

Banro Provides Q3 2014 Production Update for its Twangiza Gold Mine, DRC, and Brief Operations Overview

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- Twangiza reports best quarterly gold production to date with 30% increase in gold production over Q3 2013

TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Oct 7, 2014) - [Banro Corp.](#) ("Banro" or the "Company") (NYSE MKT:BAA)(TSX:BAA) is pleased to report an increase of more than 30% in gold production at its Twangiza mine over the third quarter of 2013 and to provide a brief operations update for its Twangiza and Namoya gold mines in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (the "DRC").

Twangiza Mine

Twangiza produced 27,171 ounces of gold in Q3 2014, an increase of 30.7% over the same quarter of 2013 and a 26.8% increase over Q2 2014. The Twangiza mine processed 394,500 tonnes of ore through the plant, an increase of 48.1% over the same quarter of 2013 and for an annualized rate of approximately 1.6 mtpa or 93% of the 1.7 mtpa design capacity. The Company will target an annualized quarterly production rate of 1.6 mtpa, with full capacity being reached under the most optimal conditions.

"We are extremely pleased to be reaping the full benefits of the Twangiza plant enhancements in the current monthly and quarterly gold production rates and to report that Twangiza has had its best quarterly production to date," commented CEO John Clarke. "With the completion of these enhancements and the installation of a roof above the Run-of-Mine ore handling and stockpile area to secure an acceptable amount of dry material to maintain steady throughput, we are now focused on incremental operational efficiency in a more stable operating mode as we move into the rainy season."

The Company's 2014 third quarter production results for the Twangiza mine in comparison to the same quarter of 2013 and the previous quarter in 2014 are as follows:

| | Units | Q3 2014 | Q3 2013 | Q2 2014 | YTD Q3 2014 |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Total ore mined | Tonnes | 589,288 | 494,535 | 485,276 | 1,370,888 |
| Total ore milled | Tonnes | 394,500 | 266,320 | 340,654 | 987,845 |
| Head grade | g/t Au | 2.60 | 2.83 | 2.44 | 2.58 |
| Recovery | % | 82.2 | 82.9 | 84.3 | 83.7 |
| Strip ratio | t:t | 0.74 | 1.36 | 0.80 | 0.88 |
| Gold production | Ounces | 27,171 | 20,784 | 21,431 | 68,739 |
| Average gold price received | US\$/ounce | 1,233 | 1,329 | 1,292 | 1,254 |

At a steady state operating mode the operation will focus on continuous flow improvements, improving grade recovery and optimizing costs.

Namoya Project

The Company recovered 4,671 ounces of gold from Namoya in the third quarter of 2014. Note that Namoya is still in the pre-commercial production stage. Total tonnage of ore processed in the quarter was 150,304 tonnes, 141,099 tonnes stacked on the semi-agglomerated heap leach and 9,205 tonnes have been processed through the CIL portion of the plant.

Following a review of several options regarding the Namoya plant for the most efficient and effective method to handle the excess fine material, which the Company detailed in earlier press releases (see Banro press releases dated July 9, 2014 and July 23, 2014), the Company has begun to implement a first phase. As such, the Company is advancing the acquisition of an agglomeration drum to allow Namoya to run as an agglomerated heap leach operation while pursuing options to best utilize the CIL plant to process this excess fines material and to optimize the previously reported 2015 production schedule targets.

"Advice from experts in heap leach operations confirmed management's preference to convert the Namoya operations to a more traditional agglomerated heap leach operation and we are confident that this first phase of enhancements to the Namoya plant can put production on track for improved operations," commented CEO John Clarke.

Production guidance

At Twangiza, Banro expects to maintain the production rate it achieved in the third quarter of 2014 through the fourth quarter. Current guidance for Twangiza remains unchanged in the 90,000 to 100,000 ounce range for 2014.

Accounting for minor delays at Namoya due to the plant adjustments, Banro is updating its forecast for Namoya to provide 21,000 to 22,000 ounces of gold for 2014. Performance measures at Namoya will not be reported until the mine is in commercial production.

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 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.

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