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Jon Parker Appointed Managing Director

Key points

- ▷ Jon Parker assumes the managing director's role after serving as a non-executive director of Norton since September 2006.
- ▷ Jon has demonstrated capability and performance in building mining minnows into mid-tier success stories. As managing director, he developed Felix Resources into a major Australian coal producer within four years.
- ▷ Previously he worked in a range of executive roles in Rio Tinto over 26 years.
- ▷ Tim Prowse, the founder and director of Norton, assumes the role of technical director with primary responsibility for evaluating new acquisitions.
- ▷ Norton is now one of Australia's largest independent gold producers with annual output of more than 150,000 oz.

Norton Gold Fields Limited (Norton or the Company) (**ASX code: NGF**) today announced the appointment of Jon Parker as its new managing director.

Since being appointed as a non-executive director of Norton in September 2006 Mr Parker has played an active role in developing the Company from junior explorer to a major Australian gold producer.

Prior to becoming involved with Norton, Mr Parker was managing director of Felix Resources Limited. During his tenure, that company's market capitalisation grew from \$17 million to over \$500 million. Major accomplishments included expansion of the Yarrabee Mine, development of the Minerva Coal Mine, acquisition of White Mining Pty Ltd and a major capital raising.

Mr Parker has had broad experience in the resource and energy sectors with Rio Tinto where he spent 26 years. He has a history of creating strong and sustainable value through robust strategic thinking, innovative and inclusive leadership practices and sound decision making.

Mr Parker has a degree in Physical Chemistry (Hons) (Sydney) and a Graduate Diploma Business Administration (Curtin) complemented by management programs in Australia (Mt Eliza) and the US (Columbia).

Mr Parker's corporate experience and reputation for accomplishment adds a new dimension to an already powerful management team which includes the founder

and director, Tim Prowse, who will assume the role of technical director. The organisational change will enable Mr Prowse's broad experience in the mining industry, both in Australia and overseas, to be more strongly focused on acquisitions as Norton pursues a number of opportunities.

"Having worked closely with Jon at both Felix Resources and at Norton, I can attest to his extraordinary capabilities. He has an enviable track record of achieving major profitable growth in the resources industry, and we are fortunate, indeed, that he has agreed to assume the role of managing director," Chairman of Norton Gold Fields, Mr Anthony McLellan, said.

"Jon Parker brings enormous intellectual horsepower and great strategic thinking to our Company," Mr McLellan added.

Mr McLellan also paid tribute to Tim Prowse, the founder and a director of Norton: "Without Mr Prowse's initiative and vision to build a major gold producer, we would not be the successful company we are today and the board looks forward to an ongoing contribution from him in his new role."

About Norton Gold Fields

Norton Gold Fields is one of the largest ASX-listed Australian gold producers with a 3 Moz resource and 3 Mtpa CIP gold plant at the Paddington Gold Mine capable of sustaining a production rate in excess of 150,000 ounces per year. Norton plans to supplement this by an additional 50,000 ounces per year output from a tailings re-treatment operation at Mount Morgan. The Company also has active gold and copper exploration projects.

Further strategic acquisitions of new resource projects are planned in order to build the Company into a significant mining house.

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