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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**

## **FIRB's approval and Beijing Municipal Commission of Development and Reform's approval in relation to the acquisition of Norton Gold Fields Limited**

The board of directors of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.\* (the "Company") is pleased to announce that the Company has received notification from the Australian Foreign Investment Review Board ("FIRB") that there are no objections in terms of the Australian Commonwealth Government's foreign investment policy to the acquisition by the Company and its subsidiaries of interests in and up to all of the shares of Norton Gold Fields Limited ("Norton") on issue. The notice is unconditional and stands for a period of 12 months. Accordingly, the FIRB approval condition to the Company's proposed off-market takeover offer (through its wholly-owned subsidiary Jinyu (H.K.) International Mining Company Limited) for Norton (the "Offer"), which was set out in the Bid Implementation Deed dated 31 May 2012, has now been satisfied.

In addition, the Company has received approval from the Beijing Municipal Commission of Development and Reform in relation to the Offer, but is still awaiting the receipt of the other required Chinese regulatory approvals.

As at the date of this announcement, the Company has not confirmed the satisfaction of the remaining conditions to the proposed Offer (including the receipt of other required Chinese regulatory approvals) set out in the Bid Implementation Deed.

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

**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, 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*

13 July 2012, Fujian, the PRC

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