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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# CNMC'S SECOND GOLD DE-ABSORPTION PLANT COMMENCES OPERATION AND PRODUCED 2,130.74 OUNCES OF GOLD DORÉ BARS

# **Highlights:**

- Commencement of operation of the second gold de-absorption plant will triple total processing capacity
- Adjusted operating cost per ounce of gold production is expected to continue to decrease as heap leaching capacity increases and greater economies of scale is achieved
- The estimated annual gold leaching capacity of 1 million tonnes of ores per annum will be attainable with the completion of the third leach pad by the end of the year
- Gold pours at the new plant produced 2,130.74 ounces of gold doré bars which is the highest production output on record for a single pour since the start of the Company's gold production in July 2010

SINGAPORE, 18 November 2013 – CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited ("中色金矿有限公司") ("CNMC" or the "Company", and together with its subsidiaries, the "Group"), the first Catalist-listed gold mining company on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") is pleased to announce the official opening and commissioning of its second gold deabsorption plant at the Sokor Gold Project in the State of Kelantan in Malaysia. The new plant has a gold de-absorption capacity of 2 tonnes per cycle, which is twice the processing capacity of the existing facility.

For its inaugural operation at the new plant, the Board announced a total production of 2,130.74 ounces of gold doré bars, which is the highest production output on record for a single pour since the start of the Company's gold production in July 2010. As compared to the previous record of 1,526.09 ounces of gold doré bars produced from a single pour in October 2013, this reflects an increase of approximately 39.6%.

With its second gold de-absorption plant in operation, the Group now has two fully operational gold de-absorption plants with a combined de-absorption capacity of 3 tonnes per cycle. This expansion in de-absorption capacity, coupled with an increase in leaching capacity, will allow the Group to reap greater economies of scale and better position it against adverse gold price fluctuations. With the two de-absorption plants, the Group will be able to handle the gold loaded carbon generated from the Group's estimated annual heap leaching capacity of 1 million tonnes of ores per year when the third leaching pad, which is currently under construction, starts operation.

Commenting on its outlook, Mr Chris Lim, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited remarked: "We are delighted with the results from the successful commissioning of our second de-absorption plant. By focusing on expanding the leaching and gold de-absorption capacity, I believe that the Group will be able to perform well despite the fluctuation in gold prices. We remain cautiously optimistic of the Group's future performance."

For its latest financial results for the third quarter ended 30 September 2013 ("3Q 2013"), CNMC's revenue from the sales of fine gold increased by 631.6% to US\$6.31 million in 3Q 2013 as compared to the third quarter ended 30 September 2012 ("3Q 2012") due to the significant increase in the sales volume of fine gold.

In 3Q 2013, the Group achieved lower adjusted operating cost of US\$473 per ounce of gold sold and overall all-in cost of US\$775 per ounce of gold sold as compared to US\$732 and US\$1,093 respectively in 3Q 2012. This was attributed to the significant increase in its gold production volume which resulted in greater economies of scale as well as improved production efficiency due to technological input from the engineers from China Gold.

Going forward, adjusted operating cost per ounce of gold production is expected to continue to fall as production volume increases and greater operating efficiency is achieved.



CNMC Photo: CNMC's second gold de-absorption plant



CNMC Photo: Official opening ceremony of CNMC's second gold de-absorption plant



CNMC Photo: Gold pour conducted at CNMC's second gold de-absorption plant



CNMC Photo: 2,130.74 ounces of gold doré bars produced for at the inaugural operation at the new plant



CNMC Photo: Armed personnel securing the helipad in preparation for the transport of gold doré bars

#### #End of Release#

Note: This press release is to be read in conjunction with the related announcement filed by CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited on SGXNet.

### About CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited (Bloomberg: CNMC:SP; Reuters: CNMC.SI)

CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited (the "Company") is the first Catalist-listed gold mining company on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST").

The Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), with its headquarters in Singapore, started its operations in 2006 and is principally engaged in the business of exploration and mining of gold and the processing of mined ore into gold dores. Currently, the Group is focusing on the development of the Sokor Gold Field Project which is located in the State of Kelantan, Malaysia. The first gold pour was achieved on July 21 2010.

The Sokor Gold Field Project covers an area of 10km<sup>2</sup> and there are 4 identified gold deposits namely, Manson's Lode Vein, New Discovery Vein, Sg. Ketubong Target and Rixen Target. As of December 2012, this project has JORC compliant resources of 7.8 million tonnes at a grade of 1.6 g/t in the Measured, Indicated and Inferred categories for a total of 410,000 oz Au inclusive of JORC compliant reserves of 3.3 million tonnes at a grade of 1.5 g/t in proved and probable categories for a total of 160,000 oz Au.

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