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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

Progress in relation to the takeover bid for Norton Gold Fields Limited

Reference is made to the announcements (the “**Announcements**”) of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.* (the “**Company**”) dated 3 April 2012 in relation to the Company’s indicative takeover proposal for the ASX-listed Australian company Norton Gold Fields Limited (“**Norton**”), dated 31 May 2012 in relation to entering into a definitive bid implementation deed for a A\$0.25 per share cash offer (the “**Offer**”) with Norton, dated 13 July 2012 in relation to approvals by FIRB and Beijing Municipal Commission of Development and Reform in relation to the Offer, dated 18 July 2012 in relation to Zijin’s wholly-owned subsidiary Jinyu (H.K.) International Mining Company Limited (“**Jinyu**”) (being the offeror under the Offer) lodging and dispatching its Bidder’s Statement in respect of the Offer, and dated 1 August 2012 in relation to the Offer having been declared unconditional and the intended repayment of Norton’s existing Secured Note Facility. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements.

The Company is pleased to announce that the Zijin Group has together obtained a relevant interest in more than 50% of Norton Shares (including the 16.98% interest owned by the Zijin Group before the Offer) as a result of acceptances of the Offer. As a result, the Company now has control over a majority of the Norton Shares.

Norton today announced the completion of the repayment of its Secured Note Facility, and has declared a special dividend of A\$0.02 per share.

Norton today also announced changes to its board of directors following the Company obtaining control over a majority of the Norton shares. The members of the Norton board are now:

- Mr. Chen Jinghe (Chairman of the Company), who joins the Norton board as Non-Executive Chairman;

- Dr. Chen Dianmin, who joins the Norton board as an Executive Director;
- Mr. Xu Hanjing, who joins the Norton board as a Non-Executive Director;
- Mr. Tim Prowse (former Non-Executive Chairman of Norton), who remains on the Norton board as a Non-Executive Director; and
- Ms. Anne Bi, who remains on the Norton board as a Non-Executive Director.

Effective immediately the Norton board accepted the resignations from the following members of the board: Mr. Andre Labuschagne, Dr. Allen Wu and Mr. Xianhui Zeng. Mr. Andre Labuschagne remains Chief Executive Officer of Norton.

The Offer remains open and is scheduled to close on Monday 20 August 2012, unless extended.

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

3 August 2012, Fujian, the PRC

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