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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

A Summary of Norton Gold Fields Limited Unaudited 2012 Annual Results

Zijin Mining Group Company Limited's ("the Company") majority-owned subsidiary, Norton Gold Fields Limited ("Norton", Australian Securities Exchange code "NGF") released its December 2012 Appendix 4E unaudited financial results for the six-months ended 31 December 2012 on 27 February 2013 (due to a change of accounting period). Key financial figures prepared in accordance to Australian Accounting Standards are summarized below:

AUS\$ '000

	6-months ended 31 Dec 2012	6-months ended 31 Dec 2011	Change (%)	12-months ended 30 Jun 2012
Revenue	114,079	118,950	- 4.1	245,912
Net (loss)/profit	(21,143)	5,786	- 465.4	11,828
Basic earnings per share (AUS\$)	(0.025)	0.70	- 103.6	0.014
Diluted earnings per share (AUS\$)	(0.025)	0.70	- 103.6	0.014
	31 Dec 2012	31 Dec 2011	Change (%)	30 Jun 2012
Total assets	248,324	265,078	- 6.3	276,053
Net assets	128,042	153,938	- 16.8	164,088
Outstanding ordinary shares	861,580,265	849,580,265	1.4	849,580,265

Please refer to the Appendix 4E – 31 December 2012 as published on the ASX (<http://www.asx.com.au>) by Norton on 27 February 2013 for further details.

Norton's net loss for the 12 months-end 31 December 2012 was AUS\$ 15.1 million.

As previously announced in the financial results update on 31 January 2013, the loss for the current reporting period compared to the previous corresponding period was a result of the impairment of stockpile inventory of AUS\$11.033 million, one-off expenses of approximately AUS\$7 million due to the change in control of the company and repayment of the higher interest bearing Merrill Lynch loan to reduce interest costs in financing. In addition, the Paddington operations experienced lower throughput and production due to lack of development ore stocks, treatment of lower grade ore stocks, mill relining, unexpected maintenance and repairs needed on the ball mill trunnion during the current reporting period which caused lower mill production, therefore lower gold recovered, and higher production cost and impacted gold sales revenues. The remedial work has since been carried out on the ball mill trunnion and we expect the gold production will be significantly improved from the first quarter of 2013.

The impairment of the inventory of AUS\$11.033 million was the result of writing down the stockpiles to their net recoverable values. Management performed a detailed analysis on the stockpiles based on the gold grade, recoverability, and additional costs expected to be incurred. The result of the analysis was that the pre-written down carrying values exceeded the net recoverable values, therefore an impairment was recognised.

This announcement is made on a voluntary basis.

Investors and shareholders are advised by the Board 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

27 February 2013, Fujian, the PRC

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