

**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 October 2004  
Commission File Number 1-31318

**Gold Fields Limited**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

24 St. Andrews Rd.  
Parktown, 2193  
South Africa

(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F...x... Form 40-F.....

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Yes ..... No ..x...

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- \_\_\_\_\_



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**GOLD FIELDS****Gold Fields Limited**

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Registration number 1968/004880/06

JSE code: GFI ISIN: ZAE000018123

("Gold Fields" or the "company")

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## **CAUTIONARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Shareholders of Gold Fields ("shareholders") are advised that the board of directors of Gold Fields has received an unsolicited proposal regarding a potential merger between Gold Fields and a third party. The proposal, which was received at 18:00 on Saturday, 16 October and which has now lapsed, did not constitute an offer to shareholders in terms of the rules of the Securities Regulation Code on Takeovers and Mergers. Given that the company is currently the subject of rumour and speculation and that a more complete proposal or alternatively a firm offer may shortly be made, shareholders are advised to exercise caution when dealing in securities of the company until such time as a further announcement is made.

Johannesburg  
18 October 2004

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**Sponsor**



## 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.

**GOLD FIELDS LIMITED**

Date: 25 October 2004

By:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Willie Jacobsz", written in a cursive style.

Name: Mr W J Jacobsz  
Title: Senior Vice President: Investor  
Relations and Corporate Affairs