

Zimplats Holdings Limited



REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

HIGHLIGHTS

- Late delivery of part of underground fleet adversely affects underground mining operations against business plan.
- Devaluation of Zimbabwe Dollar impacts favourably on operating costs.
- Operating profit for the quarter up by 27%.
- Two LTI's recorded during the quarter.

SAFETY and ENVIRONMENT

Safety performance was again disappointing, with two Lost Time Incidents recorded, one each at SMC and Ngezi Mine.

PRODUCTION – Zimbabwe Platinum Mines (Private) Limited

Ngezi Platinum Mine

		September Quarter 2005	June Quarter 2005	March Quarter 2005	December Quarter 2004
Production days		92	91	91	90
Total volume mined	BCMs (million)	1.9	2.0	2.3	2.0
Ore mined – opencast	Tonnes (000's)	494	406	513	382
Grade – opencast	4E (average) g/t	3.23	3.20	3.22	3.22
Ore mined – underground	Tonnes (000's)	119	113	65	63
Grade – underground	4E (average) g/t	3.39	3.38	3.34	3.34

Open cast ore mined and head grade were satisfactory.

Although underground ore production was higher than the previous quarter, operations were adversely affected by the late delivery of the trackless roof bolter units required to progress the expansion of the Ngezi underground mine. Consequently, underground ore production was 26% below business plan. Three underground mining fleets are now in operation. Underground mine ore head grade was marginally above plan and the previous quarter.

The crusher was down for scheduled maintenance for 10 days in July. The unit has operated well since.

Selous Metallurgical Complex

Concentrator

	September Quarter 2005	June Quarter 2005	March Quarter 2005	December Quarter 2004
Production days	86	91	85	84
Tonnes milled	506,985	538,771	495,577	498,577
Grade g/t	3.27	3.24	3.23	3.23
Recovery (%)	83.8	83.7	84.2	82.8
Metal 4E ounces	44,647	46,971	43,329	42,961

The concentrator operated well during the period. Two production days were, however, lost due to crushed ore stocks being exhausted prior to the completion of the crusher re-build. The SAG mill was successfully re-lined during the quarter.

Smelter

	September Quarter 2005	June Quarter 2005	March Quarter 2005	December Quarter 2004
Production days	89	91	91	92
Concentrate filtered – tonnes	16,202	18,936	17,939	17,810
Concentrate to furnace – tonnes	16,073	18,926	18,137	18,661
Recovery	99.4	99.4	99.4	99.3
Metal 4E ounces in matte	44,079	46,114	44,359	42,148
4E ounces per tonne concentrate	2.74	2.44	2.45	2.26

The smelter operated satisfactorily during the period and processed all available concentrates. Smelter running time was however lower than normal at 90% due to a four day planned maintenance shutdown.

Metal Sales

	September Quarter 2005	June Quarter 2005	March Quarter 2005	December Quarter 2004
Platinum – ounces	22,623	21,583	20,370	20,106
Palladium – ounces	19,085	18,405	17,023	16,286
Gold – ounces	2,470	2,354	2,362	2,286
Rhodium – ounces	<u>2,036</u>	<u>2,065</u>	<u>1,867</u>	<u>1,819</u>
4E total – ounces	<u>46,214</u>	<u>44,407</u>	<u>41,622</u>	<u>40,497</u>
Nickel – tonnes	374	377	361	349
Copper – tonnes	256	256	247	250

The higher 4E despatches for the period were a result of the despatch of matte stocks on hand at the end of the previous quarter.

FINANCIAL – Zimbabwe Platinum Mines (Private) Limited

Operating cash flow	September Quarter 2005 US\$ 000's	June Quarter 2005 US\$ 000's	March Quarter 2005 US\$ 000's	December Quarter 2004 US\$ 000's
Revenue	*30,933	*32,250	*26,116	28,333
Operating Costs	(24,282)	(26,996)	(21,300)	(24,284)
Operating Profit	*6,651	*5,254	*4,816	4,049

*Excludes export incentive –see below.

The Zimbabwe Dollar was devalued from USD1: Z\$10 000 at the end of June to \$26 000 at the end of September. This resulted in significant reductions in major local cost categories. This more than compensated for the high level of inflation and also increases in oil prices and other imported inputs.

As a result of the lower local costs, operating profit for the period improved by 27% over the previous quarter.

On 20 October 2005, the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe abolished the foreign currency auction system. A new exchange rate management system has been introduced in terms of which the exchange rate will be largely determined by market forces. The new system could have a positive impact on the management of local costs.

The company received the outstanding export incentive amounting to \$1 million for the period January to May 2005. As previously reported, the export incentive scheme was abolished in May.

Cash and total cost of production	September Quarter 2005 US\$	June Quarter 2005 US\$	March Quarter 2005 US\$	December Quarter 2004 US\$
Cash cost of production per 4E ounce	468	518	474	552
Less by-product credits	(105)	(131)	(110)	(116)
Net cash cost per 4E ounce	363	387	364	436
Amortisation and depreciation	51	75	37	40
Total cost per 4E ounce *	414	462	401	476
Surplus per 4E ounce**	123	65	116	108

* (Net of by-product revenue)

** (Total Revenue, less total cost per 4E ounce).

The reduction in the unit production cost for the quarter is in line with the impact of the devaluation of the Zimbabwe Dollar on operating costs as stated above. The lower by-product credits reflect the lower nickel price realised.

PGM PRICES

The average pgm and gold prices for the past 4 quarters are as follows:

	September 2005 Quarter	June 2005 Quarter	March 2005 Quarter	December 2004 Quarter
Platinum	858	873	866	852
Palladium	179	193	191	210
Rhodium	2 069	1 633	1 523	1 302
Source: Johnson Matthey, monthly average price.				
Gold	419	421	427	434

Source: Monthly average of the daily London am/pm fixes.

EMPOWERMENT PLACEMENT

There has been no progress on the empowerment placement. Discussions with Nkululeko-Rusununguko Mining Company of Zimbabwe are, however, still on-going.

PORTAL 2 UNDERGROUND PROJECT

The Portal 2 underground project is progressing well and is expected to be completed on time and within the budget of US\$46 million.

A loan of US\$10 million has been secured from Absa Bank of South Africa as part funding for the project. The balance of the project budget will be funded from internal cash.

NON-RESIDENT SHAREHOLDERS' TAX

In the Annual Report for the year ended June 2005, shareholders were advised of a contingent liability arising from potential tax on dividends declared and paid by the subsidiary company, Zimbabwe Platinum Mines (Private) Limited. This is due to the non-promulgation by the Government of Zimbabwe of legislation to give effect to the exemption from the dividend tax as intended at the commencement of the Ngezi / SMC Project in 2001.

In the absence of the legislation, the Zimbabwe tax authorities have sought to enforce the payment of the dividend tax as well as penalties and interest. The matter is currently under review by the relevant arms of Government and management remains convinced that Government will honour its obligations in terms of agreements entered into with the company.

INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Share price

The average share price for the quarter was A\$2.92

Capital Structure

Major shareholders as at the end of September 2005

Impala Platinum Holdings Limited	86.91%
Corporate Holdings Limited	3.20%
Mr. Adrian Vanderspuy	2.60%

Shareholder enquiries

Matters relating to the shareholdings should be directed to the share registry at: Computershare Registry Services Pty Ltd, GPO Box 7054, Sydney NSW 1115, Australia. Tel: +61 2 8234 5222, Fax: +61 2 8234 5070.

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