

HARMONY GOLD MINING CO LTD

Form 6-K

December 21, 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 21 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
21 December 2012**

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Underground mineworkers at Kusasalethu mine refuse to return to surface

Johannesburg, 21 December 2012: Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited ('Harmony') advises that about 1700 mineworkers, representing yesterday's day shift at its Kusasalethu mine, remain underground and they are refusing to return to surface.

Demands from the underground mineworkers, led by AMCU union representatives, include the withdrawal of the suspension of the 578 employees including contractors which were suspended on Wednesday, 19 December 2012. Talks with the employees and AMCU representatives are ongoing in order to resolve the situation.

Tom Smith, chief operating officer of Harmony commented: "Safety and health is our first priority and we will do our utmost to ensure the mineworkers return to surface safely".

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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 21, 2012

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

By:

/s/ Frank Abbott

Name: Frank Abbott

Title: Financial Director