

HD China's Zijin unit boosts stake in Bullabulling to 41.35%

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MOSCOW, Jul 1 (PRIME) -- Australia's Norton **Gold** Fields, which is a subsidiary of **Chinese mining** corporation Zijin **Mining** Group, boosted its **stake** in Australia's Bullabulling **Gold** Ltd to 41.35% from 19.8% earlier as a deadline of the increased offer expires, Norton said in a statement Tuesday.

The **company** said that the final price of 8 Australian cents per share will remain until the expiration of the off-the-market offer to acquire all of the shares of Bullabulling on July 16. It added that there will be no further increases.

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Norton considers that it is likely that a significant proportion of Bullabulling's remaining shareholders will now also accept the offer. As such, Norton considers that there is a real risk that shareholders who do not accept the offer may become minority shareholders in a **company** that is controlled by Norton.

The **company** also said that Bullabulling shareholders will be subject to dilution as Bullabulling requires significant funding to complete the definitive feasibility study on the Bullabulling **gold** project. Norton also reiterated that it is likely that following the end of the offer period Bullabulling's share price may decline back to pre-announcement level.

Bullabulling **Gold**'s major asset is a project with the same name in Western Australia with JORC resources of 3.753 million ounces of gold. It has a capital expenditure requirement of more than 300 million Australian dollars to bring it to production.

Norton **Gold** Fields is one of Australia's largest domestic **gold** producers, with annual production of more than 170,000 ounces. The **company** has a **mining** and processing complex in Western Australia's world-class Kalgoorlie **gold** region, including a prospective tenement package surrounding the Paddington mill.

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