

GOLD FIELDS LTD
Form 6-K
October 25, 2004

FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of October 2004 Commission File Number 1-31318

Gold Fields Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

24 St. Andrews Rd.

Parktown, 2193

South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Chief Executive Officer),K Ansah#

, G J Gerwel, N J Holland†
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, R L Pennant-Rea†

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M E D I A R E L E A S E

Statement by the Board of Gold Fields Limited on the

Unsolicited Hostile Offer by Harmony

Johannesburg, 25 October 2004. Further to the announcement made on Monday 18

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October 2004, in which the Board of Gold Fields expressed its

preliminary view on the unsolicited hostile Offer received from Harmony Gold Mining Limited ("Harmony") for a proposed merger between the two implic- ations companies, the Board met on Friday 22

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October to assess the full

ations of this action for Gold Fields' shareholders as well as the range of measures available to Gold Fields in the preparation of a defence plan.

Shareholders are advised that Management and Board of Gold Fields have consulted with a number of the Company's stakeholders and the Board has noted their concerns, as well as those expressed publicly by a number of investors in Harmony. These concerns relate *inter alia* to the manner in which the offer is being conducted and its impact on shareholders' rights as well as the destruction of value.

In preparing its response to the unsolicited hostile offer from Harmony, the Gold Fields Board will be guided by its responsibility to protect the rights of all shareholders as well as the preservation of value.

The Board has been advised that, under the US federal securities laws, it is closely constrained in what it can say in relation to the Offer until the filing of its formal response on a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Board is working closely with its independent financial advisers and plan to publish its formal response to the Offer as soon as possible but no later than 3 November 2004.

As a result, the Board of Gold Fields urges shareholders to exercise caution and await the Board's formal response reflecting its advice to shareholders before deciding to take any action in response to the unsolicited Offer by Harmony.

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In the United States, Gold Fields Limited ("Gold Fields") will file a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on Schedule 14D-9 and holders of Gold Fields' Ordinary Shares and American Depositary Shares are advised to read it when it becomes available as it will contain important information. Copies of the Schedule 14D-9 and other related documents filed by Gold Fields will be available free of charge on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Any documents filed by Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited, including the registration statement on Form F-4 (which includes a preliminary prospectus) dated October 21, 2004 and related exchange offer materials as well as its Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO filed with the SEC on October 22, 2004, will also be available free of charge on the SEC's website.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: 25 October 2004

GOLD FIELDS LIMITED

By:

Name: Mr W J Jacobsz

Title: Senior Vice President: Investor

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