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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-M-14 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: April 09, 2014

Date of Death: April 10, 2014

Operator: Barrick Goldstrike Mines,
Inc.

Mine: Goldstrike Mine

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry.

[REDACTED] a 64 year old haul truck driver, was working his shift as a water truck driver watering mine roads. A co-worker noticed water overflowing from the truck at a water filling station. The deceased was found unresponsive lying on the deck of the truck between the cab and the handrail. CPR was begun by co-workers and continued by the mine rescue team and county paramedics. He was declared dead at the scene.

The death certificate indicated that the death was due to myocardial infarction secondary to atherosclerotic arterial disease. An autopsy was not performed. He had a history of coronary artery disease and used supplemental oxygen at home. MSHA's investigation did not identify any physical or environmental factors that would have contributed to the death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and that his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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