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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of proposed modifications to existing operations at the Cortez Hills and Pipeline complexes within Cortez Gold Mines near Crescent Valley, Nevada. The EA identifies, describes, and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate possible impacts from the proposal.

Barrick Cortez, Inc. has submitted an Amendment to the Plan of Operations (Project). The Project will include reconfiguration of the North Waste Rock Facility (NWRP), stormwater diversion and power line relocation, conveyor corridor disturbance, and development of an oxide ore stockpile on top of the NWRP. The Project also includes relocation of refractory ore to Barrick's Goldstrike Mill (Goldstrike) over a period of 8 years, construction of a potable water well and pipeline, construction of electrical capacitors and power lines, and installation of rangeland fence adjacent to a segment of County Road 225.

The EA will be available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., January 27, 2014. The EA can be viewed on the BLM Battle Mountain District website at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field/blm_information/national_environmental.html

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions or wish to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Joseph S. Moskiewicz Jr., Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the above address or at (775) 635-4000.

Sincerely,

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