



NORTON CELEBRATES OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW BASE-LOAD ENTERPRISE MINE

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About Norton

Norton Gold Fields Limited (ASX:NGF) is an established mid-tier unhedged gold producer.

In FY2012, Norton produced approximately 151,000 ounces of gold from its open cut and underground operations at Paddington, near Kalgoorlie in Western Australia.

The Company holds extensive granted mining and exploration leases in the pre-eminent Kalgoorlie goldfields, with a land package of 678km². The Paddington Operations have a current Mineral Resource of 6.2Moz, of which some 1.1Moz is classified as Reserves, for a mine life in excess of ten years.

Norton's growth will come from optimising existing operations and acquiring and developing resources.

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Norton Gold Fields Limited (ASX: NGF) ("Norton" or the "Company") today celebrated the official opening of the Company's Enterprise Open Pit Mine on the outskirts of Kalgoorlie, in Western Australia's pre-eminent Goldfields Region.

Representatives of the Gubrun family, who have strong traditional roots in the area, Federal member for O'Connor, Tony Crook MP, Norton Managing Director and Chief Executive officer, Dianmin Chen, and Chairman of Norton and its major shareholder Zijin Mining Group Co. Limited, Jinghe Chen, were on site to officially open Enterprise. The ceremony was also attended by local officials, key contractors and Norton management and staff.



When it reaches full ore production capacity in the last quarter of this year, the \$110 million Enterprise project will supply the bulk of ore to the 3.3Mtpa Paddington Mill and will contribute an estimated 110,000ozpa to Norton's growing gold production. Refer ASX announcement dated 17 January 2013.

Norton Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Dr Dianmin Chen said the Enterprise Project was a significant milestone in the Company's dual strategy to increase gold output and improve efficiency at the Paddington Operations.

“With a higher grade than the current base load operation, Enterprise will allow us to both increase the Paddington Operation’s gold production, and at the same time, reduce unit production costs,” Dr Chen said.

“As such, the project represents a serious investment in the sustainable expansion of the Company’s production profile in the region.”

The Hon Bill Marmion MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum, commended Norton for its latest contribution to Western Australia’s gold mining industry.

“I congratulate Norton on the opening of the Enterprise Open Pit Project, particularly in a challenging gold market, and welcome their commitment to ongoing investment in the State’s mineral sector,” Mr Marmion said.

Dr Chen said the Enterprise resource is sub-divided into a portion which can be exploited via open cut mining and a deeper portion that can potentially be exploited using underground mining.

“A Definitive Feasibility study is underway to explore this potential for underground mining. We expect this will present further growth opportunities down the line,” he said.

Dr Chen acknowledged the role of Norton’s major shareholder and China’s largest gold producer, Zijin Mining Group Co. Limited, saying: “Zijin is highly supportive of Norton’s growth strategy in Australia. Their considerable financial and technical support represents a distinct business advantage for Norton, as we continue to evaluate opportunities for growth – both internally at Paddington and externally through potential mergers or acquisitions.”



The operations at Enterprise will utilise Norton’s owner-operator mining fleet and existing infrastructure.

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