

Gold Fields Launches a Voluntary Offer to Acquire Shares of Minorities in Gold Fields La Cima in Peru

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SANDTON, South Africa, March 18 /CNW/ - Gold Fields Corona (BVI) Limited ("Gold Fields Corona"), a wholly owned subsidiary of [Gold Fields Limited](#) (NYSE: GFI) (JSE: GFI) today announced a voluntary purchase offer in Lima, Peru, to acquire the outstanding common voting shares and investment shares of Gold Fields La Cima S.A.A. (La Cima) that it does not already own.

Gold Fields Corona is offering 4.20 Peruvian Nuevos Soles (S/.) in cash for each La Cima common or investment share. The price would be adjusted after the dividend cut-off date (fecha de corte) for any dividends distributed during the term of the offer pursuant to a resolution to be approved at the La Cima shareholders meeting on 30 March 2011. Shareholders who accept the offer before the dividend cut-off date will receive S/. 4.20 per share, and accordingly will not be entitled to receive the dividend that would be paid by La Cima. Shareholders who accept the offer on or after the dividend cut-off date will receive S/. 4.20 per share, less the dividend to be approved at the shareholders meeting, which pursuant to the La Cima Board's proposal would be S/. 0.138 per share. The offer will open on 21 March 2011, at market opening, and will be open for 20 trading days on the Lima Stock Exchange.

If the offer is taken up in full, the cost of the transaction will amount to S/. 1.16 billion (US\$420 million). The offer price of S/. 4.20 per share is a premium of 32% over the current spot price of S/. 3.19 per common share and a 36% premium over the current spot price of S/. 3.08 per investment share. The offer price represents a 30% and a 34% premium over the six months average traded price of the common shares and investment shares respectively.

La Cima's share structure is made up of 1,257 million common shares with full voting rights and 176 million non-voting investment shares. Gold Fields Corona's offer is for 8% of the common shares it does not already own and for 100% of the investment shares. La Cima owns the Cerro Corona gold and copper mine in the Cajamarca district of Peru, which has gold-equivalent Mineral Reserves of 5.3 million ounces. It has been in production since 2008 and produces about 400,000 gold-equivalent ounces a year.

Nick Holland, Chief Executive Officer of Gold Fields Limited, said: "If our offer is successful we will be buying all or part of (if not all of the minorities sell their shares) the remaining approximately 19% of Cerro Corona, a world-class mine we know well and understand. If the offer is accepted in full it gives us access to an additional 1 million ounces of long-life and low-cost reserves and an additional 76,000 ounces a year of gold-equivalent production.

"Through our cash offer La Cima shareholders are also getting a significant premium on what is a fairly illiquid stock," he added.

Mr Holland concluded: "This offer is consistent with our view that, where possible, we should own 100% of the assets in our portfolio."

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