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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 release of pledge and pledge of
shares held by substantial shareholder**

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 April 2012, that Minxi Xinghang released the pledge of its 600,000,000 shares (which are freely transferable with no selling restrictions) of the Company from Union Trust Limited and pledged its 600,000,000 shares (which are freely transferable with no selling restrictions) of the Company to China Industrial International Trust Limited (its predecessor was Union Trust Limited) on 12 April 2012. The registration procedure for the release of pledge and pledge mentioned above has been 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 (which are freely transferable with no selling restrictions), representing approximately 28.96% of the total number of shares of the Company, among which the number of accumulated pledged shares is 1,200,000,000 shares, representing approximately 5.5% of the total number of the shares of the Company.

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, 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

13 April 2012, Fujian, the PRC

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