

GOLD FIELDS LTD

Form 6-K

December 12, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rules 13a-16 or 15d-16 under**

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Dated 12 December 2014

Commission File Number: 001-31318

**GOLD FIELDS LIMITED**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

150 Helen Rd.

Sandown, Sandton 2196

South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Gold Fields Limited  
(Reg. No. 1968/004880/06)  
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)  
JSE, NYSE, DIFX Share Code: GFI  
ISIN Code: ZAE000018123  
("Gold Fields" or "the Company")

**APPEAL LODGED BY GOLD FIELDS' SUBSIDIARY IN NATIVE TITLE PROCEEDINGS**

Gold Fields advised the market on 27 January 2014, that Gold Fields' subsidiary, St Ives Gold Mining Company Pty Ltd ("St Ives"), which owns the St Ives Gold Mine in Western Australia, has been joined as a respondent, alongside the State of Western Australia (the "State") and other resources companies, in proceedings commenced in the Federal Court of Australia by the Ngadjju People, seeking determination of its claim for native title over a parcel of land in the Goldfields region of Western Australia.

Gold Fields further advised the market on 7 July 2014 that the Federal Court had handed down a decision, which accepted the submissions of the Ngadjju People that the re-grant of certain of St Ives' tenements in 2004 by the State was not compliant with the correct processes in the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), and as such, the re-granted tenements are invalid to the extent the exercise of rights under the tenements is inconsistent with the Ngadjju People's native title rights.

On 21 November 2014, the Federal Court made final orders in respect of this matter, which determined the nature and extent of the native title rights held by the Ngadjju People. These Orders were consistent with, and gave effect to, the earlier decisions of the Federal Court.

St Ives, together with another major resources company and the State of Western Australia, has now lodged an appeal against aspects of the Federal Court's decision to the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia (3 Judges), and anticipates that the matter will be heard during Quarter 3/4 2015.

Gold Fields remains strongly of the view that it has at all times complied with its obligations under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in respect of its dealings with these tenements. Accordingly, St Ives will vigorously pursue its appeal to the Full Federal Court, and remains confident of a favourable outcome through this process.

Gold Fields will continue to keep the market informed of any material developments in the matter.

Johannesburg

12 December 2014

Sponsor

J.P. Morgan Equities South Africa (Pty) Limited

**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 authorised.

GOLD FIELDS LIMITED

Dated: 12 December 2014

By:

/s/ Nicholas J. Holland

Name:

Nicholas J. Holland

Title:

Chief Executive Officer