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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 resumption of production of Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine hydro-metallurgical plant

Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd. (the "Company") recently received the "Approval from Shanghang County People's Government regarding the resumption of production of Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine hydro-metallurgical plant" issued by the Shanghang County People's Government.

Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine has fully completed all 61 rectification items in the rectification order issued by "7.3" incident contingency command post, undergone post-environmental impact evaluation, hydrogeological evaluation of copper mine hydro-metallurgical plant, mine safety evaluation and other works, and completed the construction items mentioned in the "Recent rectification proposal on safety and environmental protection in Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine". The Company has accumulately invested RMB830 million in the rectification and construction works.

Since July 2012, Shanghang county government has gathered the relevant units in county, such as development and reform commission, environmental protection bureau, safety supervision bureau, water conservancy bureau, national land bureau, etc. for several times, and has invited experts of water conservancy, safety supervision, environmental protection and national land from city and province level to verify one by one of all 61 rectification items for Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine. During the period of trial production, the county government organised the relevant departments for several times to carry out tracking, testing and supervision on the trial production, in which the safety and environmental protection facilities operated in good condition. On 31 December 2012 and 6 January 2013, the county government gathered the relevant departments, such as economy and trading department, safety supervision bureau, environmental protection bureau, etc. of the county to carry out on-site verification for the production operation of Zijinshan copper mine

hydro-metallurgical plant. From 9 to 11 January 2013, the experts group organized by the China Non-ferrous Metals Industry Association completed the post-construction site verification and assessment for the rectification construction of Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine, and considered that “the rectification design proposal is reasonably practicable, strict quality control for the construction process has been implemented, which complies with the relevant specification and regulations, the rectification construction and its quality fulfill the production resumption conditions and the requirements for application of production resumption to the relevant departments.”

In summary, Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine has fully fulfilled the requirements of the various rectification and the recent rectification proposal on safety and environmental protection issued by post “7.3” incident contingency command post. Upon the completion of the rectification works, the environmental management, emergency system, decontamination triage system and environmental treatment facilities tend to be completely improved, and the fortification standards and the ability to cope with emergent incident have improved significantly. Thus, the Shanghang County People’s Government agreed in principle with the various project experts’ verification and assessment advice on the “post 7.3 incident rectification of Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine and the recent safety and environmental protection rectification construction”, and agreed to the resumption of the production of Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine hydro-metallurgical plant.

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

25 January 2013, Fujian, the PRC

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