

HARMONY GOLD MINING CO LTD

Form 6-K

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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**

July 17, 2008

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

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(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

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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: July 17, 2008

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

By: /s/ Graham Briggs

Name: Graham Briggs

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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**MINISTERIAL APPROVAL FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOLD
JOINT VENTURE**

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea Wednesday, 16 July 2008

The Acting Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and Minister for Mines, Hon Dr Puka Temu on Friday approved the Joint Venture arrangements between Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (Harmony) and Newcrest Mining Limited (Newcrest).

The ministerial approval paves the way for the conclusion of formalities between the two companies and the development of the joint venture interests in Papua New Guinea. These include the Hidden Valley gold mine which is expected to commence production mid-2009 and the highly prospective Wafi Golpu copper/gold deposit.

Shareholders are advised that all conditions precedent to the joint venture agreement, which included regulatory and statutory approvals by the PNG Government have now been met. Stage 1 Completion (Newcrest acquiring a 30.01% interest) is now expected to occur in early August, 2008.

Newcrest brings significant technical skills to the joint venture, including areas of exploration, project delivery and large scale mining and adds substantially to the development potential of the joint venture's PNG assets.

Chief executive officer of Harmony, Graham Briggs says, "We are pleased with the ministerial approval which has paved the way for the conclusion of all conditions precedent. Not only does the joint venture augur well for both companies, but it will also provide broader employment opportunities and corporate social investment for Papua New Guinea."

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