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GOLD FIELDS LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Gold Fields Limited
(Reg. No. 1968/004880/06)
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
JSE, NYSE, DIFX Share Code: GFI
ISIN Code: ZAE000018123
("Gold Fields" or the "Company")

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LAUNCH OF OFFERING TO RAISE UP TO ZAR2.5 BILLION

Gold Fields hereby announces the launch of an offering of up to 38,857,914 new ordinary shares (the "Placing") of Gold Fields ("Placing Shares") constituting approximately 5% of its issued share capital, to raise approximately ZAR2.5 billion, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, through a bookbuilding process.

Rationale for the Placing and use of proceeds

The net proceeds from the Placing will be applied to the Company's existing US\$ revolving credit facility, utilised in connection with a recent debt repurchase. The Placing Shares will be issued by Gold Fields under its existing general authority to issue shares for cash.

Launch of the Bookbuild

The Placing Shares will be offered to qualifying institutional investors only, and the Placing does not and will not constitute, nor is it intended to constitute, an offer to the public to purchase or subscribe for any Placing Shares.

The book for the Bookbuild will open with immediate effect and is expected to close by 17:00 (South African time) on Friday, 18 March 2016. Pricing and allocations will be announced as soon as practicable following the closing of the book. The timing of the closing of the book, the pricing of the Placing Shares and the making of allocations will be agreed as soon as possible after the close of the Bookbuild.

Gold Fields will apply for admission of the Placing Shares to trade on the Main Board of the JSE Limited ("JSE"). Listing and trading of the Placing Shares on the JSE is expected to commence at 09:00 (South African time) three business days after the close of the Bookbuild, subject to the JSE's approval.

Gold Fields and its subsidiaries will not, subject to customary exceptions relating to employee share participation and similar arrangements and certain other exceptions, issue any further ordinary shares for a period of 90 days from the closing date of the Placing.

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The Placing is conditional, inter alia, upon admission of the Placing Shares to trading on the Main Board of the JSE becoming effective and the Placing Agreement not being terminated.

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The distribution of this announcement and the Placing of the Placing Shares in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. The Placing Shares may not be offered to the public in any jurisdiction in circumstances which would require the preparation or registration of any prospectus or offering document relating to the Placing Shares in such jurisdiction. No action has been taken by Gold Fields or the managers or any of their respective affiliates that would permit an offering of such securities or possession or distribution of this announcement or any other offering or publicity material relating to such securities in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Persons into whose possession this announcement comes are required by Gold Fields and the managers to inform themselves about, and to observe, such restrictions. No offering document, pre-listing statement or prospectus has been or will be submitted to be approved by the JSE or the South African Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission in relation to the Placing, nor will any offering document, pre-listing statement or prospectus be made available in connection with the matters contained in this announcement. No such offering document, pre-listing statement or prospectus is required (in accordance with the Prospectus Directive or otherwise) to be published. Persons needing advice should consult an independent financial adviser.

The Placing Shares have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, US persons, absent registration or an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. There will be no public offer of the Placing Shares in the United States or in any other jurisdiction.

Neither this announcement nor the Placing constitutes or is intended to constitute an offer to the public in South Africa in terms of the South African Companies Act 71 of 2008 (as amended) (the "South African Companies Act"). In South Africa this announcement is only being distributed to, and is only directed at, and any investment or investment activity to which this announcement relates is available only to, and will be engaged in only with, persons in South Africa who (i) fall within the

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categories of persons set out in section 96(1)(a) of the South African Companies Act or (ii) who are persons who subscribe, as principal, for Placing Shares at a minimum placing price of R1 000 000, as envisaged in section 96(1)(b) of the South African Companies Act.

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This announcement has been issued by, and is the sole responsibility of, Gold Fields. This announcement does not purport to identify or suggest the risks (direct or indirect) which may be associated with an investment in the Placing Shares. Any investment decision to apply for, and subscribe for, the Placing Shares must be made solely on the basis of publicly available information.

The Placing of the Placing Shares is subject to the Placing Agreement becoming unconditional in accordance with its terms.

Nothing in this announcement should be viewed, or construed, as “advice”, as that term is used in the South African Financial Markets Act, 2012, and/or Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002, by any of the Managers.

The Placing Shares will not be admitted to trading on any stock exchange other than the JSE. Neither the content of Gold Fields's website nor any website accessible by hyperlinks on Gold Fields's website is incorporated in, or forms part of, this announcement.

This announcement contains (or may contain) certain forward-looking statements which reflect Gold Fields’s intent, beliefs or current expectations about the future and can be recognised by the use of words such as, inter alia, “expects,” “plans,” “will,” “estimates,” “projects,” “intends,” or words of similar meaning. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are based on assumptions about Gold Fields’s operations and other factors, many of which are beyond Gold Fields’s control, and accordingly, actual results may differ materially from these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements contained in this announcement regarding past trends or activities should not be taken as a

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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 authorised.

GOLD FIELDS LIMITED

Dated

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March

2016

By:

/s/

Nicholas J. Holland

Name:

Nicholas J. Holland

Title:

Chief Executive Officer