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Lingbao Gold Company Ltd.

靈寶黃金股份有限公司

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock code: 3330)

**ANNOUNCEMENT
PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND**

The Board is pleased to announce that the Company will pay a final dividend for the year ended 31 December, 2005 of RMB0.08 (equivalent to approximately HKD0.077566) per share on 18 July, 2006. Payment will be made to the Shareholders whose names appeared on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 16 May, 2006. Holders of H Shares who are entitled to the final dividend shall receive the same on 18 July, 2006 by ordinary post at their own risk.

Reference is made to the results announcement for the year of 2005 dated 12 April, 2006 and a further announcement on the resolutions passed at the annual general meeting of Lingbao Gold Company Ltd. ("Company") held on 16 June, 2006 of which, among other matters, the approval of the payment of final dividend.

The board of directors of the Company ("Board") is pleased to announce that the Company will pay a final dividend for the year ended 31 December, 2005 of Renminbi ("RMB") 0.08 (equivalent to approximately HKD0.077566) per share on 18 July, 2006. Payment will be made to the shareholders of the Company ("Shareholders") whose names appeared on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 16 May, 2006. Dividends payable to holders of H shares of the Company ("H Share(s)") will be paid in Hong Kong dollars ("HKD"). The conversion rate of RMB to HKD is calculated upon the average of the mean exchange rate of the conversion of RMB to HKD announced by State Administration of Foreign Exchange of the People's Republic of China one calendar week preceding 16 June, 2006, and it is RMB1.031368 to HKD1.00.

Accordingly, the amount of final dividend payable for each H Share is HKD0.077566. Such final dividend will be paid by Bank of China (Hong Kong) Trustees Ltd, the Company's receiving agent in Hong Kong, and would be mailed by Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited to the holders of H Shares who are entitled to receive the same by ordinary post at their own risk on 18 July, 2006.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises four executive directors, namely Mr. Xu Gaoming, Mr. Wang Jianguo, Mr. Lu Xiaozhao and Mr. Jin Guangcai; three non-executive directors, namely Mr. Xu Wanmin, Mr. Di Qinghua and Mr. Qi Guozhong; and four independent non-executive directors, namely Mr. Ning Jincheng, Mr. Wang Yanwu, Mr. Niu Zhongjie and Mr. Zheng Jinqiao.

By order of the Board
Lingbao Gold Company Ltd.
Xu Gaoming
Chairman

Henan, China 17 July, 2006

“Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in the South China Morning Post”