

PLACER DOME INC  
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January 05, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Schedule TO/A**

**TENDER OFFER STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 14(d)-1 or 13(e)(1)  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**(Amendment No. 17)**

**PLACER DOME INC.**

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*(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))*

**BARRICK GOLD CORPORATION**

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*(Name of Filing Person (Bidder))*

**Common Shares**

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*(Title of Class of Securities)*

**725906101**

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*(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)*

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person(s) authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing person)*

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This Amendment n.17 amends and supplements the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (as previously amended, the "Schedule TO") filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on November 10, 2005 by Barrick Gold Corporation ("Barrick").

The Schedule TO relates to the offer (the "Offer") by Barrick to purchase (i) all outstanding common shares (including those that are subject to CHESSE Depository Interests and International Depository Receipts) of Placer Dome Inc. ("Placer Dome"), which includes common shares that may become outstanding after the date of the offer but before the expiry time of the offer upon conversion, exchange or exercise of options or convertible debentures or other securities of Placer Dome that are convertible into or exchangeable for common shares and (ii) the associated rights issued under the Shareholders Rights Plan of Placer Dome (collectively, the "Shares"), at a price of, at the election of the shareholder of Placer Dome: (a) US\$22.50, in cash for each Share; or (b) 0.8269 of a Barrick common share and US\$0.05 in cash for each Share, in each case subject to proration.

The Offer is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Offer and Circular dated November 10, 2005 (the "Offer and Circular") and the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which were filed as Exhibits 1.1 and 1.2, respectively, to the initial Schedule TO, as amended by the Notice of Variation and Extension dated January 4, 2006, filed as Exhibit 1.6 to Schedule TO (the "Notice of Variation and Extension").

Capitalized terms used herein and not defined herein have the respective meaning assigned to such terms in the Offer and Circular and the Notice of Variation and Extension.

#### **Item 12 Exhibits**

As permitted by General Instruction F to Schedule TO, Barrick's press release dated January 5, 2006 and the "Out-bound Script to Beneficial Shareholders" and the "Out-bound Script to Registered Shareholders" are herein incorporated by reference to Barrick's filings pursuant to Rule 425 on January 5, 2006.

**SIGNATURES**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

**BARRICK GOLD CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Sybil E. Veenman

Name: Sybil E. Veenman

Title: Vice President, Assistant General  
Counsel and Secretary

Date: January 5, 2006

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| <b><u>Exhibit</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>   |
|-----------------------|---|
| (a)(17)(1.1)          | Barrick's press release dated January 5, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Barrick's filing pursuant to Rule 425 on January 5, 2006) |
| (a)(17)(1.2)          | Out-bound script to Beneficial Shareholders (incorporated by reference to Barrick's filing pursuant to Rule 425 on January 5, 2006)   |
| (a)(17)(1.3)          | Out-bound script to Registered Shareholders (incorporated by reference to Barrick's filing pursuant to Rule 425 on January 5, 2006)   |