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# ASX Announcement

Empired Limited and Oakton Limited team to secure multi-million dollar cloud contract with Barrick Gold Corporation

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Secures strategic supply contract with the world's largest gold mining company
- Multi-year multi-million dollar contract to supply cloud based Oracle Managed Services
- Oakton to prime as service integrator with Empired to provide Infrastructure and Cloud Managed Services
- Provision of services has commenced with contract signed early 2013 and tangible benefits being realised by Barrick
- Expands Empired's Energy and Natural Resources business
- Significant addition to Empired's growing portfolio of customers on its cloud based facilities
- Contracted revenue stream to underpin Empired's cloud based investments
- Continuing to deliver on Empired's commitment to multi-year recurring income contracts

## Release

Australian listed IT Services Company Empired Limited ("Empired" or "the company") teaming with Oakton Limited ("Oakton") has been successful in securing a multi-million dollar contract with Barrick Gold Corporation (Barrick) the world's largest gold mining company.

The two year contract with ongoing annual options, will see Oakton and Empired provide a fully managed Oracle service, delivered over Empired's cloud solution (FlexScale) for Barrick's core financial accounting system in the Asia Pacific region.

Under the terms of the contract Oakton, as service integrator will take ownership of the overall solution delivery and directly provide the application managed services relating to the Oracle ebusiness suite.

Empired will deliver all infrastructure and cloud based managed services including security, core server and storage systems and capacity management. The solution also includes the provision of disaster recovery services utilising Empired's dual hosting facilities on both the

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East and West coasts of Australia with real time replication to provide seamless failover services.

Barrick is the gold industry leader globally, with a portfolio of 26 operating mines and advanced exploration and development projects located across five continents, and large land positions on some of the world's most prolific and prospective mineral trends. The Company also has the largest reserves in the gold industry, with about 140 million ounces of proven and probable gold reserves. In addition, Barrick has 12.7 billion pounds of copper reserves and 1.07 billion ounces of silver contained within gold reserves as of December 31, 2011.

The contract will cement both Oakton and Empired as strategic partners for the supply of consulting and technology services to Barrick.

Bernard Menage, Barrick's Asia Pacific CIO went on to say "I am delighted with the outcome of our rigorous tender process. The Empired / Oakton combination presented a unique best of breed mix from two complementary Australian industry leaders working together to provide a world class solution."

Commenting on the win Empired, Managing Director, Mr Russell Baskerville said "We are proud to have been selected as part of the overall solution to provide a critical financial system to such a high profile leading global organisation. Our focus is clearly on delivering an exceptional service to Barrick and we trust through this we will demonstrate the significant value that Empired and Oakton can deliver."

Mr Neil Wilson, Oakton Managing Director and CEO said "We are delighted to demonstrate success with a high profile customer engaging Oakton as a prime service integrator. It presents an outstanding opportunity to continue to build our reputation as a leader in service integration as part of the evolving IT supply chain."

Mr Baskerville went on to say "This contract vindicates the prudent investment decision by the company to develop its market leading cloud computing platform "FlexScale".

"Following our recent announcement on strong positive cash flows for FY13, I look forward to delivering our pleasing full year results to the market."

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### **About Empired Limited**

Empired Ltd is a national IT Services Provider with a broad range of capabilities and experience. First established in 1999, Empired is a publicly listed company (ASX: EPD) that is proud to have its foundations in Western Australia, with a strong national presence. With more than 300 staff, Empired has built a reputation for service excellence and is a leading provider of business technology solutions in the Corporate and Government sector.

Our flexible service delivery approach and “can do” attitude has enabled Empired to secure clients that range from medium size entities through to large enterprise accounts with services delivered across Australia, South East Asia and beyond.

Empired focuses on providing companies with tailored IT service solutions that address their specific needs. We have established long-term client relationships and are continually invited to help enhance their business processes.

Empired offers a range of services complemented by hardware and software products that enable it to provide comprehensive and professional ICT solutions.

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