

HARMONY GOLD MINING CO LTD

Form 6-K

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO

RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES

EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Month of February 2005

Commission File Number: 001-31545

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of

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Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by
furnishing the information contained in this form
is also thereby furnishing the information to the
Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

(Registration number 1950/038232/06)

Share code: HAR ISIN: ZAE000015228

(Harmony)

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Proposed Merger Jeopardised After Competition Tribunal Pre-Hearing

Harmony confirmed today that the Competition Tribunal set dates to hear submissions with regard to Harmony's proposed merger with Gold Fields. Harmony requested that the hearing be held as soon as possible with Advocate David Unterhalter requesting that the proceedings have some regard for commercial reality.

However the Competition Tribunal has decided that the matter should not be heard until the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th May which may mean that Harmony's subsequent offer will lapse on 18 March unless the SRP consents to a further extension of the time period for the obtaining of South African Competition Authority approval.

In addition, this decision also jeopardises the status of the entire offer because of the proximity of these dates to the expiry on 20 May 2005 of Norilsk's irrevocable undertaking to Harmony to tender into Harmony's subsequent offer.

Commenting on the decision, Harmony CE, Bernard Swanepoel said, "Obviously we are surprised and disappointed that the Tribunal cannot see a way to hold these hearings earlier. Many Gold Fields shareholders will be unwilling to tender into the subsequent offer with this remaining condition hanging over it. We will be engaging in discussions with Norilsk over this development but we have no guarantee that Norilsk's undertaking will be extended.

Throughout the offer Gold Fields management has spent considerable amounts of Gold Fields shareholders' money on legal actions aimed solely at depriving its own shareholders of the opportunity to decide for themselves on Harmony's offers.

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While we are working with our own advisers to provide Gold Fields shareholders with the right to decide, it is clear that the timing of the hearing is not in the interests of Gold Fields shareholders.

We still believe that our proposal to merge the companies will extend the lives of Gold Fields mines, provide the necessary consolidation for the industry and create significant value for both sets of shareholders.

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In connection with the proposed merger, Harmony has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), 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 ADSs) to be issued in exchange for the remainder of Gold Fields ordinary shares held by Gold Fields shareholders resident in the United States and for Gold Fields ADSs held by Gold Fields shareholders wherever resident, 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 SEC, as well as any amendments and supplements to those documents, because they 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) and 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.

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The directors certify that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, no facts have been omitted that would make any statement in this announcement false or misleading and have made all reasonable enquiries to ascertain such facts.

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