

GOLD FIELDS LTD
Form 6-K
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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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PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

Vote against the Resolutions Proposed by the Harmony Board

Stop Harmony's offer for Gold Fields

November 8, 2004

Dear Harmony Shareholder

We are writing to urge you to vote **AGAINST** the ordinary and special resolutions proposed by the Board of Directors of Harmony Gold at the general meeting of Harmony shareholders that will be held at Harmony's corporate office on Friday 12 November 2004 at 11h00 (South African time)

If you have already voted for Harmony's proposals, **YOU SHOULD REVOKE YOUR VOTE** by completing, signing and returning the enclosed form of proxy today voting **AGAINST** the ordinary and special resolutions proposed by the Harmony Board of Directors. Remember, your last dated proxy is the only one, which counts.

YOU SHOULD VOTE AGAINST

THE RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY HARMONY'S BOARD

On October 18, 2004, Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited ("Harmony") announced an unsolicited and hostile proposal to merge with Gold Fields. Harmony is offering to acquire Gold Fields shares in return for 1.275 new Harmony shares. Harmony cannot fulfil the conditions precedent to its hostile offer for Gold Fields without your approval of a share capital increase. The Harmony Board is proposing that you approve:

- ◆ a risky two-step offer to purchase all of the shares of Gold Fields in a transaction where Harmony would first attempt to acquire up to 34.9% of Gold Fields' shares and then, subject to numerous conditions, including receipt of regulatory approvals and approval by competition authorities, attempt to acquire all of the Gold Fields shares it does not already own; and

- ◆ a capital increase that would dilute your investment in Harmony and give Harmony the means to purchase Gold Fields.

In the United States, Gold Fields has filed a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on Schedule 14D-9 on November 3, 2004 and holders of the Ordinary Shares and American Depositary Shares are advised to read it as it contains 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 its registration statement on Form F-4 (which includes a preliminary prospectus), as amended or supplemented from time to time, and related exchange offer materials as well as its Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, will also be available free of charge on the SEC's website.

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YOU SHOULD REJECT THESE RESOLUTIONS BECAUSE HARMONY'S OFFER TO ACQUIRE GOLD FIELDS PRESENTS HIGH RISKS AND FEW REWARDS FOR HARMONY SHAREHOLDERS

You should vote **AGAINST** the ordinary and special resolutions being proposed by Harmony because:

◆ **THE TRANSACTION IS VALUE DESTRUCTIVE FOR HARMONY SHAREHOLDERS**

We believe the structure of the combined company as envisaged by Harmony will destroy value for both Harmony and Gold Fields shareholders. Since the announcement, Harmony shareholders have already lost R3.7bn of value through the decline in market capitalisation from market close on 15th October 2004 to 1st November 2004. This loss in value already discounts the announced synergies.

◆ **HARMONY'S TWO STEP OFFER STRUCTURE IS VERY RISKY - THE SUBSEQUENT OFFER COULD FAIL**

Harmony's strategy to acquire Gold Fields is based on a two-step offer. First, Harmony intends, through its "early settlement offer" to acquire up to 34.9% of Gold Fields. There is no "minimum condition" on Harmony's early settlement offer. This means that regardless of the number of shares tendered in the early settlement offer, Harmony will have to purchase all of those shares up to 34.9% of Gold Fields. If only 10% of the Gold Fields shares are tendered, Harmony will be left holding a minority stake in Gold Fields. Such a complex ownership structure will not give Harmony the ability to effectively extract synergies or have direct access to Gold Fields' cash flows. Harmony has undertaken to commence a "subsequent offer" for all remaining shares in Gold Fields following the early settlement offer. The subsequent offer is subject to conditions including, a minimum condition of 50%, the approval of competition authorities and other unspecified regulatory approvals.

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South African or other regulatory authorities may decide to block the transaction leaving Harmony with a minority stake in Gold Fields, at the expense of dilution to its shareholders.

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This is a waste of Harmony's corporate assets by your Board. What will the Harmony Board do if the subsequent offer fails? Why has this point not been addressed in the otherwise detailed circular to Harmony shareholders?

The Harmony Board is undertaking a very risky acquisition strategy at your expense.

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As per Harmony's circular dated October 20, 2004.

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Alternatively, competition authorities could condition their approval on Harmony's disposal of certain assets.

Harmony would then be forced to

sell assets, potentially at very low valuations, in order to close the Gold Fields acquisition, which would be highly detrimental to the value of your investment.

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◆ **HARMONY'S TWO STEP OFFER IS VERY RISKY - THE SUBSEQUENT OFFER COULD FAIL TO ACHIEVE 90% OWNERSHIP**

The greatest risk to Harmony shareholders occurs if Harmony fails to acquire in excess of 90% of Gold Fields: a likely outcome given the coercive offer structure and the negative reaction of many Gold Fields shareholders to the offer. Owning less than 90% of Gold Fields will mean that Harmony:

- **Cannot** squeeze out disgruntled Minority Shareholders
- **Does not** get direct access to the cash flows of Gold Fields
- Will find it **difficult to extract value** from the investment in Gold Fields

◆ **HARMONY'S TWO STEP OFFER IS VERY RISKY - IT IS THE SUBJECT OF LEGAL CHALLENGE AND MAY BE UNLAWFUL**

- The Competition Tribunal of South Africa may enjoin the offer because it was **not properly notified**.
- The High Court may stop the offer because it is **not in compliance** with the South African Companies Act.
- The High Court may find Harmony in breach of **criminal provisions** in the Companies Act.

◆ **IF HARMONY'S OFFER FOR GOLD FIELDS SUCCEEDS, HARMONY MAY BE INFLUENCED BY NORILSK NICKEL- NORILSK HAS NOT REVEALED ITS FUTURE PLANS FOR HARMONY**

If the bid succeeds, Harmony shareholders should be aware that a large shareholder with no explicit strategy for the new entity may have significant influence over a merged Harmony and Gold Fields. Depending on the outcome, Norilsk Nickel could own between 13% - 20% (based on 50% - 100% acceptance) of the new entity after the completion of the offer.

THE HARMONY BOARD ARE HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO CREATE A NEW SOUTH AFRICAN CHAMPION THROUGH THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF GOLD FIELDS.

It is rare indeed that a hostile takeover bid has combined such value destructive potential with such little merit. The Gold Fields' Board will continue to fight Harmony's offer, which is coercive and which will put the fate of these two South African companies largely in the hands of opportunistic arbitrageurs with no long term investment intentions. The Harmony Board needs 75% of the votes at the shareholders meeting on 12 November to approve the special resolutions it has proposed, so **your vote is very important**, no matter how many or how few shares you hold. To protect your investment you should vote **AGAINST the special resolution to increase Harmony's Authorized share capital at the Extraordinary General Meeting on the enclosed proxy card today.**

Yours sincerely,

Ian Cockerill

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If you have any questions or need assistance in voting your shares, please call:

FROM SOUTH AFRICA,

Call Computershare Investor Services 2004 (Proprietary) Limited

Toll Free at: 0800 202 361

OUTSIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA,

Call Innisfree M&A Incorporated:

From Countries in the European Union

Call Toll Free at: 00-800-7710-9971

From the U.S. and Canada

Call Toll Free at: 1-877-687-1871

IF YOU ARE OUTSIDE THE TOLL-FREE AREAS:

Shareholders Call Collect (reverse charges): + 1 646-822-7436

Banks and Brokers Call Collect (reverse charges): +1 212-750-5833

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HARMONY GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED

Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa

Registration Number 1950/038232/06 Share code: HAR ISIN ZAE00015228

("Harmony" or "Company")

FORM OF PROXY

For use by certified shareholders or dematerialised shareholders with "own-name" registration ("shareholders") at the general meeting of Harmony shareholders to be held at Harmony's Corporate Office, Randfontein Office Park, corner Main Reef Road and Ward Avenue, Randfontein, at 11h00 on Friday, 12 November 2004, and any adjournment thereof (the "general meeting").

I/We
..... (NAME IN BLOCK LETTERS)

Address
.....(CODE)

being the holder/s ofshares in the Company, do hereby appoint

- 1. or failing him/her
- 2.or failing him/her
- 3. the Chairman of the general meeting,

as my/our proxy to act for me/us and on my/our behalf at the general meeting, which will be held for the purpose of considering and, if deemed fit, passing, with or without modification, the special and ordinary resolutions to be proposed thereat and at any adjournment thereof, and to vote for or against the resolutions and/or abstain from voting in respect of the shares registered in my/our name/s, in accordance with the following instructions (see note 2):

For **Against**

Abstain

Ordinary resolution 1

To approve the offers

Special resolution

To increase the authorised share capital

Ordinary resolution 2

To allot and issue any of the unauthorised shares in terms of the offers

Ordinary resolution 3

To place the balance of the unissued securities of the Company under the control of the directors

Ordinary resolution 4

To authorise the directors to issue securities for cash

Ordinary resolution 5

To authorise the directors to issue shares in terms of the empowerment transaction

Ordinary resolution 6

To authorise the directors to sign all such documents and do all such things as may be necessary for or incidental to the implementation of the offers

Signed at on2004

Signature

Assisted by me (where applicable)

(Note: A shareholder entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote in his/her stead.

Such proxy need not also be a shareholder of the Company)

Please read the note on the following page under the heading "Notes".

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NOTES:

1.

A certificated or "own name" dematerialised shareholder may insert the name of a proxy or the names of two alternative proxies of the certificated or "own name" dematerialised shareholder's choice in the space/s provided, with or without deleting "the chairman of the general meeting"; but any such deletion must be initialled by the certificated or "own name" dematerialised shareholder. The person whose name appears first on the form of proxy and who is present at the general meeting will be entitled to act as proxy to the exclusion of those whose names follow.

2.

A certificated or "own name" dematerialised shareholder's instructions to the proxy must be indicated by the insertion of the relevant number of votes exercisable by that shareholder in the appropriate box provided. Failure to comply with the above will be deemed to authorise the proxy to vote or to abstain from voting at the general meeting as he/she deems fit in respect of all the shareholder/s votes exercisable thereat. A certificated or "own name" dematerialised shareholder or his proxy is not obligated to use all the votes exercisable by the shareholder or by his proxy, but the total of the votes cast and in respect of which abstention is recorded may not exceed the total of votes exercisable by the certificated or "own name" dematerialised shareholder or by his/her proxy.

3.

This duly completed form of proxy must be received by the Company's transfer secretaries, Ultra Registrar (Proprietary) Limited, 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg, 2001 or (if by hand) PO Box 4844, Johannesburg, 2000 (if by post) or Capita IRG plc (trading as Capita Registrars), The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU, United Kingdom, by no later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the general meeting.

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The completion and lodging of this form of proxy will not preclude the relevant certificated or "own name" dematerialised shareholder from attending the general meeting and speaking and voting in person thereat to the exclusion of any proxy appointment in terms hereof.

5.

Documentary evidence establishing the authority of a person signing this form of proxy in a representative or other legal capacity must be attached to this form of proxy unless previously recorded by the Company's transfer secretaries or waived by the chairman of the general meeting.

6.

Every person present and entitled to vote at the general annual meeting as a registered member or as a representative of a body corporate shall on a show of hands have one vote only, irrespective of the number of shares such person holds or represents, but in the event of a poll, such person or representative, will have one vote per share.

7.

Any alteration or correction made to this form of proxy must be initialled by the signatory/ies.

8.

Dematerialised shareholders other those with "own name" registration who wish to attend the general meeting must request their Central Securities Depository Participant ("CSDP") or broker to provide them with a Letter of Representation or they must instruct their CSDP or broker to vote by proxy on their behalf in terms of the agreement entered into between the shareholders and their CSDP or broker.

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: 8 November 2004

GOLD FIELDS LIMITED

By:

Name: Mr W J Jacobsz

Title: Senior Vice President: Investor

Relations and Corporate Affairs