

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 November 2012

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 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

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Harmony delivers excellent first quarter results

Johannesburg, Wednesday, 7 November 2012: Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited ('Harmony' or 'the Company') today announced that the September 2012 quarter was a solid start to financial year 2013. Gold production at continuing operations increased by 8% to 10 013kg (321 924oz), while operating profit is 9% higher at R1.4bn (US\$171 million).

Gold production from underground operations was 9% higher than the prior quarter, mainly driven by improved grade. Cash operating costs increased quarter on quarter, mainly due to two months of winter electricity tariffs and labour increases implemented on 1 July 2012. This resulted in the rand per kilogram unit cost increasing by 6% from R278 091/kg in the June 2012 quarter to R294 404/kg in this quarter. The rand gold price received during the quarter increased by 5% from R421 565/kg in the June 2012 quarter to R440 868/kg in the September 2012 quarter.

Headline earnings per share increased quarter on quarter to 123 SA cents (15 US cents). Graham Briggs, chief executive officer of Harmony commented, "The Company continues to generate strong cash flows, with low debt and undrawn lending facilities. Our first quarter results reaffirm that Harmony is guided by a clear strategy and expert management teams delivering sustainable and competitive results." 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: November 7, 2012

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

By: /s/ Frank Abbott

Name: Frank Abbott

Title: Financial Director