

GOLD FIELDS LTD

Form 6-K

September 17, 2010

**FORM 6-K**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of September 2010

Commission File Number 1-31318

**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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Directors

: A J Wright (Chairman), Dr M A Ramphele (Deputy Chairman), N J Holland

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\*\* (Chief Executive Officer), P A Schmidt\*\* (Chief Financial Officer),

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**MOODY'S ASSIGNS GOLD FIELDS INVESTMENT  
GRADE CREDIT RATING**

*Johannesburg, 17 September 2010:* Moody's Investor Services ("Moody's") today assigned Gold Fields Limited ("Gold Fields") (JSE, NYSE, NASDAQ Dubai: GFI) a first-time 'Baa3' senior unsecured issuer rating. This investment grade rating comes with a stable outlook.

Moody's said that the rating reflected Gold Fields' position as the world's fourth-largest gold producer as well as the group's very sizeable reserve base and industry-leading reserve life in excess of 20 years. The stable outlook was based on the expectation that Gold Fields would maintain healthy operating margins and a conservative financial profile, Moody's added. Since March 2009, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") has maintained an investment grade rating on Gold Fields of 'BBB-' with a stable outlook.

Paul Schmidt, Chief Financial Officer of Gold Fields said: "We are pleased with Moody's rating of Gold Fields as an investment grade company. The rating supports our solid operating margins, low financial gearing and conservative financial policy and will allow us to diversify our sources of funding."

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**Notes to editors**

**About Gold Fields**

Gold Fields is one of the world's largest unhedged producers of gold with attributable production of 3.5 million gold equivalent ounces per annum from nine operating mines in South Africa, Ghana, Australia and Peru. Gold Fields also has an extensive growth pipeline with both greenfields and nearmine exploration projects at various stages of development. Gold Fields has total attributable gold equivalent Mineral Reserves of 78 million ounces and Mineral Resources of 281 million ounces. Gold Fields is listed on JSE Limited (primary listing), the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), the NASDAQ Dubai Limited, the Euronext in Brussels (NYX) and the Swiss Exchange (SIX).

**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.

Date: 17 September 2010

**GOLD FIELDS LIMITED**

By:

Name: Mr W J Jacobsz

Title: Senior Vice President: Investor  
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