



Response to recent media article in the Solomon Star

The Solomon Star newspaper has today published an article regarding benefits provided by Allied Gold Limited to a government official. Allied Gold was acquired by St Barbara in September 2012.

St Barbara referred to the benefits in its June 2014 Quarterly Report (released on 31 July 2014). As previously disclosed, St Barbara detected the matter through operation of its internal processes and voluntarily reported the matter, in strict confidence, to relevant authorities including the Australian Federal Police (AFP), the UK Serious Fraud Office and the Solomon Islands Attorney General. The AFP are investigating the matters reported.

St Barbara continues to cooperate with the AFP in its investigation. As the matters are under investigation by the AFP, St Barbara does not intend to comment further save as follows. The Solomon Star incorrectly stated that Mr Tim Lehany and Mr Ross Kennedy were 'dismissed'. The departure of Mr Lehany was an agreed departure, and Mr Lehany assisted the company with an orderly transition as part of a structured CEO succession process. This was the subject of St Barbara's ASX disclosure of 17 June 2014. As part of a corporate restructure, Mr Kennedy's role was made redundant in March 2014, and he departed on 30 September 2014.

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