

## **NFCA laying stress on work safety and cost control, Its production, operation, and project construction advancing smoothly**

Since the beginning of this year, NFC Africa Mining PLC (NFCA for short), an enterprise in Zambia with CNMC investment, has been laying stress on work safety and cost control. As a result, it has overfulfilled its production and operation quotas and its project construction has been advancing smoothly.

Since 2012, NFCA has been actively organizing production and scientific research and doing its best to promote some key work, including the in-depth developing and connecting in the main ore body, reaching of production and standard in the west ore body, and project construction in the southeast ore body. It has achieved obvious results in these fields. On the basis of sincerely summing up its experience in work safety management in 2011, it has stepped up on-the-spot safety supervision and management, implemented a “zero-tolerance” system on work safety, and meted out awards and punishments based on examination results. In the first half of this year, it has granted over 4,000 USD of work safety awards. By enhancing management, it has further reduced cost and increased efficiency. It has also issued the Stock-reducing Measures and Examination Measures for the year of 2012. By the end of July, its total stock was 1.8 million USD lower than the beginning of the year. Through thorough price comparison, it stopped its past practice of purchasing steel from local market. Instead, it bought 910,000 USD worth of steel from Chinese market and saved over 100,000 USD. The new project construction of the company is in full swing. The environmental impact assessment for the project in the southeast ore body is also making effective progress.