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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the month of November 2004
Commission File Number 1-31318
Gold Fields Limited
(Translation of registrant's name into English)
24 St. Andrews Rd.
Parktown, 2193
South Africa
(Address of principal executive offices)
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SHAREHOLDERS WILL DECIDE: THE REAL ISSUE

IS VALUE

Johannesburg, 12 November 2004. The Board of Directors of Gold Fields (the "Board") today commented on the results of Harmony Gold Mining Company Ltd. ("Harmony") General Meeting where its shareholders voted in favour of increasing Harmony's authorised share capital.

The Board said that the outcome of the vote was not a surprise as Harmony's financial position had left its shareholders with little choice other than to support the company's hostile and coercive takeover bid to acquire the more valuable Gold Fields' assets.

Ian Cockerill, Chief Executive of Gold Fields, commented,

"Today's vote has strengthened our resolve to fight this value destructive move from Harmony. There is nothing in it for our shareholders."

Cockerill continued, "Harmony is trying to solve its financial problems at the expense of our shareholders. They desperately need our cash to service their debt. Whichever way you look at the Harmony offer, Gold Fields shareholders stand to lose."

In reaffirming the Gold Fields value proposition, the Board cited the following:

Gold Fields has delivered a 200% return to its shareholders over the last five years; Harmony's equivalent return is only 112% (based on relative share performance inclusive of dividends reinvested);

Gold Fields has achieved headline earnings for the last 5 quarters; Harmony has reported headline <u>losses</u> for the last five quarters; and

Gold Fields has generated positive cash flow from operating activities (excluding dividends paid) of R 1.7 billion (F2004) and R 0.2 billion (Q1 F2005) and has over

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R3.4 billion [in cash or cash equivalents]; Harmony is burning cash, has debts of over R 3.3 billion with more than R 500 million of deferred payments due in January 2005.

The Board urges Gold Fields shareholders to protect their investment and not tender their shares into Harmony's Early Bird Offer.

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In the United States, Gold Fields Limited ("Gold Fields") has filed a Solicitation/Recommendation Statement with the US Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on Schedule 14D-9 and holders of the Gold Fields Ordinary Shares and American Depositary Shares are advised to read it as it contains important information. Copies of the Schedule 14D-9 and other related documents filed by Gold Fields are available free of charge on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. Any documents filed by Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited, including any registration statement on Form F-4 (including any prospectus contained therein) and related exchange offer materials as well as its Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, will also be available free of charge on the SEC's website.

The directors of Gold Fields accept responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of their knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

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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.

Date: 12 November 2004 GOLD FIELDS LIMITED

By:

Name: Mr W J Jacobsz

Title: Senior Vice President: Investor Relations and Corporate Affairs