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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 Administrative Punishment imposed on Directors by the Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection

The chairman of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.* (the "Company"), Mr. Chen Jinghe and executive director, Mr. Zou Laichang (also a Standing Vice President of the Company and the Mining Chief of Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine) received the "Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection Administrative Punishment Decision" (Minhuanfazi [2010] no.6) and (Minhuanfazi [2010] no.7) both issued by the Fujian Provincial Department of Environmental Protection on 27 December 2010. Details of the contents are as follows:

The investigation found that there had been two subsequent 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.

In relation to the above-mentioned leakages, the plant 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".

Pursuant to Article 83(1) 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 directors:

1. A fine of RMB705,997 be imposed on Mr. Chen Jinghe;
2. A fine of RMB449,768 be imposed on Mr. Zou Laichang.

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

This announcement is made by the Company on a voluntary basis.

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

27 December 2010 Fujian, PRC

** The Company's English name is for identification purpose only*