

HARMONY GOLD MINING CO LTD

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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 8 July 2010

**Harmony Gold Mining Company**

**Limited**

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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.)

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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  X

**Issued by Harmony Gold  
Mining Company Limited  
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**Shaft bottom repair in progress at Harmony's Joel mine**

**Johannesburg. Thursday 8 July 2010.** Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (Harmony) announces that it has commenced extensive changes and repairs to the shaft bottom at its Joel North Shaft in the Free State.

Harmony's CEO, Graham Briggs says, "The production focus at Joel has over time been shifting to the deeper portions of the mine, at approximately 1,400 meters below surface. The North Shaft was never fully equipped for production and we have therefore made extensive changes to the bottom of the shaft arrangements."

Modifications to the shaft have among others, included:

- Changing of the winder from sinking to production mode;
- attaching bigger skips;
- ensuring that emergency egress is available;
- and raise boring the lift shaft from 121 to 129 level.

Operations at the shaft however, had to be halted at the end of June 2010 to complete the bottom of the shaft spillage arrangements. A mutual decision was taken by the Department of Mineral Resources and management to stop operations at the shaft until the shaft bottom is cleared from the spillage and more permanent arrangements are put into place.

Briggs adds, "We anticipate that the shaft will be operating again during August 2010, once repairs to the shaft bottom have been completed. The employees at Joel have been sent on leave and will return to work as of 10 August 2010. In the interim, the Joel plant will be processing waste to maximize gold production. Joel's gold production for the June 2010 quarter will be marginally affected by this decision but we anticipate that gold production for the September 2010 quarter at Joel will possibly be halved. However, we have teams working around the clock to resolve this

situation as soon as possible.”

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: July 8, 2010

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited

By:

/s/

Hannes Meyer

Name:

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