HARMONY GOLD MINING CO LTD Form 6-K August 25, 2016 **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 Form 6-K **REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO** RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES **EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** For 25 August 2016 Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited Randfontein Office Park Corner Main Reef Road and Ward Avenue Randfontein, 1759 South Africa (Address of principal executive offices) (Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.) Form 20-F X Form 40-F (Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.) Yes No X

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Registration no: 1950/038232/06 Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (Harmony), a world-class gold mining and exploration company, has operations and assets in South Africa and Papua New Guinea. Harmony, which has more than 60 years' experience in the industry, is the third largest gold producer in South Africa. Our assets include 9 underground mines and 1 open pit operation and several surface sources in South Africa. Our assets in PNG - an open pit mine (Hidden Valley), as well as the significant Golpu project - are held in a joint venture. We also own several exploration tenements, in Papua New Guinea.

The company's primary stock exchange

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listing is on the JSE with a secondary listing on the New York Stock Exchange. The bulk of our shareholders are in South Africa and the United States. Additional information on the company is available on the corporate website, www.harmony.co.za.

Taking Golpu up the value curve; application submitted for special mining lease Johannesburg, Thursday, 25 August 2016: Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (Harmony) is pleased to announce that an application for a special mining lease for the Wafi-Golpu project was submitted today to the Mineral Resources Authority in Papua New Guinea.

Submission of this application follows reviews of the feasibility study for the Wafi-Golpu project by the boards of directors of both Harmony and Newcrest Mining Limited (Newcrest), Harmony's joint venture partner in the project.

The Golpu porphyry is considered to be a world-class deposit that lends itself to phased development and block cave mining. Once completed, Golpu, which is situated just 65km from Lae, the second largest city in Papua New Guinea, will be the largest underground mine in that country.

Golpu has a JORC-compliant mineral resource of 824Mt at 1.05% copper, 0.70g/t gold, 1.25g/t silver and 90ppm molybdenum.

Work to optimise the outcomes of the feasibility study and to incorporate additional data continues. Further project development will be subject to the granting of the special mining lease, the obtaining of all necessary permits, approvals and agreements and, ultimately, approval by the boards of both Harmony and Newcrest.

The development of the project will contribute to the local and the national economy by creating employment and business development opportunities and by generating benefit streams to landowners and host communities.

"Applying for the special mining lease brings us one step closer to realising more value for Golpu. It confirms our commitment to our gold and copper footprint in PNG", Peter Steenkamp, chief executive officer of Harmony said.

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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. Dated: August 25, 2016 Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited By: /s/ Frank Abbott Name: Frank Abbott Title: Financial Director