NORTON GOLD FIELDS LIMITED

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Suspension of Mining at Norton Gold Mine

For some time, Norton Gold Fields Limited ("NGF") has had a toll treatment arrangement under which ore from our Norton gold mine has been processed by Buka Gold Limited ("Buka Gold") at its Gympie CIP refining plant.

Buka Gold has notified NGF that the environmental investigation level for certain contaminants has been triggered at its tailings dam, and as a precautionary measure, Buka Gold is proposing to stop the processing of ore from the Norton mine--the apparent source of the environmental concerns - until the matter has been resolved.

Consequently, NGF has decided to cease production at its Norton mine, at least until the companies have resolved the environmental issue, or until an alternative processing arrangement can be put in place. At this time, resolution of the environmental issue is uncertain; whether a viable processing alternative can be secured is uncertain also.

During the September quarter, the grades of ore shipped from the Norton mine for refining have generally been maintained. Mining at Norton has been difficult as the mine required to deliver a high grade ore (>8 g/t) to cover the cost of mining, transport and toll processing. The mine has now completed the excavation of its first open cut and further development work would be required to expand the second pit.

The directors are discussing alternate strategies with a number of other parties, and will make an announcement if and when an agreement is reached.

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