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SUBJECT: Fatality Review Committee Decision on Chargeability

Case No.: 2011-M-15 [REDACTED]

Deceased: [REDACTED]

Date of Incident: April 06, 2011

Date of Death: April 06, 2011

Operator: Cortez Joint Venture

Mine: Barrick Cortez Underground

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Fatality Review Committee has determined that the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. [REDACTED], a 39 year old equipment operator, drove his truck to the surface wash bay for preventive maintenance at the end of his shift and a co-worker found him unconscious on the floor of the wash bay. Co-workers initiated CPR, but he still remained unresponsive. Emergency personnel were summoned to transport him to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The victim had a documented history of cardiac related problems. The death certificate indicated that the cause of death was cardiac arrest due to a cardiac arrhythmia. No autopsy was performed. An MSHA inspection did not identify any physical or environmental hazards.

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

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