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Dear Ms Beatriz Balbin:

**Follow up to the Joint Communication from the Special Procedures Branch of the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commission regarding allegations against the North Mara Gold Mine.**

We refer to the Joint Communication regarding Allegations related to the North Mara Gold Mine dated 22 April 2024 and to which Barrick responded with a comprehensive letter [add link to our website] dated 20 June 2024.

Our response not only provided valuable context to the North Mara operations and region, but also provided the facts to clear up any misconceptions and inaccuracies in the communication that the Special Procedures Branch of the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commission made public.

As stated in our comprehensive and factual response, Barrick was concerned that the Joint Communication failed to engage with its Tanzanian Government counterparts, undertake any site visit or due diligence regarding the veracity of these allegations, or immediately provide information or evidence to the respective authorities upon receipt of these allegations. Notwithstanding the above shortcoming of the process, North Mara Gold Mine Limited (NMGML) has taken the liberty of engaging with the Tanzanian Commission on Human Rights and Good Governance (CHRAGG) to investigate these allegations. The CHRAGG, an independent government department, established as the national focal point for the promotion and protection of human rights in Tanzania, is the appropriate institution to review and investigate these allegations and the same institution that the Special Procedures Branch of the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commission should have engaged with, but chose not to, regarding these allegations.

The CHRAGG, have since conducted a site visit to the Mara Region and concluded their investigation into the allegations of Human Rights Violations. Among the findings of the investigation, CHRAGG confirmed that the acquisition of land in the Komarera Village took place in accordance with the law and that fair compensation was paid. CHRAGG also determined that there were no acts of cruelty or abuse during the relocation of citizens in Komarera Village.

During their site visit CHRAGG also investigated the allegation made by your office and again found no evidence of human rights violations in relation to the North Mara Gold Mine.

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The CHRAGG released their findings to the media and this was reported locally here:

<https://tranquilitynews.com/commission-not-a-shred-of-truth-is-in-activists-claims/>

<https://dailynews.co.tz/north-mara-mine-expansion-rights-cleared-community-benefits-grow/>

We trust that this independent investigation by the CHRAGG and their findings into the allegations that the Special Procedures Branch of the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commission have publicly reported on, brings this matter to a close. In addition, we would request that this letter along with the links to the media reports on the CHRAGG findings will be posted on your website along with our previous response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bristow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Mark Bristow**

**President and CEO, Barrick Gold Corporation**