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Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.*

紫金礦業集團股份有限公司

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock code: 2899)

Announcement in relation to an environmental incident relating to sudden leakage in the waste water pond in the Zijinshan Copper Mine hydro-metallurgical plant

This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities of the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). As a result of the recent continuous heavy rainfall, there was a sudden leakage of the waste water pond in the Zijinshan Copper Mine hydro-metallurgical plant resulting in certain waste water containing acidic copper entering the Ting River. Stock piling of additional ore in the Zijinshan Copper Mine hydro-metallurgical plant has been suspended and this incident has had a substantial effect on the copper production of the Zijinshan Copper Mine hydro-metallurgical plant.

Trading in the H shares of the Company (defined below) on the Stock Exchange was suspended with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 12 July 2010 at the request of the Company pending the release of this announcement. Application has been made to the Stock Exchange for a resumption of trading in the H shares of the Company with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 13 July 2010.

Investors and shareholders are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

As a result of recent continuous heavy rainfall in Fujian province, the water level of the waste water pond in the Zijinshan Copper Mine hydro-metallurgical plant of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd. (the "Company") remained at a high level. On 3 July 2010 at 3:50 p.m., the water level of this waste water pond fell to an abnormally low level and leakage of waste water (mainly containing copper, sulfate, and non-toxic substance) containing acidic copper was found, some of which entered the Ting River through the underground flood water drainage no. 227.

After the incident, leaders of government, relevant departments and party committees at the provincial, city and county levels directed their attention to the matter and were at the site in person to co-ordinate and arrange relief efforts. The Company immediately set up an emergency response

unit to lead the relief work, and an emergency plan has been activated immediately at the mine site to handle the leakage of waste water, emergency measures relating to which include cutting off, re-pumping and chemically diluting the waste water. As at 2:30 p.m. on 4 July 2010, the waste water leakage was under control. It is estimated that approximately 9,100m³ of waste water containing acidic copper entered the Ting River, causing a certain level of pollution to a certain extent of the Ting River. Although the total copper concentration still complied with category III of “The surface water environment quality standards” (below 1mg/litre), the pH value failed to meet the required standard. After deployment of the emergency measures, as at 10:30 a.m. on 8 July 2010, water samples obtained hourly from 10 monitoring stations set up at the affected region showed that the water quality was gradually improving, and the total copper concentration had decreased, the pH value had increased, and the total copper concentration and the pH value had reached category III of “The surface water environment quality standards”. The Company will continue to monitor the water quality of the affected region. The leakage has not affected the water usage in the Shanghang county and downstream in general, but dead fish were found in the fishery cages downstream, and have caused a certain economic loss. The Company expresses its deep regret for this sudden leakage.

After the initial investigations conducted by the experts from province and city, the leakage was mainly attributable to the continuous heavy rainfall which caused the underground water level in the solution pond region to rise rapidly above the normal level marked at the lower part of the waste water pond. Uneven pressure at the top and the bottom gave rise to a cutting effect and tore the waterproofing layer in many places at the bottom of the waste water pond, which led to a leakage in the waste water pond. Currently, the waste water pond has been emptied and the Company will carry out emergency measures and comprehensive rectification work in relation to the leakage incident. The relevant governmental departments are carrying out investigations to determine the causes of and responsibility for the incident.

When the incident occurred, the Company immediately suspended the stock piling of additional ore in the copper site, and has diverted the flow of the solution in the copper site. This incident will have a substantial effect on the copper production of the Zijinshan Copper Mine hydro-metallurgical plant.

The Company will evaluate the effects of the incident as the investigation progresses and provide further disclosure in relation to the incident if necessary.

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As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Messrs. Chen Jinghe (Chairman), Luo Yingnan, Liu Xiaochu, Lan Fusheng, Huang Xiaodong, and Zou Laichang as executive directors, Mister. Peng Jiaqing as non-executive director, and Messrs. Su Congfu, Chen Yuchuan, Lin Yongjing, and Wang Xiaojun as independent non-executive directors.

By Order of the Board of Directors
Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.*
Chen Jinghe
Chairman

Fujian, the PRC, 12 July 2010

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