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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 Plan to Expand Gold Production of Longnan Zijin and Norton Gold Fields

On 28 April 2020, Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.* (the “Company”) convened the third meeting of the seventh term of the board of directors (the “Board”), in which the Proposal on Establishing the 10,000 Tonnes/Day Mining and Processing Project of the Liba Gold Mine of Longnan Zijin and the Proposal on Establishing the Refractory and Low-grade Resources Utilisation Project of Norton Gold Fields were considered and approved. Details of the projects are announced as follows:

1. Longnan Zijin project

Recently, the Liba Gold Mine in Li County of Longnan Zijin Mining Co., Ltd. (“Longnan Zijin”), a subsidiary of the Company, has received the mining permit issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources of the People’s Republic of China (the “PRC”), permit number C1000002020024210149506, effective for the period from 17 February 2020 to 17 February 2047, at a production scale of 3.3 million tonnes/year.

The Board of the Company agreed to internally establish the 10,000 tonnes/day mining and processing project of the Liba Gold Mine of Longnan Zijin. The total investment for the project amounts to RMB1.00414 billion. Open-pit mining shall be adopted in the early stage, and underground mining for the late stage. Production period of open-pit mining is 8 years, and during the full production period, approximately 5.5 tonnes of gold in concentrate form shall be produced per annum on average; production period of underground mining is 20 years, and approximately 1.8 tonnes of gold in concentrate form shall be produced per annum on average.

The Board of the Company requires the 6,000 tonnes/day mining and processing system of Longnan Zijin to resume production in June this year. At the same time, Longnan Zijin shall push forward the construction of the 10,000 tonnes/day mining and processing project of the Liba Gold Mine, complete the construction of processing plant at the end of this year and fully complete project construction in 2021.

As at the end of 2019, Longnan Zijin owned retained gold resource reserve volume of 172 tonnes, grading 1.99g/t in average.

2. Norton Gold Fields project

The Board of the Company agreed to internally establish the refractory and low-grade resources utilisation project of Norton Gold Fields Pty Limited (“Norton Gold Fields”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The total investment for the project amounts to AUD552.42 million, approximately equivalent to RMB2.52014 billion (based on the middle rate of foreign exchange rate quotation of AUD1:RMB4.5620 of China Foreign Exchange Trade System on 28 April 2020). In the project, the GS refractory project shall be upgraded based on the existing Paddington Mill. The construction shall increase its capacity by 1.5 million tonnes/year, and the adaptability in ore processing will be enhanced. It is expected to complete construction and commence production in July 2021, and maintain production of 5-6 tonnes of gold in Paddington Mill; the Binduli low-grade 15 million tonnes/year heap leaching project will be constructed in phases, of which the first phase of the Binduli North project is expected to complete construction and commence production in March 2022. After the completion of all construction of the project, a maximum of approximately 7 tonnes of gold can be produced during a year in full production.

As at the end of 2019, Norton Gold Fields owned retained gold resource reserve volume of 342 tonnes, grading 1.27g/t in average.

This announcement is made by the Company on a voluntary basis.

Investors and shareholders are advised by the board of directors to exercise caution when dealing in the securities 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, Ms. Lin Hongying and Mister Xie Xionghui as executive directors, Mister Li Jian as non-executive director, and Messrs. Zhu Guang, Mao Jingwen, Li Changqing, He Fulong and Suen Man Tak as independent non-executive directors.

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

28 April 2020, Fujian, the PRC

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