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	<b>Stage</b>	<b>Production, development</b>
	<b>Metals</b>	<b>Gold</b>
	<b>Market Cap</b>	<b>A\$256 Million @A\$1.07</b>
	<b>Location</b>	<b>South Australia</b>
	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.bartongold.com.au">www.bartongold.com.au</a>

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*New zones of high-grade mineralisation identified in open pit walls*

[Barton Gold Holdings Limited \(ASX:BGD, OTCQB:BGDFF, FRA:BGD3\)](#) (Barton or Company) is pleased to announce initial assay results from recent drilling at its South Australian Challenger Gold Project (Challenger).

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 8,065m reverse circulation (RC) Resource upgrade drilling recently completed at Challenger 'Main', 'Challenger West' (CW) open pits, and 'Challenger South-Southwest' (CSSW) and 'Challenger 3' targets
- Challenger's 'Main' open pit operated during 2002 – 2004; drilling has identified new highgrade mineralisation in the open pit's walls and extensions, where new assays include:

### Hole ID Interval Including:

CHB0140 9m @ 2.20 g/t Au from 97 metres 1m @ 6.63 g/t Au from 103 metres

CHB0158 11m @ 5.67 g/t Au from 24 metres

10m @ 17.7 g/t Au from 40 metres

1m @ 50.9 g/t Au from 27 metres

1m @ 170.7 g/t Au from 43 metres

CHB0159 14m @ 1.01 g/t Au from 19 metres

3m @ 4.72 g/t Au from 40 metres

3m @ 2.55 g/t Au from 22 metres

1m @ 11.8 g/t Au from 40 metres

CHB0165 3m @ 6.85 g/t Au from 121 metres 1m @ 15.0 g/t Au from 121 metres

- Further assays pending for the CW open pit, and the CSSW and Challenger 3 open pit targets
- Challenger DFS underway targeting a viable, simplified 'baseline' Stage 1 operation to underwrite restart of CGM and maximise Challenger, Tarcoola, Wudinna and Tolmer development optionality.

Challenger is the site of the Company's fully permitted Central Gawler Mill (CGM). A Definitive Feasibility Study (DFS) is underway targeting an initial 3 – 4 year Stage 1 'baseline' operation utilising only historical higher-grade

tailings from tailings storage facility 1 (TSF1) and limited, near-surface materials without disturbing Challenger's historical high-grade underground mine, its mineralisation or its infrastructure access.

## **Commenting on the first Challenger assay results, Barton Managing Director Alexander Scanlon said:**

*"The Challenger open pit operated from 2002 to 2004, at a time of record low gold prices. Our drilling has been targeting 1-2 g/t Au mineralisation on open pit extensions to provide a source of lower-risk feed for Stage 1 operations.*

*"We were therefore surprised to find much higher-grade mineralisation than expected – up to 170 g/t Au – in previously unmodelled extensions of mineralisation immediately adjacent to the open pit.*

*"This mineralisation has not previously been drilled and is not closed off, indicating potential for further extensions and additional near-pit discoveries.*

*"This kind of on-pit, near-surface mineralisation adjacent to our existing Central Gawler Mill provides ideal low-risk feed to de-risk an operational restart at Challenger. We look forward to sharing further Challenger assays soon."*

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