

Mining News

Copper Range, Barrick Gold launch \$5M farm-in

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BARRICK Gold of Australia has teamed up with Copper Range in a farm-in agreement to develop Copper Range's tenements in South Australia's Lake Torrens region for \$A5 million.

The farm-in will see Barrick Gold earn a 75% stake in the tenements by spending a minimum \$600,000 in the first year and a total of \$5 million within five years.

Once Barrick has earned its 75% interest, Copper Range has the right to contribute as a 25% joint venture partner or dilute down to a 5% interest, at which time the interest will convert to a 1.5% net smelter royalty.

The South Australia-focused mineral explorer has identified a number of highly prospective targets within the Lake Torrens tenements and Barrick will begin work on the project immediately.

Copper Range's managing director Rob Scargill said the agreement would relieve the company of significant expenditures and enable some of its targets in the Olympic Domain to be drilled at a time when junior explorers were battling to raise funds.

Barrick Gold of Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of Barrick Gold Corporation, which has a portfolio of 27 operating mines and has advanced exploration and development projects across five continents.

The company has 124.6 million ounces of gold and 2.8 million tonnes of copper in reserves as at the end of December, 2007.

Shares in Copper Range have added 0.4c to 3.6c in afternoon trade

