

Banro Provides Q1 2014 Production Update for Its Twangiza Gold Mine, DRC, and Brief Operations Overview

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TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Apr 10, 2014) - [Banro Corp.](#) ("Banro" or the "Company") (NYSE MKT:BAA)(TSX:BAA) is pleased to provide Q1 2014 gold production and a brief operations update for its Twangiza and Namoya gold mines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (the "DRC").

Twangiza Mine

Despite much heavier than normal rainfall in the first quarter, Twangiza produced 20,137 ounces of gold, an increase of 2.7% over the same quarter of 2013, which had significantly less rainfall than 2014. This is roughly in line with the average quarterly production in 2013, as the plant nears completion of the expansion program to bring the throughput capacity up to the 1.7 million tonnes per year range.

"While the first quarter is typically one of the wetter periods of the year, a large part of the Eastern DRC has received exceedingly high levels of rainfall," commented CEO Dr. John Clarke. "This has had an impact on throughput at Twangiza but we believe that, on an on-going basis, we can make up for shortfalls during future dry periods."

The Company's 2014 first quarter production results for the Twangiza Mine in comparison to the first quarter of 2013 are as follows:

	Units	Q1 2014	Q1 2013
Total ore mined	Tonnes	296,324	492,529
Total ore milled	Tonnes	252,691	239,100
Head grade	g/t Au	2.73	3.04
Recovery	%	84.97	84.5
Strip ratio	tt	1.29	0.98
Gold production	Ounces	20,137	19,602
Average gold price received	US\$/ounce	1,246	1,621

Because rainfall will continue to be part of the operating environment at Twangiza, the Company has put in place a plan to address this issue, which includes the installation of a roof above the Run-of-Mine pad to secure an acceptable amount of dry material to maintain steady throughput. The Company expects that, with the ending of the rainy season, Twangiza will be able to start to benefit from the process plant improvements facilitated during 2013.

Namoya Project

As part of the pre-commercial gold production, the Company recovered 3,362 ounces of gold (129,372 tonnes of material stacked at 1.91 g/t Au) from its semi-agglomerated heap leach operation in Namoya during the first quarter of 2014. As of the end of Q1 2014, project completion at Namoya stood at approximately 99 percent.

Namoya is forecast to provide between 50,000 and 60,000 ounces of gold production in the commercial production phase during 2014, which is expected to begin in the second half of the year.

Qualified Person

Daniel K. Bansah, Head of Projects and Operations and a "qualified person" (as such term is defined in National Instrument 43-101), has reviewed and approved the technical information in this press release.

Banro Corporation is a Canadian gold mining company focused on production from the Twangiza mine, which began commercial production September 1, 2012, and completion of its second gold mine at Namoya located approximately 200 kilometres southwest of the Twangiza gold mine. The Company's longer term objectives include the development of two additional major, wholly-owned gold projects, Lugushwa and Kamituga. The four projects, each of which has a mining license, are located along the 210 kilometre long Twangiza-Namoya gold belt in the South Kivu and Maniema provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Led by a proven management team with extensive gold and African experience, the initial focus of the Company is on the mining of oxide material, which has a low capital intensity to develop but also attracts a lower technical and financial risk to the Company. All business activities are followed in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

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This press release contains forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future (including, without limitation, statements regarding estimates and/or assumptions in respect of future gold production (including the timing thereof) and gold recoveries, and the Company's development plans and objectives) are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements reflect the current expectations or beliefs of the Company based on information currently available to the Company. Forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results of the Company to differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements, and even if such actual results are realized or substantially realized, there can be no assurance that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on the Company.

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