



## ASX/MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Norton Non-Executive Director Steps Down**

**Norton Gold Fields Limited (ASX: NGF)** ("Norton") advises that Mr David Franklin, Non-Executive Director has announced his resignation from Norton's Board.

"On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Mr Franklin for his contribution this past year" Norton's Chairman said.

"Mr Franklin represented Sprott Asset Management, a major shareholder of the Company. He has recently been appointed to another position within Sprott Asset Management which precludes him from undertaking external directorships. Sprott Asset Management has elected not to appoint another director to the Board which is an expression of confidence in Norton's corporate and operational strategy."

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## About Norton

Norton Gold Fields Limited is a mid-tier, ASX-listed, unhedged gold producer.

In FY2010, Norton produced approximately 140,000 oz of gold from its open cut and underground operations at Paddington, near Kalgoorlie in Western Australia. The Company is forecasting production in FY2011 between 155,000 oz and 160,000 oz of gold. The Paddington operations include a 3.0 Mt pa processing facility.

Norton has recently added two new mining operations, the Homestead underground mine and the Navajo Chief open cut, to supply ore to its processing facility.

The Company holds extensive granted mining and exploration leases in the pre-eminent Kalgoorlie goldfields, with a landholding of 1,050 km<sup>2</sup>. The Paddington operations have a current Mineral Resource of 5.8M oz, of which some 1.2M oz is classified as Reserves, for a mine life in excess of ten years.

The Company continues to assess development options for its Mount Morgan Mine Project in Queensland. The project has all the requisite regulatory approvals and subject to suitable funding being arranged, can be in operation within 12 months producing between 30,000 to 35,000 oz pa.

Norton's growth will come from optimising existing operations and acquiring, developing and operating assets.

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