies where Barrick operates.

Read more about Barrick's commitment to responsible mining on our blog, Beyond Borders, at <u>http://barrickbeyondborders.com</u>. Barrick's 2012 Responsibility Report is available at <u>http://barrickresponsibility.com</u>.

You can also follow **Barrick on Twitter** and **Barrick on Facebook**.

For more information on the DJSI indexes, visit <u>www.sustainability-indexes.com</u>.

## About Barrick Gold Corporation

Barrick is the world's largest gold producer. Based in Toronto, the company operates mines and advanced exploration and development projects on four continents. Shares are traded on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges under the symbol ABX.

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