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Gold Fields moves its frustrating legal action to the United States

Harmony notes the announcement by Gold Fields Limited (Gold Fields) on 5 November 2004 that legal action has been launched against Harmony in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York.

This should be seen in the context of Gold Fields numerous other attempts to exploit regulatory and legal manoeuvring to distract from the substantive issues which should be put before shareholders. It is clear to Harmony that all of these frustrating legal actions form a strategy by Gold Fields board and management to divert attention from their value-destroying IAMGold Corporation, Inc. proposal and to prevent Gold Fields shareholders from exercising their rights to consider a valid offer.

Harmony believes that Gold Fields action is without merit and will defend the action vigorously. At the same time, Harmony will make every effort to remind shareholders that the reason Harmony has made an offer for Gold Fields is because of the perceived inability of Gold Fields management to manage those assets as well as Harmony believes it can.

We have made premium offers to Gold Fields shareholders. We believes that the application of the Harmony Way to the assets currently owned by Gold Fields will enhance shareholder value for both Gold Fields and Harmony shareholders, said Harmony CE, Bernard Swanepoel.

Harmony continues to have confidence that Gold Fields shareholders will benefit from the value proposition embedded in its premium offers and remains determined to let the market be the final arbiter and to let the shareholders decide.

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In connection with the proposed acquisition of Gold Fields, Harmony has filed a registration statement on Form F-4, which includes a preliminary prospectus and related exchange offer materials, to register the Harmony ordinary shares (including Harmony ordinary shares represented by Harmony American Depositary Shares (ADSs)) to be issued in exchange for Gold Fields ordinary shares held by Gold Fields shareholders located in the US and for Gold Fields ADSs held by Gold Fields shareholders wherever located, as well as a Statement on Schedule TO. *Investors and holders of Gold Fields securities are strongly advised to read the registration statement and the preliminary prospectus, the related exchange offer materials and the final prospectus (when available), the Statement on Schedule TO and any other relevant documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as well as any amendments and supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information. Investors and holders of Gold Fields securities may obtain free copies of the registration statement, the preliminary and final prospectus (when available), related exchange offer materials and the Statement on Schedule TO, as well as other relevant documents filed or to be filed with the SEC, at the SEC s web site at www.sec.gov. The preliminary prospectus and other transaction-related documents may be obtained for free from MacKenzie Partners, Inc., the information agent for the U.S. offer, at the following address: 105 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10016; telephone 1 (212) 929 5500 (call collect) or 1 (800) 322 2885 (toll-free call); e-mail proxy@mackenziepartners.com. Investors and security holders may obtain a free copy of the Form 20-F filed with the SEC on October 5, 2004, as amended, and any other documents filed with or furnished to the SEC by Harmony at www.sec.gov.*

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The directors of Harmony accept responsibility for the information contained in this press release. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the directors of Harmony (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this press release is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.