

**TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES**

<b>1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:</b>	<b>Minera IRL Ltd.</b>
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<b>2 Reason for the notification</b> (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	<b>Yes</b>
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached	No
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights	No
Other (please specify): <b>There was also an increase in the issued share capital [re acquisition of Hidefield Gold plc, 22 Dec 2009]</b>	<b>Yes</b>

<b>3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:</b>	<b>BlackRock Gold &amp; General Fund</b>
<b>4. Full name of shareholder(s)</b> (if different from 3.):	
<b>5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> February 2010</b>
<b>6. Date on which issuer notified:</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> February 2010</b>
<b>7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:</b>	<b>Holding has gone below 5%</b>

<b>8. Notified details:</b>							
<b>A: Voting rights attached to shares</b>							
Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights	
			Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
<b>JE00B1HNYF 12</b>	<b>3,705,602</b>	<b>3,705,602</b>	<b>4,144,752</b>	<b>4,144,752</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>4.84%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b>B: Qualifying Financial Instruments</b>				
<b>Resulting situation after the triggering transaction</b>				
<b>Type of financial instrument</b>	<b>Expiration date</b>	<b>Exercise/ Conversion Period</b>	<b>Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.</b>	<b>% of voting rights</b>

<b>C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments</b>						
<b>Resulting situation after the triggering transaction</b>						
<b>Type of financial instrument</b>	<b>Exercise price</b>	<b>Expiration date</b>	<b>Exercise/ Conversion period</b>	<b>Number of voting rights instrument refers to</b>	<b>% of voting rights</b>	
					<b>Nominal</b>	<b>Delta</b>

<b>Total (A+B+C)</b>	
<b>Number of voting rights</b>	<b>Percentage of voting rights</b>
<b>4,144,752</b>	<b>4.84%</b>

**9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:**

<b>Proxy Voting:</b>	
<b>10. Name of the proxy holder:</b>	
<b>11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:</b>	
<b>12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:</b>	

<b>13. Additional information:</b>	<b>BlackRock Compliance Disclosures Team</b>
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