

HARMONY GOLD MINING CO LTD

Form 6-K

December 20, 2012

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO

RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES

EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For 20 December 2012

Harmony Gold Mining Company

Limited

Randfontein Office Park

Corner Main Reef Road and Ward Avenue

Randfontein, 1759

South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes No

**Issued by Harmony Gold
Mining Company Limited
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Harmony closes its Kusasalethu mine one day earlier than planned for the festive season due to labour unrest

Johannesburg, 20 December 2012: Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited ('Harmony' or 'the Company') advises that it is closing its Kusasalethu mine near Carletonville a day earlier than planned for the festive season, following violent behavior and damage to mine infrastructure on surface.

Security at the mine and the SAPS are on the scene to control the crowd and to further ensure the safety of all the employees. The violence followed the suspension of 578 employees including some contractors as a result of the participation of these employees in an unprotected strike action on Saturday, 15 December 2012.

Tom Smith, chief operating officer of Harmony commented: "We have made it clear that no violence will be tolerated and to ensure the safety of our employees it has become imperative to close the shaft until the labour issues have been resolved."
ends.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: December 20, 2012

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

By: /s/ Frank Abbott

Name: Frank Abbott

Title: Financial Director