



## PRESS RELEASE FOR 2Q2015

## CNMC's 2Q2015 Revenue Up 13.4% On Higher Output Despite Gold Price Slide; Excluding tax benefits in 2Q2014, net profits up 16.9% As All-In Costs Hit Historic Low

- Fine gold production increased 21.7% to 7,876.55 ounces in 2Q2015 from 6,470.24 ounces in 2Q2014
- All-in costs of production reached a new low of US\$517 per ounce in 2Q2015, a 20.3% reduction from US\$649 per ounce in 2Q2014
- Excluding a US\$1.71 million tax reversal in 2Q2014, net profit would have risen 16.9% to US\$4.43 million
- Reflecting the strong performance, CNMC will increase the interim taxexempt dividend by 20% to 0.18 Singapore cent a share, up from 0.15 Singapore cent a share a year earlier

US\$ (million)	2Q2015	2Q2014	Change (%)	1H2015	1H2014	Change (%)
Revenue	9.38	8.27	+13.4	17.22	13.38	+28.7
Results from operating activities	4.44	3.88	+14.4	7.05	6.06	+16.3
Earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation, amortization ("EBITDA")	5.41	4.62	+17.1	8.90	7.31	+21.8
Net profit	4.43	5.50	-19.5	6.97	7.05	-1.1
Net profit excluding prior period's tax reversal	4.43	3.79	+16.9	6.97	5.83	+19.6
Net profit attributable to owners of the Company	3.59	4.44	-19.1	5.57	5.70	-2.3
Net profit attributable to owners of the Company, excluding prior period's tax reversal	3.59	3.06	+17.3	5.57	4.72	+18.0

**SINGAPORE, 11 August 2015 –** CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited, together with its subsidiaries ("the Group"), is pleased to report that its EBITDA for the three months ended 30 June 2015 ("2Q2015") rose 17.1% from a year earlier on higher gold output as it slashed its all-in production costs to a record low.

The SGX Catalist-listed miner, which operates a gold mine in the north-eastern Malaysian state of Kelantan, said earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation ("EBITDA") increased to US\$5.41 million in 2Q2015 from US\$4.62 million in 2Q2014.



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The improved performance came on the back of a 13.4% increase in revenue to US\$9.38 million in 2Q2015 from US\$8.27 million in 2Q2014 despite the pullback in gold prices. Over the comparative periods, fine gold production increased 21.7% to 7,876.55 ounces from 6,470.24 ounces.

Significantly, CNMC slashed its all-in costs by a further 15.2% since the start of the year to US\$517 in 2Q2015, as it leveraged on three leaching yards and a new crushing system.

Excluding a tax reversal booked in 2Q2014, CNMC's net profit for 2Q2015 increased 16.9% to US\$4.43 million, while net profit attributable to shareholders rose 17.3% to US\$3.59 million. The tax reversal arose from an over-provision made before May last year when Malaysian authorities granted a 100% income-tax exemption on its statutory income on its gold production for five years with effect from 1 July 2013.

Fully diluted earnings per share for 2Q2015 was 0.88 U.S. cents, compared to 1.09 U.S. cents in 2Q2014, while net asset value per share increased to 7.25 U.S. cents as at 30 June 2015 from 6.17 U.S. cents as at 31 December 2014.

For the six months ended 30 June 2015 ("1H2015"), CNMC generated a revenue of US\$17.22 million, up 28.7% from US\$13.38 million in 1H2014. Excluding the tax reversal, net profit attributable to shareholders rose 18.0% to US\$5.57 million in 1H2015.

CNMC's balance sheet continues to strengthen. For 2Q2015, the Group generated net cash from operations of US\$4.35 million, compared to US\$3.66 million in 2Q2014. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of 2Q2015 stood at US\$16.22 million, up sharply from US\$5.75 million as at 30 June 2014.

While gold prices have weakened further since the beginning of 2015, driven largely by the strengthening US dollar on expectations that the US Federal Reserve will start raising interest rates this year, the Group is cautiously optimistic about its prospects due to its production strategy and continued efforts to improve operational efficiencies and reduce costs.

The Group's focus on improving efficiencies is evident in CNMC's declining all-in costs of production, which has fallen from an average of US\$725 per ounce in FY2014 to an average of below US\$600 in 1H2015.

The recent weakness in the Malaysian ringgit will benefit CNMC as gold sales are in US dollars while production is in Malaysia with costs denominated in



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local currency. However, as CNMC reports its financial results in US dollars, this has resulted in unrealised foreign-exchange losses on translation.

Reflecting the Group's strong performance in 1H2015, CNMC will pay an interim tax-exempt dividend of 0.18 Singapore cent per share, a 20% increase from 0.15 Singapore cent per share a year earlier.

Mr. Chris Lim, CEO of CNMC, said: "With our strategy of careful cost controls and constant improvements in operational efficiency translating into all-in production costs falling to an all-time low in 2Q2015, CNMC has demonstrated that we can weather declining gold prices effectively. We are confident that our proven business model allows us to seriously explore possible acquisitions of other mines within Malaysia and possibly elsewhere."

Mr Peter Choo, Executive Vice Chairman of CNMC, said: "The commodities and mining sectors are under price pressure. Notwithstanding our stellar performance, investors have not distinguished well-performing mines from distressed ones. We will intensify efforts to educate and convince the market of our strong financials and investment merits."

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About CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited (Bloomberg: CNMC:SP; Reuters: CNMC.SI)

CNMC Goldmine Holdings Limited (the "Company") is the first Catalist-listed gold mining company on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST").

Headquartered in Singapore, the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") started operations in 2006 and are principally engaged in the exploration and mining of gold and the processing of mined ore into gold dores.

The Group is currently focusing on developing the Sokor Gold Field Project, located in the State of Kelantan, Malaysia. Spanning an area of 10km<sup>2</sup>, the project has identified four gold deposit regions, namely Manson's Lode, New Discovery, Sq. Ketubong and Rixen.



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As of December 2014, the Sokor Gold Field Project had JORC-compliant gold resources (inclusive of ore reserves) of 10.81 million tonnes at a grade of 1.5 g/t in the Measured, Indicated and Inferred categories for a total of 506,000 ounces. The project achieved its first gold pour on July 21, 2010. As at July 18, 2014, it had produced more than one metric tonnes of Gold Bullion.

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