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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 pledge of part of shares
held by the substantial shareholder of the Company**

Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.* (the "Company") received a notice from Minxi Xinghang State-owned Assets Investment Co., Ltd. ("Minxi Xinghang"), a substantial shareholder of the Company on 13 January 2012, that Minxi Xinghang pledged its 600,000,000 shares of the Company to Minmetals International Trust Co., Ltd. as a security for its own business development purpose with 1 year pledging period. The registration date of pledge was 13 January 2012. The registration procedure for the pledge mentioned above was made with the China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited, Shanghai Branch.

As at the date of this announcement, Minxi Xinghang holds 6,316,353,180 shares, representing approximately 28.96% of the total number of issued shares, among which 1,200,000,000 shares, representing approximately 5.5% of the total number of the issued shares, were pledged.

This announcement is made on a voluntary basis.

Investors and shareholders are advised by the Board 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

16 January 2012, Fujian, the PRC

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