

**Summary of Meeting:
CSR Advisory Board Meeting, June 17-18, 2014
5th Meeting
Pueblo Viejo, Dominican Republic**



PARTICIPANTS

From the CSR Advisory Board:

- Aron Cramer, President, BSR
- Robert Fowler, Canada's Former Ambassador to the United Nations
- Gare Smith, Senior Partner, Foley Hoag
- John Ruggie, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

From Barrick:

- William Birchall, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors
- Nancy Lockhart, Board of Directors
- Peter Sinclair, Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility
- Simon Jimenez, Director, Corporate Social Responsibility

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On June 17th and 18th, the CSR Advisory Board travelled to the Dominican Republic with members of Barrick's Board of Directors, including William Birchall and Nancy Lockhart, along with Peter Sinclair, Vice President, CSR, and Simon Jimenez, Director, CSR.

The purpose of the trip was to further advance Advisory Board members' understanding of Barrick's operational context, based on the success of the Advisory Board's visit to Elko, Nevada and the Cortez mine in April 2013.

In Santo Domingo, Advisory Board members were welcomed by Manuel Rocha, President of the Pueblo Viejo Dominicana Corporation (PVDC) and his leadership team, including from Community Relations, Government Relations, Communications, Security and Legal, as well as the mine General Manager, Ettiene Smuts.

Over a working lunch, Mr. Rocha briefed the Advisory Board on the history of the operation and recent successes and challenges, including the renegotiation of the Special Lease Agreement in 2013 (click [here](#) for additional background information). The Advisory Board also heard from a Dominican economist, whose analysis showed the significant social and economic impact that PVDC is having on the Dominican Republic, in the way of taxes, royalties, technology, and the creation of direct and indirect jobs. The group then travelled to the mine site and spent the next several hours being briefed by mine site management and touring the operation, including seeing the tailings dam and autoclaves.

The day concluded with dinner at the mine site with senior PVDC personnel. Over dinner, the Advisory Board received a presentation from PVDC's Environmental Manager on the ongoing environmental reclamation around the mine site, including the significant remediation of environmental damage left behind by a previous mining operation (see [here](#) for more details). The group also had an opportunity to learn how PVDC's research has helped reclassify two species of tree frogs from endangered to vulnerable by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (click [here](#) for more information about this project).

On June 18th, PVDC's Community Relations Manager briefed the Advisory Board on the community context surrounding the mine, including how PVDC works with local communities as well as an overview of key CSR initiatives. A local representative from Enda, an international environmental NGO, provided a summary of the projects associated with the Enda-PVDC partnership. The group then visited the Enda office and toured Barrick-sponsored projects in the communities of Tojin, San Isidro, Coquitos, and Las Caobas. The intention was to provide the Advisory Board with a better understanding of both the social and environmental context of this important operation. The visit concluded over lunch, with a final discussion and feedback from the Advisory Board on the operating context of the Dominican Republic, including the social, political, and economic challenges and opportunities facing the business.