

GOLD FIELDS LTD

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**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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**GOLD FIELDS LIMITED**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

### **South Deep and NUM reach agreement to end strike action**

*Johannesburg, 18 December 2018:* Gold Fields Limited (Gold Fields) (JSE, NYSE: GFI) is pleased to announce that it has reached agreement with the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) to officially end the 45-day strike at its South Deep mine in South Africa.

Employees have been returning to work since last Thursday (13 December 2018) when the NUM called off the strike, but the formal settlement agreement to end the strike was only signed today after a mass meeting held by the NUM.

In terms of the agreement, the retrenchments of 1,082 employees will go ahead, with most of these retrenchments having already been processed. Retrenched employees have been offered portable skills training to assist in their future job searches.

To alleviate the financial burden of employees who were on the 'no-work no-pay' strike, South Deep has agreed to deduct the lost earnings over four months and to pay all non-management employees an ex-gratia payment of 20% of basic pay should they have returned to work by the 15 December 2018. They can also earn back part of their lost earnings if monthly gold production targets are exceeded in January and February next year.

In the interest of the long-term operational and financial sustainability of South Deep, the two parties have also agreed to:

- Renegotiate and modernise the collective and other agreements, which govern the working relationship between the two parties.
- A facilitated relationship building programme to address the difficult relationship between the NUM branch leadership and management.

Gold Fields' embarked on a business restructuring and Section 189 retrenchment process at South Deep in mid-August 2018 in response to continued high financial losses of around R100m a month.

The NUM branch at South Deep commenced its strike action on 2 November 2018 to protest the retrenchments and used violence and intimidation to illegally block access to the mine. This prevented South

Deep from starting production, though critical essential services were maintained during the strike. The mine experienced a cash burn of around R6m per day.

"With the strike over and our cost base adjusted to the reduced operating footprint and output, we believe that we are well positioned to put South Deep on a sustainable road to recover and significantly reduce our monthly cash losses at the mine said Gold Fields CEO Nick Holland. We now need to put this difficult period behind us and work together to build a sustainable future for our employees, our communities, our shareholders and other stakeholders."

Production is expected to build-up gradually from now on with the mine set to run production during the Christmas/New Year break. In the meantime, the mine is ensuring that all safe start-up operating processes have been completed.

Detailed mine planning is currently under way and once the full impact of the mine planning exercise and restructuring are complete, we expect to provide guidance for 2019 with our 2018 financial results release in February 2019 Holland said.

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### **Notes to editors**

## **About Gold Fields**

Gold Fields Limited is a globally diversified gold producer with seven operating mines in Australia, Ghana, Peru and South Africa, and a total attributable annual gold-equivalent production of approximately 2.2 million ounces. It has attributable gold Mineral Reserves of around 49 million ounces and gold Mineral Resources of around 104 million ounces. Attributable copper Mineral Reserves total 764 million pounds and Mineral Resources 4,881 million pounds. Gold Fields has a primary listing on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) Limited, with secondary listings on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the Swiss Exchange (SIX).

**Sponsor:** J.P. Morgan Equities South Africa (Pty) Ltd



**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 authorised.

GOLD FIELDS LIMITED

Dated: 18 December 2018

By:

/s/ Nicholas J. Holland

Name:

Nicholas J. Holland

Title:

Chief Executive Officer