

South Arturo Receives NMA’s Sentinels of Safety Award

PREMIER GOLD MINES LIMITED (“Premier” or “The Company”) (TSX:PG) is pleased to announce its partner **Barrick Gold Corporation (Barrick)** has received the National Mining Associations (NMA) Sentinels of Safety Award for its operating practices at the South Arturo Mine. The South Arturo Mine is a joint venture between Premier and Barrick in the Carlin Trend of Nevada.

Officials of the NMA, the U.S. National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, the U.S Department of the Interior’s Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the Bureau of Land Management, gathered on November 6th to honour top safety, environmental and technology leaders in the mining industry. Twenty American mining operations – six coal mines and 14 mineral/metal mines – were presented the award recognizing performance in 2016.

The Sentinels of Safety Award recognizes coal and mineral mining operations in 20 categories for recording the most hours in a calendar year without a single lost-time injury. A minimum of 4,000 hours is required for award consideration. The award categories reflect the safety accomplishments of both small and large mines.

“This award demonstrates Barrick’s high-standards in operations and is a testament to level of safety achieved by the Goldstrike Mine team”, stated Ewan Downie, President and CEO of Premier Gold Mines Limited. “We are extremely proud of our joint venture partner for their achievement and are honoured to be associated with a company that strives to operate at the leading edge of safety”.

Figure 1: Members of the South Arturo Team Receiving the Sentinels of Safety Award.



Initiated in 1925 by then Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover, a former mining engineer, the Sentinels of Safety Award program remains the nation's most prestigious recognition of mine safety and has helped foster a strong safety commitment on the part of U.S. mines.

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