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Superintendent of Financial Services



Surintendant des services financiers

IN THE MATTER OF the *Pension Benefits Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.8, as amended (the "PBA");

AND IN THE MATTER OF a Notice of Intended Decision of the Superintendent of Financial Services to Consent, under section 62.1(5) of the PBA, to a payment out of the pension fund for the DB Operating Corporation Pension Plan for Bargaining Unit Employees, Registration Number 0972232 (the "Plan").

TO:

DB Operating Corporation, a subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation 161 Bay Street, Suite 3700 Toronto ON M5J 2S1

Attention:

Kevin Annett Head of Financial Planning

Applicant and Employer

COPY:

Tom Ault Aon 401 West Georgia Street, Suite 1200 Vancouver BC V6B 5A1

NOTICE OF INTENDED DECISION

INTEND TO CONSENT, under section 62.1(5) of the PBA, to the payment from the pension fund for the Plan to DB Operating Corporation, a subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation in the amount of \$241,083.44 as at September 30, 2018, plus investment earnings thereon to the date of payment.

Si vous désirez recevoir cet avis en français, veuillez envoyer votre demande immédiatement à: Adjointe, audiences, Greffe, Commission des services financiers de l'Ontario, 5160 rue Yonge, boîte 85, Toronto ON M2N 6L9.

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A HEARING by the Financial Services Tribunal (the "Tribunal") pursuant to section 89(6) of the PBA. A hearing before the Tribunal about this Notice of Intended Decision may be requested by completing the enclosed Request for Hearing (Form 1) and submitting it to the Tribunal within thirty (30) days after this Notice of

Intended Decision is served on you. Additional copies can be obtained by visiting the Tribunal's website at www.fstontario.ca.

If a Request for Hearing (Form 1) is submitted to the Tribunal within thirty (30) days after this Notice of Intended Decision is served on you, sections 89(8) and 89(9) of the PBA provide that the Tribunal shall appoint a time for and hold a hearing, and by order may direct the Superintendent of Financial Services (the "Superintendent") to make or refrain from making the intended decision indicated in this notice and to take such action as the Tribunal considers the Superintendent ought to take in accordance with the PBA and the regulations, and for such purposes, the Tribunal may substitute its opinion for that of the Superintendent.

IF NO WRITTEN REQUEST FOR A HEARING IS MADE within thirty (30) days after this Notice is served on you, TAKE NOTICE THAT the Superintendent will carry out the CONSENT pursuant to section 89(7) of the PBA.

A completed Request for Hearing form must be received by the Tribunal within 30 days of this Notice is served on you. The Request for Hearing form may be mailed, faxed or delivered to:

Financial Services Tribunal 5160 Yonge Street, 14th Floor Toronto ON M2N 6L9

Attention: The Registrar Fax: 416-226-7750

The hearing before the Tribunal will proceed in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedures for Proceedings before the Financial Services Tribunal made under the authority of the *Statutory Powers Procedure Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. S.22. Those Rules are available at the website of the Tribunal: www.fstontario.ca. Alternatively, a copy can be obtained by telephoning the Registrar of the Tribunal at 416-590-7294, or toll free at 1-800-668-0128 ext. 7294.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

- 1. DB Operating Corporation, a subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation is the employer and administrator as defined in the Plan (the "Employer").
- 2. The Plan was wound up effective May 31, 2014.
- 3. The Plan had a liability under section 75 of the PBA as per the wind up report as at May 31, 2014, filed by the Plan's actuary.
- 4. The Employer made payments totalling \$1,306,552 to the pension fund to fund the liability.
- 5. Information provided by the Plan's actuary on November 15, 2018, as part of the Employer's application under section 62.1 of the PBA showed that there were assets in the amount of \$241,083.44 as at September 30, 2018, remaining in the Plan's pension fund after all benefits have been settled.
- 6. In these circumstances, section 32(4) of Regulation 909 states that the money remaining in the pension fund may be paid to the employer in accordance with section 62.1 of the PBA, as if the money was an overpayment into the pension fund by the employer within the meaning of section 62.1(1)(b) of the PBA.

- 7. Section 62.1(4) of the PBA states that if an employer makes an overpayment into the pension fund, the application to the Superintendent for reimbursement for the payment must be made before the later of: (a) 24 months after the date on which the employer made the overpayment; and (b) six months after the date on which the administrator, acting reasonably, becomes aware of the overpayment.
- 8. The Employer's application for reimbursement of the overpayment was made on November 13, 2018. The Employer became aware of the overpayment on October 1, 2018. This date is within 6 months after the date on which the administrator, acting reasonably, became aware of the the overpayments. Accordingly, the application has been filed within the time limits set out in section 62.1(4) of the PBA.
- 9. Such further and other reasons as may come to my attention.

DATED at Toronto, Ontario, this 7th day of January, 2019.

Original Signed By

Gino Marandola (Acting)
Deputy Superintendent, Pensions
By delegated authority from the
Superintendent of Financial Services

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