

MEDIA RELEASE

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LONMIN PLC STRENGTHENS CAPITAL BASE OF ASHANTI GOLDFIELDS COMPANY LTD

Lonmin Plc announces that it has agreed to subscribe for approximately \$46.6 million of mandatorily exchangeable notes ("MENs") issued by a subsidiary of and guaranteed by Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited ("Ashanti") in connection with Ashanti's financial restructuring plan announced earlier today.

The MENs are mandatorily exchangeable into Ashanti shares as part of a planned rights issue that will offer to all Ashanti shareholders the opportunity to take up their pro-rata share in the restructuring. Conversion of the MENs will be at the rights issue price, but in no event at a price per Ashanti share of more than \$5.40. The Board of Ashanti has undertaken to Lonmin that it will use best efforts to launch such an issue within the next 18 months. It is expected that the rights issue will be launched once the issues raised in the SEC's Division of Corporation Finance's comment letters concerning Ashanti's 20F filings have been resolved. In the event of Ashanti being unable to launch a rights issue during this period, the MENs will convert into Ashanti equity at \$5.40 per share, subject to Ashanti shareholder approval. The Government of Ghana has undertaken to vote in favour of the conversion. Until the proposed rights issue is completed or the MENs are otherwise exchanged into Ashanti shares, the MENs will constitute unsecured debt of the Ashanti group repayable on 30 June 2008, subordinated to the enlarged revolving credit facility.

In addition, Lonmin has also subscribed for a further \$28.4 million of MENs, which are subject to a call option granted to the Government of Ghana in order to enable it to maintain its stake in Ashanti. The call option will expire after 18 months or, if earlier, five days prior to completion of the rights issue.

Lonmin has granted put options to some of the existing warrant holders at a strike price of \$3.00 per Ashanti share in relation to up to approximately 13.6 million shares that will be issued as a result of early exercise of the existing warrants in Ashanti resulting in new equity coming into the company. The put options, which are not transferable, are exercisable in three equal tranches on 28 April 2004, 28 October 2004 and 28 April 2005.

Lonmin's continuing strategy as a focused PGM mining company is unaffected by its participation in the restructuring of Ashanti which protects the value of Lonmin's existing investment and demonstrates its continued support for the company. The refinancing plan materially strengthens Ashanti's capital structure, avoids excessive dilution and is expected to give all shareholders the opportunity to participate in Ashanti's value potential.

Morgan Stanley acted as financial advisor to Lonmin

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