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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 Releasing a Portion of Pledged Shares Held by a Substantial Shareholder**

Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.\* (the "Company") received a notice from Minxi Xinghang State-owned Assets Investment Co., Ltd. ("Minxi Xinghang"), a substantial shareholder of the Company on 17 March 2017, that Minxi Xinghang released the pledge of its 500,000,000 shares of the Company (all of which are freely transferable with no selling restrictions) from Ping An Bank Xiamen Branch. The relevant formalities for the release of pledge have been completed. The released pledged shares represent approximately 2.32% of the total number of the shares of the Company.

As at the date of this announcement, Minxi Xinghang holds 5,671,353,180 shares of the Company (which are freely transferable with no selling restrictions), representing approximately 26.33% of the total number of the shares of the Company. All of the pledged shares in Minxi Xinghang's holding of the Company's shares have been released.

This announcement is made on a voluntary basis.

**Investors and shareholders are advised by the board of directors 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), Lan Fusheng, Zou Laichang, Lin Hongfu, Fang Qixue, and Ms. Lin Hongying as executive directors, Mister. Li Jian as non-executive director, and Messrs. Lu Shihua, Zhu Guang, Sit Hoi Wah, Kenneth, and Cai Meifeng as independent non-executive directors.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
**Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.\***  
**Chen Jinghe**  
*Chairman*

Fujian, the PRC, 17 March 2017

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