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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **POWERBALL REACHES WORLD RECORD JACKPOT OF \$1.3 BILLION**

Bismarck — The world's largest jackpot in history is now over one billion dollars. The draw for the \$1.3 Billion Powerball jackpot is Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 9:59 p.m. (CT). Tickets must be purchased by 8:58 p.m. (CT) on Wednesday to be eligible to win. Both the annuity of \$1.3 billion and the cash option of \$806 million are world records.

"We are walking in uncharted territory with this enormous jackpot," said Randy Miller, director. "We had a \$50,000 Powerball winner on Saturday in West Fargo and over 43,000 Powerball winners across the state totaling more than \$415,000. We're hoping for a few millionaires, maybe even a billionaire, in North Dakota come Wednesday night."

The previous record for the Powerball jackpot was \$947 million on January 9, 2016. The Powerball jackpot starts at \$40 million and grows until someone wins. Powerball tickets cost \$2 per play and for just \$1 more add Power Play to increase non-jackpot prizes (excluding the Match 5 prize). For more information on Powerball, visit us on the web at [LOTTERY.ND.GOV](http://LOTTERY.ND.GOV).

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