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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 the Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection Administrative Punishment Decision

Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.* (the "Company") refers to its earlier announcements dated 12, 13, 14, 16, 19, 27 and 28 July 2010. On 30 September 2010, the Company received an administrative decision from the Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection. The "Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection Administrative Punishment Decision" (the "Administrative Punishment Decision") (Minhuanfazi [2010] no.3) was issued in relation to a violation of environmental law by Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine, which is owned by the Company. The Administrative Punishment Decision was issued after the completion of an on-site investigation by the Fujian Provincial Environmental Chief Supervisory Team. The contents of the Administrative Punishment Decision is as follows:

I. Facts of the environmental violation

The investigation found that there had been two leakages of acidic copper solution at the Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine copper hydro-metallurgical plant on 3 July 2010 and 16 July 2010 respectively, resulting in material water pollution of the Ting River, and a direct economic loss of RMB31,877,100.

Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine was found to be in violation of Articles 29(1), 67 and 68 of the "Law of the People's Republic of China ("PRC") on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution" and Article 31(1) of the "Environmental Protection Law of the PRC".

II. Type and basis of the administrative punishment

Pursuant to Article 83(1) and (2) of the "Laws of the PRC on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution" and the 99th point of the "Detailed Standards of the Discretion in the Administrative Punishment issued by Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection (For Trial Implementation)" (relating to the detailed standards of Article 83 of the "Laws of the PRC on the Prevention and Control of Water Pollution"), the Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection decided to impose the following administrative punishment on Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine:

1. Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine be ordered to implement rectification measures and clear up pollution, until the completion of the rectification; and
2. A fine of RMB9,563,130 be imposed.

On 13 September 2010 the Company received the “Advance Notice on Administrative Punishment” issued by the Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection” (Minhuanfagaozi [2010] no.7) (the “Advance Notice on Administrative Punishment”) and the “Hearing Notice on the Administrative Punishment issued by the Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection” (Minhuantinggaozi [2010] no.6). The Company submitted a “Letter of statement and defense” to the Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection on 16 September 2010 in accordance with the law and raised an objection to the liability imposed for the losses caused by fish deaths as referred to in the “Advance Notice on Administrative Punishment”. This defence was rejected by the Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection. The Company decided not to make an application for an administrative reconsideration and not to initiate administrative litigation, and to comply with the punishment imposed under the Administrative Punishment Decision in a timely manner.

Trading in the H shares of the Company on the Stock Exchange was suspended with effect from 9:30 a.m. on 4 October 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 8 October 2010.

This announcement is made under Listing Rule 13.09.

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

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, 7 October 2010

**The English name of the Company is for identification purpose only*