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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

End of Offer Period 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, dated 1 August 2012 in relation to the Offer having been declared unconditional and the intended repayment of Norton’s existing Secured Note Facility, and dated 3 August 2012 in relation to changes to the board of directors of Norton following the Company obtaining control over a majority of the Norton shares (the “**Announcements**”). 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 Offer closed at 7:00pm (Sydney time) on 20 August 2012 and that as at the close of the Offer, the Zijin Group has together obtained a relevant interest in approximately 89.15% 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 announced on 3 August 2012, the Zijin Group has obtained control over a majority of the Norton shares and Norton’s board of directors has been reconstituted.

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

21 August 2012, Fujian, the PRC

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