

HARMONY GOLD MINING CO LTD

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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 7 September 2010

**Harmony Gold Mining Company**

**Limited**

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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.)

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(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

**Issued by Harmony Gold  
Mining Company Limited  
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**Harmony further optimises value for shareholders**

*Merriespruit South region and Freegold option*

**Johannesburg, Tuesday, 7 September 2010.** Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (Harmony) is pleased to announce that it has completed two transactions with Witwatersrand Consolidated Gold Resources Limited (Wits Gold).

In terms of these transactions, Wits Gold will obtain a prospecting right over Harmony's Merriespruit South area and the option held by ARMGold/Harmony Joint Venture Company (Proprietary) Limited (Freegold), a wholly owned subsidiary of Harmony. The option was to acquire a beneficial interest of up to 40% in any future mines established by Wits Gold on certain properties in the Southern Free State (Freegold option), this will be cancelled.

The total consideration price of the transactions is R336 million, (R61 million for the prospecting area and R275 million for the cancellation of the option agreement) which will be settled in cash or in a combination of cash and shares in Wits Gold. The agreements were signed on 3 September 2010 and outstanding conditions precedent are expected to be fulfilled within the next 9 months.

Harmony will abandon a portion of its mining right in respect of the Merriespruit South area to enable Wits Gold to include this area in its prospecting right, which is located immediately south of the Merriespruit South area. The disposal of the Merriespruit South area does not have any impact on the existing Merriespruit 1 mining operations.

Harmony's Chief Executive Graham Briggs says, "The Merriespruit South area and the Freegold option do not fit into our portfolio. Therefore these transactions are in line with Harmony's strategy to focus on our growth projects in South Africa. This is an exciting opportunity for Wits Gold and will unlock value for our shareholders."

Ends.

**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: September 7, 2010

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

By:

/s/

Hannes Meyer

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Title: Financial Director