#### Case No. 79652

#### In the Supreme Court of Nevada

BARRICK GOLDSTRIKE MINES, INC., Petitioner,

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EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT of the State of Nevada, in and for the County of Clark; and the Honorable ELIZABETH GOFF GONZALEZ, District Judge,

Respondents,

and

BULLION MONARCH MINING, INC.,

Real Party in Interest.

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### Goldstrike focused on being best in class

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Goldstrike Roaster Superintendent Sam Marich, right, talks about the improvements made in processing.

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CARLIN – Barrick Gold Corp.'s Goldstrike Mine isn't working on just one project, but focusing on becoming the best they can in what they do.

"Goldstrike has a long, strong and proud history," said Bill MacNevin, who began as the site's new general manager in February. "... We've got a great outlook for ourselves ahead, for the future. We've got a very strong, experienced workforce, a lot of talent on this property. We're also still sitting in some of the best gold country in the world. Always has been, always will be, and so we've got lots of opportunities in our ore bodies, but what our focus predominantly is about is improving our operations."

Barrick as a whole is putting an emphasis on being "best in class."

This program is about finding ways to improve in all aspects of the operation.

"What that takes is just relentless and continuous pursuit of excellence, operations excellence," he said.

This isn't a new concept for the mine.

"Goldstrike has always been improving," MacNevin said. "It's got a fabulous history of improving. What we're doing is putting considerably more focus on that. We need to put more of our efforts towards that operations excellence and improve at a faster rate."

Best in class is the overall company program and the mine is calling it the Goldstrike Optimization Program.

MacNevin said Goldstrike kicked off this new approach in March. The mine will spend some capital, but the new approach is about "doing more with what we have," he said. The site already has "talented" employees and the new program isn't about "doing massive changes," MacNevin said.

"Every single production area, as well as support areas, are doing different projects," he said.

A few of the projects are about increasing tons out of the roaster and improving operations in the underground.

"But effectively most of them are still at the simple phase of doing things better, faster, smarter," he said.

He said everyone is contributing to the programs

"Mining's a very simple business," he said. "All we do is dig stuff up and make it small and mix it to get the gold out. It's simple. What makes it work is the people."

The project leaders are from the site and part of their job is making sure everyone in their team understands why the changes are being done. He said, "it's site owned and site led," so "the improvement comes from within."

By becoming more efficient, the site creates more opportunities for itself. MacNevin said watching the gold price doesn't help. The site will focus on making sure it delivers at its most efficient level. He said operations excellence or best in class is in everything – safety, environmental performance, working with the community and all the things involving the business.

MacNevin said Barrick's chairman gave a good quote that explains the company. "He said 'we don't do victory laps, we simply raise the bar and get on and do more work."

MacNevin said the people at Goldstrike, which includes 1,780 employees, make the programs easy.

## **Process Improvements**

Employees at Goldstrike have found ways to improve throughput and recovery at the process facility.

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Goldstrike has a mill and a roaster. After being mined, the rock is sent to the crusher and then to the mill. The material goes from about a 4- or 2-inch diameter down to the consistency of talcum powder. The material is sent to the roaster and then to carbon in leach columns.

Bart Beatty, general supervisor of operations, said the site changed the shutdown schedule for the mill and roaster to optimize storage. The process facility's original scope was for 12,500 tons a day, but now the site is running 17,000-plus through the mill.

Being able to get more tons through the mill meant Goldstrike employees had to find a way to increase the recovery or how much gold they got out of the material, said Sam Marich, roaster superintendent. Metallurgists tested to see if adding some additional CIL tanks would make a difference in the recovery. Instead of six tanks, the site will have eight tanks. These additional tanks – which were a \$14 million investment -- should improve recovery by 1 percent.

They improve the recovery by increasing the amount of time the ore sits in the tanks. The residence time in the tanks is about 12 hours now, but once the tanks are finished the residence time will increase to 16 hours, Marich said.

# **Underground Improvements**

The underground at Goldstrike, which consists of Meikle and Rodeo, has been improving over the years, but this year the mines have a renewed focus, said Roger Hoops, manager of the underground division.

"You've got to be productive and efficient during these times," Hoops said. "You've still got to be safe. We still got to do everything right. We just got to get better at what we do. We're very good. It's not like we're starting from zero."

The underground is focusing on mass blasts and controlling overbreak.

"We have two different mining methods in this mine," said Miguel Lamadrid, superintendent of technical services for underground. "We have drift and fill and long-hole stope."

Long-hole stope is the primary method, about 70 to 75 percent of the mining in Goldstrike's underground, Lamadrid said. The biggest stope they could blast was 2,000 to 3,000 tons at a time.

The miners would blast in the underground, the debris would be mucked out from the bottom and then they would blast again and take the rest of the material. The entire hole or stope would be about 6,000 to 7,000 tons.

"With the mass blast concept, we would drill the whole thing and blast it one time and go big or go home," Lamadrid said.

The mass blast allows the miners to blast it all in one go and they could increase the size of the stope, said Jim Bailey, senior supervisor for blasting.

The size of a stope was 80 feet and now it goes up to 150-foot stope, Lamadrid said.

"So we went from 7,000 (tons) to up to 14,000, one of the biggest stopes we have in one shot," he said.

Since they changed how they blast, the miners had to alter how the stopes are designed, Lamadrid said. They also use remote muckers so employees are not exposed to unsupported ground. It took them about three years to develop how the mass blasts are done and about 90 to 93 percent of the mining is done in mass blasts, Lamadrid said.

Changing how they mined also increased how fast the mining is done.

"A stope this dimension used to take us around a month to get it out," he said

Hoops said another benefit of a mass blast is it is less volatile.

Bailey said they used about 20,000 pounds of explosive in a blast. The vibration of a mass blast is less than doing several smaller ones, he said. The timing of the blast decreases the vibration.

To make this change the employees had to be involved from day one, Hoops said.

Another improvement in the underground is the paste fill, he said. Once an area is mined, it has to be filled back in.

"Basically it does the same thing as rock fill; it's the transportation means that's different," Hoops said.

The underground is very hot at the lower levels and the heat comes from the geology of the rock and the diesel trucks, he said. Piping the paste underground, instead of driving the rock, eliminates part of the heat. The paste also reaches the areas to fill faster than taking the rockfill there by truck.

"We would like to have paste everywhere," Hoops said.

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The Rodeo side of the mine is filled with paste, Lamadrid said. Pipes were put in to transport the paste, which is a combination of cement and treated tailings.

Once an area is mined, a bulkhead or wall is put into the drift or tunnel that goes to the stope. They put in paste about seven feet above the bulkhead and let it cure to lessen the pressure on the wall. After it is cured, the rest of the stope is filled. Then the lines are cleaned.

It takes about three days to fill the stope with paste versus taking 10 days to fill it with rock, said Evan Verkade, chief engineer for underground.

"When we talk about mining efficiencies it's not just one thing," Hoops said. "If we mine faster, we've got to fill faster. Actually, we've got to mine faster; we've got to haul faster, we've got to fill faster. Everything speeds up."

# **Reducing Overbreak**

The next study being worked on in the underground is overbreak.

When an area is mined, they want it to blast apart as it is designed, Bailey said.

"Some of the overbreak problem is due to drilling and some of it's due to blasting," he said.

If a drift is designed to be 15 feet by 15 feet the miners want it to shoot at 15 by 15, Hoops said.

"If we shoot at 17 by 19 we're taking a lot -- either waste we don't need to take or if it's ore we're mining at a much higher cost than stope" he said. "So we want to blast it and drill it just to the design, no more, no less."

Underground Chief Engineer Evan Verkade said they are changing one thing at a time and measuring the headings every day to see how the different variables affect the size of the drift.

"The drillers right now are shrinking down their pattern," Bailey said. "So we measure everyday to see where we're at there, and then I go down and I check the blasters every other day to see how they're loading. You don't want to change everything at once. We've got all of us working together right now."

Verkade said they hope it leads to a more standardized procedure. They've been doing the study for about six weeks.

"It's going to be a little bit of time to get this, but we're already seeing improvements," Bailey said.

Hoops said it is never just one thing to improve efficiency. Once one problem is conquered, another will pop up.

"Of course somebody is gonna be the next bottleneck, that's not a bad thing," he said. "... It's a cycle. Don't be afraid to take that on, we'll find the next issue."



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