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Bullabulling takeover takes next step HD

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Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board has approved the proposed acquisition of Bullabulling Gold by Chinese-owned Norton Gold Fields.

Norton yesterday declared the 7c-a-share bid was unconditional and urged Bullabulling shareholders to accept the offer.

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Bullabulling responded yesterday by reiterating the view of chairman Peter Mansell, who last week labelled the takeover offer which closes on June 2 as "inadequate and opportunistic".

Bullabulling shares traded 5 per cent lower yesterday at 7.2c, but still at a premium since the April 17 bid was announced. Yesterday's share price valued the company at \$25.1 million, according to Bloomberg.

The Brett Lambert-run Bullabulling has been targeting mid-2016 for first production at its 3.75 million ounce gold project near Coolgardie.

Norton's biggest shareholder, China's Zijin Mining Group, already controls 2.5 per cent of Bullabulling shares.

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