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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)

PAYMENT OF 2011 FINAL DIVIDEND

Reference is made to the annual results announcement for the year ended 31 December 2011 dated 28 March 2012, the announcement about the notice of 2011 annual general meeting dated 11 April 2012, revised notice of 2011 annual general meeting dated 7 May 2012 and the second revised notice of 2011 annual general meeting dated 11 May 2012, the announcement about the withholding and payment of enterprise income tax for non-resident enterprise shareholders in respect of 2011 final dividend dated 28 May 2012, the announcement about the withholding and payment of personal income tax for individual shareholders in respect of 2011 final dividend dated 28 May 2012 and the announcement about the resolutions passed at the 2011 annual general meeting dated 28 May 2012 (the “**Announcements**”) of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.* (the “**Company**”), the contents of which, among other things, relates to the payment of 2011 final dividend, its book closure dates, record date and the exchange rate. The terms defined in the Announcements shall apply hereto unless otherwise defined.

The board of directors of the Company announces that the Company distributed a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2011 of Renminbi (“**RMB**”) 1.00 (tax included) (equivalent to approximately Hong Kong dollars (“**HK\$**”) 1.228981 (tax included)) per 10 shares to shareholders (the “**Shareholders**”) whose names appeared on the H shares (“**H Share(s)**”) register of members of the Company on the record date (the “**Record Date**”) of 18 June 2012. Holders of H Shares who are entitled to the payment of the final dividend shall receive the same on 12 July 2012 by ordinary post at their own risk.

Pursuant to the “Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China” (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法》) and the “Detailed Rules for the Implementation of the Enterprise Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China” (《中華人民共和國企業所得稅法實施條例》) (the “**Tax Law**”), both implemented in 2008, the Company has an obligation to withhold for payment of the 10% enterprise income tax from the payment of the 2011 final dividend to shareholders who are non-resident enterprises (including HKSCC (Nominees) Limited) whose names are registered on the register of members of the Company (the “**Register**”) as of the Record Date. The term “non-resident enterprise” when used in this announcement shall have the same meaning as defined under the Tax Law and its relevant rules and regulations.

Pursuant to the State Administration of Taxation Notice on Matters Concerning the Levy and Administration of Individual Income Tax After the Repeal of Guo Shui Fa [1993] No. 045 (Guo Shui Han [2011] No. 348) (《國家稅務總局關於國稅發[1993]045 號文件廢止後有關個人所得稅徵管問題的通知》(國稅函[2011]348 號)) (the “**SAT Notice**”) dated 28 June 2011, and the letter entitled “Tax arrangements on dividends paid to Hong Kong residents by Mainland companies” issued by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange Letter**”) dated 4 July 2011, the overseas resident individual shareholders of the stocks issued in Hong Kong by domestic non-foreign invested enterprises are entitled to the relevant preferential tax treatment pursuant to the provisions in the tax treaties entered into between the

countries in which they reside and the PRC or the tax arrangements between the Mainland China and Hong Kong (Macau).

The Company will withhold and arrange for the payment of the withholding tax pursuant to the above opinions of the tax authorities and relevant tax laws and regulations, including the “Notice of the State Administration of Taxation in relation to the Administrative Measures on Preferential Treatment Entitled by Non-residents under Tax Treaties (Tentative)” (Guo Shui Fa [2009] No.124) (《國家稅務總局關於印發〈非居民享受稅收協定待遇管理辦法(試行)〉的通知》(國稅發[2009]124 號)) (the “Tax Treaties Notice”). The Company will determine the country of domicile of each of the individual H Shareholders based on the registered address as recorded in the register of members of the Company on the Record Date of 18 June 2012 (the “Registered Address”). For the details of the arrangements of the withholding and payment of personal income tax of the individual H Shareholders, please refer to the relevant announcement dated 28 May 2012.

Investors should note that the Company has no obligation and will not be responsible for confirming the identities of any shareholders. The Company will withhold for payment of the enterprise income tax and personal income tax, strictly in accordance with the Tax Law and its relevant rules and regulations, based on the information contained in the Register on the Record Date. The Company will assume no liability whatsoever in respect of and will not entertain any claims arising from any delay in, or inaccurate determination of, the identities of the shareholders or any disputes over the withholding arrangement.

PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND

The Company paid a final dividend of RMB1.00 (tax included) (equivalent to approximately HK\$1.228981 (tax included)) per 10 shares, for the year ended 31 December 2011, on 12 July 2012. Payment has been made to the Shareholders of the Company whose names appeared on the H Shares register of members of the Company on the Record Date of 18 June 2012. Dividends payable to holders of H Shares of the Company have been paid in Hong Kong dollars.

The amount of final dividend payable for each 10 H Shares is HK\$1.228981 (tax included). Such final dividends have been paid by Bank of China (Hong Kong) Trustees Limited, the Company’s receiving agent in Hong Kong, and have been mailed by Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited to the holders of H Shares who are entitled to receive the same, by ordinary post at their own risk on 12 July 2012.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Messrs. Chen Jinghe (Chairman), Luo Yingnan, Qiu Xiaohua, 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, China, 12 July 2012

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