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Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.*

紫金礦業集團股份有限公司

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock code: 2899)

Announcement in relation to the Receipt of Verdict for a Subsidiary's Litigation

Reference was made to the announcement in relation to the media reports on the issue of unlicensed mining outside the permitted area of Urad Rear Banner Zijin Mining Co., Ltd. (the "Announcement") of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.* (the "Company") dated 14 April 2022. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcement.

On 3 January 2023, Urad Rear Banner Zijin Mining Co., Ltd. ("Urad Rear Banner Zijin"), a subsidiary of the Company which the Company owns 95% of its equity interest, received a criminal verdict ((2022) Nei 0825 Xing Chu No. 91) from the Urad Rear Banner People's Court (the "Urad Rear Banner Court"). The relevant information is hereby announced as follows:

During the period from August 2013 to the year 2020, Urad Rear Banner Zijin, which owned an exploration licence but not a mining permit at the northern mining section of the Sanguikou Mine in Dongshengmiao, Urad Rear Banner, excavated mine roadway and mined ores during the exploration process instead of the mining process at the northern mining section of the Sanguikou Mine in Dongshengmiao, Urad Rear Banner. The total value of the ores involved amounted to RMB460.8209 million. Urad Rear Banner Zijin and 7 relevant personnel were prosecuted by the Urad Rear Banner People's Procuratorate for suspected illegal mining.

On 31 December 2022, the case was heard at the Urad Rear Banner Court. According to the criminal judgement, the verdict for the case is as follows: Urad Rear Banner Zijin committed illegal mining. The income from the illegal activity of RMB460.8209 million is confiscated, and an additional penalty of RMB15 million is imposed, which shall be paid within 10 days after the verdict has become effective. The 7 personnel involved in the case are sentenced to 1 year of imprisonment, suspended for 2 years to 3 years of imprisonment, suspended for 5 years, and being imposed penalties ranging from RMB60 thousand to RMB200 thousand.

The 7 personnel involved in the case are not directors, supervisors and senior management of the listed company. The impact of the verdict on the Company' net profit attributable to owners of the listed company for the year 2022 will be RMB452.0299 million, representing 0.64% of the audited net assets attributable to owners of the listed company for the year 2021.

After the verification by the Company, the southern and northern mining sections of the Sanguikou Mine of Urad Rear Banner Zijin in Dongshengmiao belong to the same ore deposit. Urad Rear Banner Zijin applied for the mining permits for both the southern and northern mining sections as one mining permit in 2012. As the exploration at the northern mining section was carried out in a lesser extent, Urad Rear Banner Zijin only managed to obtain the mining permit for the southern mining section. Urad Rear Banner Zijin conducted a supplementary exploration subsequently and completed the filing for resources and reserves in September 2013. After that, the relevant consideration was paid and the mining permit was applied for several times. Due to various factors such as mining industry policies and personal considerations, the mining permit for the northern mining section has never been obtained. In addition, there was a lack of awareness of laws and regulations among the relevant personnel of Urad Rear Banner Zijin. These are the main reasons for the prolonged unlicensed mining of the project.

The Company has instructed Urad Rear Banner Zijin to learn the lessons deeply, reflect and review seriously to improve work, enhance awareness of legal compliance, further strengthen communication with the relevant local departments, and enhance the relevant permit and licence application procedures as soon as possible. The verdict this time is the verdict of the first hearing. The Company regrets that the judiciary did not take into consideration the defense of Urad Rear Banner Zijin on the determination of the amount involved in the illegal activity. The Company will continue to discharge its information disclosure obligation if the litigation has any new progress.

Except for the abovementioned matter, the Company does not have other undisclosed material litigation or arbitration.

This announcement is made by the Company on a voluntary basis.

This announcement is published in both Chinese and English. In the case of any discrepancies, the Chinese version shall prevail.

Investors and shareholders are advised by the board of directors to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Messrs. Chen Jinghe (Chairman), Zou Laichang, Lin Hongfu, Ms. Lin Hongying, Messrs. Xie Xionghui and Wu Jianhui as executive directors, Mister Li Jian as non-executive director, and Messrs. He Fulong, Mao Jingwen, Li Changqing, Suen Man Tak, Bo Shao Chuan and Ms. Wu Xiaomin as independent non-executive directors.

By Order of the Board of Directors
Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.*
Chen Jinghe
Chairman

4 January 2023, Fujian, the PRC

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