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Results of the Initial Offers

Acceptances under the Initial Offers of 10.8%

Harmony to Commence the Further Offers with 30.9% of Gold Fields

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA. On October 18, 2004, Harmony (NYSE: HMY ; JSE: HAR) announced the terms of a proposed merger between Harmony and Gold Fields (NYSE: GFI ; JSE: GFI) offering 1.275 new Harmony shares for each Gold Fields share, representing a premium of approximately 29% (calculated by comparing the closing Harmony share price on October 14, 2004 to the average daily volume weighted average price of Gold Fields shares on the JSE for the 30 business days ending on October 14, 2004, being the last practicable date in accordance with the JSE Listings Requirements prior to the announcement of the proposed merger) and an implied price to net present value multiple for Gold Fields of 2.4x, a substantial premium to Gold Fields' peer group. The proposed merger was structured on the basis of initial offers for up to 34.9% of Gold Fields with further offers for the balance of Gold Fields' entire issued share capital.

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Harmony is pleased to announce that, at the time of expiration of the initial offers on November 26, 2004, valid acceptances of the initial offers had been received in respect of a total of 53,392,108 Gold Fields shares (including shares represented by American Depositary Shares (ADSs)), representing approximately 10.8% of the entire issued share capital of Gold Fields. Settlement of the consideration due under the initial offers in respect of valid acceptances received on or before the closing date will be despatched as soon as possible and, in any event, by no later than Friday, December 3, 2004. Harmony accepted all Gold Fields shares (including shares represented by ADSs) tendered as at the expiration of the initial offers. A total of 4,601,883 ADSs were tendered pursuant to guaranteed deliveries.

In addition, as previously announced, Harmony has received an irrevocable undertaking from MMC Norilsk Nickel to accept the further offers in respect of 98,467,758 Gold Fields shares, representing approximately 20.03% of the entire issued share capital of Gold Fields.

Accordingly, Harmony now either owns, has received valid acceptances of the initial offers or has an irrevocable undertaking to accept the further offers in respect of a total of 151,859,866 Gold Fields shares representing approximately 30.9% of the entire issued share capital of Gold Fields.

Harmony is pleased with the support of its proposed merger by Gold Fields shareholders. Harmony believes that a starting position of 30.9% represents a strong platform for the further offers. In addition, a significant number of Gold Fields shareholders that did not tender or only partially tendered into the initial offers have indicated their support for the proposed merger, stating their preference to accept the further offers.

We are delighted that we will be starting the further offers with 30.9% of Gold Fields' shares behind us and consider that this provides strong impetus for the ultimate success of the proposed merger. We are further encouraged by the feedback that we have received from Gold Fields shareholders who have indicated their ultimate belief in the value proposition that Harmony is offering and their support for the proposed merger. In addition, a significant number of Gold Fields' shareholders have expressed to Harmony their recognition that the proposed IAMGold transaction, which represents the major pillar of Gold Fields' management's strategy, is value destructive and not in the best interest of Gold Fields and its shareholders. Now that Gold Fields' management is reaching the end of its largely unsuccessful attempts to frustrate the proposed merger through a series of expensive and technical legal challenges, we look forward to arguing Harmony's compelling value proposition based on fundamentals with the confidence that the various contradictory promises made by Gold Fields' management will be revealed as both value destructive and ultimately incapable of implementation in a manner that is either to the benefit of or likely to meet with the approval of Gold Fields' shareholders. said Harmony CE Bernard Swanepoel.

THE FURTHER OFFERS

As described in its preliminary prospectus dated October 21, 2004, Harmony irrevocably undertook to make further offers on the same terms as the initial offers for the balance of the issued share capital of Gold Fields not already acquired by Harmony under the initial offers. Accordingly, Harmony will commence the further offers as soon as practicable and will shortly post to Gold Fields' shareholders a preliminary prospectus/offer to exchange and related materials describing the further offers and their terms and conditions.

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Important Information

In connection with the proposed merger, Harmony will file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), a registration statement on Form F-4, which will include a preliminary prospectus and related exchange offer materials, to register the Harmony ordinary shares (including Harmony ordinary shares represented by Harmony ADSs) to be issued in exchange for Gold Fields ordinary shares held by Gold Fields shareholders located in the United States and for Gold Fields ADSs held by Gold Fields shareholders wherever located, as well as a Statement on Schedule TO. **Investors and holders of Gold Fields securities are strongly advised to read the registration statement and the preliminary prospectus, the related exchange offer materials and the final prospectus (when available), the Statement on Schedule TO and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, as well as any amendments and supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information.** Investors and holders of Gold Fields securities may obtain free copies of the registration statement, the preliminary and final prospectus and related exchange offer materials and the Statement on Schedule TO, as well as other relevant documents filed or to be filed with the SEC, at the SEC 's web site at www.sec.gov. Investors and holders of Gold Fields securities will receive information at an appropriate time on how to obtain transaction-related documents for free from Harmony or its duly designated agent. The preliminary prospectus and other transaction-related documents may be obtained for free from MacKenzie Partners, Inc., the information agent for the U.S. offer, at the following address: 105 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016; telephone 1 212 929 5500 (call collect) or 1 800 322 2885 (toll-free call); e-mail proxy@mackenziepartners.com.

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No Profit Forecasts

Nothing in this announcement should be construed as a profit forecast to be interpreted to mean that the future earnings per share of Harmony or the enlarged Harmony group will necessarily be greater than the historic published earnings per share of Harmony or the enlarged Harmony group.

General

The directors of Harmony accept responsibility for the information contained in this press release. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the directors of Harmony (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this press release is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

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