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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 Special Mining Lease of the Porgera Gold Mine in Papua New Guinea

Barrick (Niugini) Limited (“BNL”) is a 50%/50% joint operation between Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.* (the “Company”) and Barrick Gold Corporation (“Barrick Gold”) in Papua New Guinea (“PNG”). BNL holds 95% interest in the Porgera Gold Mine project in Enga Province, PNG.

The Special Mining Lease (the “SML”) of the Porgera Gold Mine expired in August 2019. Pursuant to the ruling of the National Court of PNG, the Porgera Gold Mine could continue its operations until the PNG government made a decision on the extension of the SML. On 24 April 2020, the PNG government published a news regarding its decision on refusing the application for the extension of the SML of the Porgera Gold Mine. The PNG government stated that a state negotiation team would be formed to negotiate on the subsequent arrangements.

BNL considered that the PNG government’s decision on not extending the SML of the Porgera Gold Mine was without due process and in violation of the PNG government’s legal obligations to BNL. In addition, the residents and landowners in the region where the mine is situated overwhelmingly support the extension of the SML. BNL stated that it remained willing to discuss the SML extension issue with the PNG prime minister, central government, provincial government and landowners, requested the PNG government to reconsider its decision on not extending the SML and strived to formulate a new cooperation plan. However, if the negotiation turns out to be futile, BNL will pursue all legal avenues to protect its legitimate interests and recover any damages that BNL may suffer as a result of the PNG government’s decision.

Pursuant to the mining development contract of the Porgera Gold Mine project, BNL still possesses the ownership of the installments and infrastructure of the Porgera Gold Mine.

As a shareholder of BNL, Barrick Gold made an announcement and publicly declared that it had no interest to discuss with the PNG government regarding acquisition of any asset by the PNG government. The

Company considered that the Porgera Gold Mine is an important economic source to the PNG government and Enga Province, and the mine exerts a crucial impact on the PNG government, provincial government, landowners and employment of the community. Maintaining a stable and continuous operation of the Porgera Gold Mine is in the interests of all the stakeholders. While the Company takes into account the interests of different parties, it will proactively seek lawful and reasonable solutions. If a new agreement cannot be reached by the relevant parties, prolonged production suspension of the mine will cause losses to all the stakeholders.

In 2015, the Company invested USD298 million (USD100 million for the equity interest and USD198 million for the debt interest) to acquire 50% interest in BNL. The annual gold production volume shared by the Company on equity basis was approximately 8 tonnes. At present, the Company has recovered all the investment costs.

The suspension of production in the Porgera Gold Mine will affect the Company's gold production volume to a relatively large extent. The Company will speed up the technological upgrade and construction of Longnan Zijin and other gold mines which are currently in production, and strive to maintain the mine-produced gold production volume in 2020 about the same as that of 2019. As the Company's current gold production increment projects will gradually unleash production capacities, it is expected that the Company's gold production volume can maintain a satisfactory growth in the future. Meanwhile, the Company will pay attention to market opportunities and carry out mergers and acquisitions of gold mines in current production in a timely manner, in order to further raise the Company's gold production volume.

The Company will fulfill its information disclosure obligation in time according to the subsequent development.

Investors and shareholders are advised by the board of directors of the Company 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

26 April 2020, Fujian, the PRC

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