

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 November 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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THE CHOICE FOR SHAREHOLDERS IS CLEAR: GOLD FIELDS' PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF CREATING SHAREHOLDER VALUE

REJECT THE HARMONY OFFER

Johannesburg, 9 November 2004. Following Harmony's presentation this afternoon, Ian Cockerill, Chief Executive Officer of Gold Fields Limited, commented:

"The core issue, which was not addressed in today's presentation by Harmony, is that their coercive two-stage offer substantially undervalues Gold Fields' shares."

In addition, the Board of Gold Fields would like to remind shareholders of the following facts:

- Gold Fields has delivered a 200% return to its shareholders over the last five years; Harmony's equivalent return is only 112%¹;
- Gold Fields has maintained a consistent level of gold production in South Africa over the last five quarters, while reducing its costs to R 73,263 per kilogram in the September quarter. Harmony has suffered a 13% drop in production while its rand per kilogram costs have actually increased over the same time period;
- Gold Fields total cash costs on a group basis are R 66,516 (Q1 F2005) per kilogram; Harmony's cash operating costs are R 77,880 (Q1 F2005) per kilogram;
- Gold Fields total cash costs in respect of its South African operations are R 73,263 (Q1 F2005) per kilogram; Harmony's cash operating costs for South Africa are R 79,169 (Q1 F2005) per kilogram;
- Gold Fields has achieved headline earnings for the last 5 quarters; Harmony has headline losses for the last five quarters; and
- Gold Fields has generated positive cash flow from operating activities (excluding dividends paid) of R 1.7 billion (F2004) and R 0.2 billion (Q1 F2005) and has over R 3.4 billion in the bank; Harmony is burning cash, has debts of

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over R 3.3 billion with more than R 500m of deferred payments due in January 2005.

The Gold Fields board believes that Gold Fields' long-term assets need sustainable management practices - not short term cost cutting.

Directors: C M T Thompson* (Chairman), A J Wright (Deputy Chairman), I D Cockerill+ (Chief Executive Officer), K Ansah

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Corporate Secretary: C Farrel

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Shareholders' best option for value creation is the proven option: Gold Fields. Harmony's hostile and coercive offer will destroy shareholder value and dilute Gold Fields' earnings per share, operating cash flow and balance sheet strength.

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Based on relative share performance and inclusive of reinvested dividends.
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In the United States, Gold Fields Limited ("Gold Fields") has filed a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on Schedule 14D-9 and holders of the Gold Fields 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 are available free of charge on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Any documents filed by Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited, including any registration statement on Form F-4 (including any prospectus contained therein) 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.

This document contains forward-looking statements with respect to Gold Fields' financial condition, results of operations, business strategies, operating efficiencies, competitive position, growth opportunities for existing services, plans and objectives of management, markets for stock and other matters. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties and the events discussed herein may not occur.

The directors of Gold Fields accept responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of their knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

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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: 9 November 2004

GOLD FIELDS LIMITED

By:

Name: Mr W J Jacobsz

Title: Senior Vice President: Investor

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