



ASX/MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

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NORTON DECLARES SPECIAL DIVIDEND OF 2 CENTS PER SHARE

Norton Gold Fields Limited ("**Norton**") [ASX: NGF] today announced and declared a special dividend of 2 cents per share ("**Special Dividend**") in connection with the off-market takeover ("**Offer**") made by Jinyu (H.K.) International Mining Company Limited ("**Jinyu**"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd ("**Zijin**"). The Offer was declared unconditional on 1 August 2012.

In accordance with Norton's announcement on 1 August 2012, Norton confirms it has fully repaid its existing secured debt facility ("**Secured Note Facility**") which, under the terms of the Bid Implementation Deed disclosed on 31 May 2012, now allows for the Special Dividend to be declared and paid.

The 2 cents per share Special Dividend will be unfranked and have a record date of **Wednesday 15th August 2012** ("**Record Date**") and payment date of **Friday 24th August 2012**.

Importantly, Jinyu's Offer price of 25 cents per share will not be reduced by the amount of the Special Dividend, and Zijin has agreed not to register transfers of shares accepted into the Offer until after the Record Date.

As such, if you are a registered holder of Norton shares who has accepted the Offer prior to the Record Date, you will still be entitled to receive the Special Dividend.

The Offer remains scheduled to close on Monday 20 August 2012, unless extended. Norton's Directors¹ have unanimously recommended all shareholders who have not yet accepted the Offer to **ACCEPT WITHOUT DELAY**.

Further information

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