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**Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.\***

**紫金礦業集團股份有限公司**

*(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)*

**(Stock code: 2899)**

## **Announcement in relation to the Completion of Construction and Commencement of Production of Phase 1 of Julong Copper in Tibet**

References are made to the announcements (the "Announcements") of Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.\* (the "Company" or "Zijin Mining") in relation to (i) the acquisition of 50.1% equity interest in Tibet Julong Copper Co., Ltd. ("Julong Copper"); and (ii) the completion of the acquisition, dated 7 June 2020 and 9 July 2020 respectively. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as defined in the Announcements.

In June 2020, the Company acquired 50.1% equity interest in Julong Copper and directed the operation of the project. Being the largest copper mine project under construction at the highest altitude area in China at present, after the Company took over the project in July 2020 and resumed the construction, with the strong support of the local party committee and government, Julong Copper actively resolved the historical issues, strengthened the compliance in operations and optimised the production procedures of the mine in compliance with the laws and regulations. At the same time, it swiftly optimised the project construction plan, organised the construction arrangement scientifically, placed high importance on ecological development and environmental protection, and comprehensively raised the level of informatisation, intellectualisation and automation in the mining site. Through the joint efforts of a number of cooperative units, the processing system of phase 1 of the Qulong Copper Mine started the unloaded test run at the end of October 2021 and officially commenced production on 27 December 2021, smoothly achieving the overall goal of completion of construction and commencement of production at the end of 2021. Together with the production volume of the Zhibula Copper Mine, Julong Copper is expected to produce 120-130 thousand tonnes of copper in 2022 after phase 1 of the Qulong Copper Mine is put into production. After phase 1 reaches the designated production capacity, the annual copper production volume will be approximately 160 thousand tonnes.

Julong Copper owns the mining rights of the Qulong Copper and Polymetallic Mine, the Rongmucuola Copper Mine and the Zhibula Copper and Polymetallic Mine in Tibet. Its resources reserves include copper metal volume of 10.72 million tonnes and associated molybdenum metal volume of 570 thousand tonnes. The Qulong Copper Mine and the Rongmucuola Copper Mine belong to the same porphyry copper ore body, and the application of merger of the mining rights is in progress. After the merger, the mine will be renamed as the Julong Copper Mine and become the largest world-class porphyry copper mine in China, with a large number of low-grade copper mineral resources grading around 0.2%. Its total resources volume (at a cut-off

grade of 0.15%) will exceed 20 million tonnes.

Julong Copper is currently planning the overall mine development, focusing on the comprehensive development and utilisation of low-grade resources. It is proposed that the construction will be implemented in phases (phase 2 and phase 3). If the project obtains the approvals of the relevant governmental authorities, a final mining and processing scale of approximately 200 million tonnes of ores per year can be reached, and it will become the copper mine with the largest mining and processing scale in the world.

The completion of construction and commencement of production of phase 1 of Julong Copper are the results of the Old Tibetan Spirit demonstrated by the project team and Zijin Mining's spirit of "founding the business by overcoming hardships with exploration and innovation", generating positive impact on raising the supply capacity of copper resource, which is in shortage in China. Julong Copper will fully put the ideas of eco-development and co-development into practice, in order to exert positive effects on the promotion of ecological development, environmental protection, ethnic unity, employment and talent development and other aspects, as well as promote the social and economic development of the project location. The commencement of production of phase 1 of Julong Copper can exert important impact on the Company's production increment of mine-produced copper, further raise the Company's profitability, and provide a powerful support for realising the Company's leaping growth.

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**Investors and shareholders are advised by the board of directors to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.**

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Messrs. Chen Jinghe (Chairman), Lan Fusheng, Zou Laichang, Lin Hongfu, Ms. Lin Hongying and Mister Xie Xionghui as executive directors, Mister Li Jian as non-executive director, and Messrs. Zhu Guang, Mao Jingwen, Li Changqing, He Fulong, Suen Man Tak and Bo Shao Chuan as independent non-executive directors.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
**Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.\***  
**Chen Jinghe**  
*Chairman*

26 December 2021, Fujian, the PRC

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