



TROY RESOURCES LIMITED

# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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## KAROUNI EARN-IN AGREEMENT – BARRICK GOLD CORPORATION

Troy Resources Limited (**ASX: TRY**) (**Troy** or the **Company**) advises that the Earn-In Agreement with Barrick Corporation, announced by the Company on 1 July 2021 has been terminated with effect from 25 December 2022 due to exploration findings within the Potaro and Apanachi areas which are not significant enough to warrant further exploration by Barrick nor progressing to a Feasibility Study.

Under the Earn-In Agreement, Barrick's obligations were to spend US\$3 million, with any under expenditure due to the Company. Barrick's expenditure obligations were satisfied throughout the term of the Earn-In Agreement, so there is no shortfall due to the Company.

Barrick's exploration objectives have been quite different to the Company's objectives in acquiring the tenements the subject of the Earn-In Agreement only a few months before the Earn-In Agreement was finalised – whereas Barrick was seeking "elephant sized" deposits, Troy's ambitions were more modest. As shareholders will be aware from the quarterly exploration updates released to the ASX, Barrick's exploration efforts did not result in the identification of significant mineralisation. However, Troy has not abandoned its exploration aspirations in relation to the tenements, and indeed has gained geological information to be used going forward.

The CEO of Troy Mr Richard Beazley commented that:

*"Whilst we are obviously disappointed that Barrick has decided to terminate the Earn-in-Agreement, the targeting of "elephant" sized deposits beneath substantial sand cover in a highly underexplored region was always going to be a high-risk strategy.*

*"Moreover, whilst the lack of exploration success in respect of these tenements to the south of the Karouni Mill represents a downgrade in their prospectivity, the bulk of these tenements were acquired by Troy only a short while before the Earn-in-Agreement was entered into.*

*"The fact is, Troy holds a substantial and highly underexplored ground position, with the most prospective targets located to the north (eg Upper Itaki) or east of the Karouni Mill (eg Kaburi Hills) of the Karouni Mill.*

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board.

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