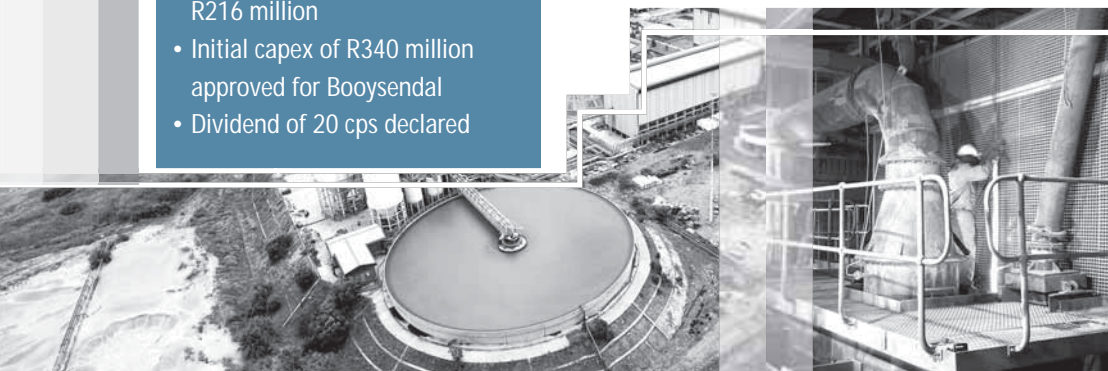


Key features:

- Sales revenues 8% higher at R1.7 billion
- Decrease of 21% in rand basket price
- Earnings 42% lower at R216 million
- Initial capex of R340 million approved for Booyssendal
- Dividend of 20 cps declared



NORTHAM

P L A T I N U M L I M I T E D

Reviewed interim results and dividend declaration

for the six months ended 31 December 2009

	Change %	*Six months ended 31 Dec 2009	*Six months ended 31 Dec 2008	**Year ended 30 Jun 2009
		R000	R000	R000

Interim consolidated statement of comprehensive income

Sales revenue	7.7	1 736 599	1 612 257	3 186 042
Cost of sales		1 502 517	1 010 220	2 368 129
Operating costs	12.8	1 094 088	970 262	1 905 889
Concentrates purchased		304 772	14 029	140 192
Refining and other costs	(35.7)	50 045	77 878	120 917
Depreciation	(21.9)	83 482	106 897	160 907
Change in metal inventories		(29 870)	(158 846)	40 224
Operating profit	(61.1)	234 082	602 037	817 913
Share of earnings from associate		5 174	-	72 606
Finance income		108 034	72 434	130 417
Sundry expenditure		(1 831)	(18 859)	(6 430)
Profit before tax	(47.3)	345 459	655 612	1 014 506
Tax		129 877	284 607	384 024
Profit and comprehensive income for the period attributable to shareholders	(41.9)	215 582	371 005	630 482
Reconciliation of headline earnings				
Profit attributable to shareholders		215 582	371 005	630 482
Loss on sale of property, plant and equipment		105	7	41
Share of earnings from associate relating to prior periods/negative goodwill		-	-	(67 847)
Impairment		-	-	16 711
Tax effect		(29)	(2)	11 370
Headline earnings	(41.9)	215 658	371 010	590 757
Earnings per share - cents	(47.2)	59.9	113.5	183.7
Fully diluted earnings per share - cents	(47.4)	59.7	113.5	183.5
Headline earnings per share - cents	(47.2)	59.9	113.5	172.2
Fully diluted headline earnings per share - cents	(47.3)	59.8	113.5	171.9
Dividend declared per share - cents		20.0	38.0	78.0
Weighted average number of shares in issue		360 130 630	326 813 788	343 162 299
Fully diluted number of shares in issue		360 880 248	327 017 786	343 579 279
Number of shares in issue		360 394 000	359 715 500	359 909 500

Interim consolidated statement of cash flows

Cash flow from operations		344 492	158 948	717 838
Profit before tax		345 459	655 612	1 014 506
Depreciation		83 482	106 897	160 907
Change in working capital		(28 538)	(21 294)	357 340
Change in short-term provisions		6 169	4 503	(24 361)
Tax paid		(95 613)	(600 457)	(791 936)
Other		33 533	13 687	1 382
Cash utilised in investing activities		(154 195)	(263 059)	(498 335)
Property, plant and equipment				
Additions to maintain operations		(98 722)	(235 759)	(331 267)
Additions to expand operations		(43 256)	-	(36 177)
Disposal proceeds		2 318	200	1 717
Investment in associate				
Acquisition of participation interest		-	-	(65 000)
Cash distribution received		8 572	-	7 500
Additions to township development		(10 760)	(16 000)	(22 440)
Increase in unlisted investments		-	-	2
Increase in investments held by Northam Platinum Restoration Trust Fund		(1 063)	(1 000)	(3 073)
Increase in investments held by Environmental Contingency Fund		(4 004)	(10 500)	(2 995)
Increase in investments held by Toro Employee Empowerment Trust		(7 280)	-	(46 602)
Cash utilised in financing activities		(136 321)	(664 946)	(798 348)
Proceeds from issue of shares		7 754	476	3 774
Dividends paid		(144 075)	(665 422)	(802 122)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		53 976	(769 057)	(578 845)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		920 903	1 499 748	1 499 748
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period		974 879	730 691	920 903

* Reviewed

** Audited

*Six months ended	*Six months ended	**Year ended
31 Dec 2009	31 Dec 2008	30 Jun 2009
R000	R000	R000

Interim consolidated statement of financial position

Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	1 793 369	1 655 958	1 737 109
Mining properties and mineral reserves	5 718 200	5 722 598	5 718 387
Interest in associate	126 708	-	130 106
Unlisted investments	6	8	6
Township development	70 105	52 905	59 345
Investments held by Northam Platinum Restoration Trust Fund	25 956	22 820	24 893
Environmental Guarantee Investment	19 899	23 400	15 895
Toro Employee Empowerment Trust	53 882	-	46 602
	7 808 125	7 477 689	7 732 343
	1 745 780	1 591 188	1 616 007
Current assets			
Inventories	490 841	680 944	468 254
Trade and other receivables	207 817	179 553	226 850
Investment in escrow	72 243	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	974 879	730 691	920 903
Total assets	9 553 905	9 068 877	9 348 350
Share capital and share premium	7 630 722	7 619 670	7 622 968
Equity compensation reserve	82 899	38 054	55 177
Retained earnings	725 548	528 676	654 041
Shareholders' equity	8 439 169	8 186 400	8 332 186
Non-current liabilities	549 471	470 776	529 261
Deferred tax	438 151	411 708	428 821
Long-term provisions	111 320	59 068	100 440
Current liabilities	565 265	411 701	486 903
Trade and other payables	464 908	204 408	417 649
South African Revenue Service	25 366	109 607	432
Short term provisions	74 991	97 686	68 822
Total equity and liabilities	9 553 905	9 068 877	9 348 350
Net asset value - cents per share	2 342	2 276	2 315

	Share capital	Share premium	Equity compensation reserve	Retained earnings	Total
	R000	R000	R000	R000	R000

Interim consolidated statement of changes in equity

Balance at 1 July 2008	2 387	2 050 807	27 584	823 093	2 903 871
Credit in respect of share based payments			10 470		10 470
Profit for the period attributable to shareholders				371 005	371 005
Dividends				(665 422)	(665 422)
Issue of new shares	9	5 566 467			5 566 476
Balance as at 31 December 2008	2 396	7 617 274	38 054	528 676	8 186 400
Credit in respect of share based payments			19 711		19 711
Profit for the period attributable to shareholders				259 477	259 477
Transfer of equity compensation reserve to retained earnings			(2 588)	2 588	-
Dividends				(136 700)	(136 700)
Issue of new shares	1 203	2 095			3 298
Balance at 30 June 2009	3 599	7 619 369	55 177	654 041	8 332 186
Credit in respect of share based payments			27 722		27 722
Profit for the period attributable to shareholders				215 582	215 582
Dividends				(144 075)	(144 075)
Issue of new shares	5	7 749			7 754
Balance at 31 December 2009	3 604	7 627 118	82 899	725 548	8 439 169

* Reviewed

** Audited

	*Six months ended 31 Dec 2009	*Six months ended 31 Dec 2008	**Year ended 30 Jun 2009
	R000	R000	R000

Capital commitments

Authorised but not contracted	128 028	129 862	191 504
Contracted	29 422	49 617	45 046
	157 450	179 479	236 550

Other commitments

Information Technology Outsource Service Provider			
Due in one year	10 422	10 611	10 933
Due in two to five years	22 421	20 832	29 353
Operating lease rentals - office equipment			
Due in one year	244	194	300
Due in two to five years	62	135	176
Operating lease rentals - premises			
Due in one year	680	624	651
Due in two to five years	114	794	459
Bank guarantees issued	51 523	33 583	33 284

These commitments will be financed out of operating cash flows

	Change %	Six months ended 31 Dec 2009	Six months ended 31 Dec 2008	Year ended 30 Jun 2009
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Operating statistics

Merensky				
Development metres	20.5	4 829	4 007	8 071
Square metres mined	(8.7)	98 348	107 752	201 014
Tonnes milled	(14.0)	500 957	582 740	1 050 404
Head grade (g/ton - 3 PGEs + Au)	1.7	5.9	5.8	5.8
Available ore reserves - months		18	22	20
UG2				
Development metres	(24.2)	1 717	2 265	3 770
Square metres mined	0.2	88 434	88 248	160 555
Tonnes milled	(0.8)	575 244	579 751	1 054 687
Head grade (g/ton - 3 PGEs + Au)	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.4
Available ore reserves - months		24	22	19
Combined				
Development metres	4.4	6 546	6 272	11 841
Square metres mined	(4.7)	186 782	196 000	361 569
Tonnes milled	(7.4)	1 076 201	1 162 491	2 105 091
Head grade (g/ton - 3 PGEs + Au)	2.0	5.2	5.1	5.1

Financial statistics

Precious metals in concentrates produced ***	kg	4.3	5 415	5 193	9 408
Precious metals in concentrates purchased ***	kg		1 013	15	487
Precious metals sold ***	kg	33.4	6 134	4 599	10 362
Average price realised ***	R/kg	(21.0)	254 913	322 814	280 609
Operating costs ***	R/kg	4.8	217 475	207 433	219 691
Cash costs ***	R/kg	6.5	196 273	184 213	199 680
Precious metals in concentrates produced ***	oz	4.3	174 096	166 952	302 474
Precious metals in concentrates purchased ***	oz		32 569	482	15 657
Precious metals sold ***	oz	33.4	197 206	147 864	333 159
Average price realised ***	US\$/oz	(13.5)	1 035	1 197	1 001
Operating costs ***	US\$/oz	21.7	885	727	766
Cash costs ***	US\$/oz	23.5	798	646	696
Average exchange rate realised	US\$1.00 = R	(8.8)	7.66	8.40	8.72
Operating costs per tonne milled	R/tonne	17.6	1 094	930	982
Cash costs per tonne milled	R/tonne	20.2	988	822	892

* Reviewed ** Audited *** 3PGE + Au

Comment on results

Financial results

Sales revenues for the reporting period increased by 8% to R1 737 million year on year on the back of an increase of 33% in sales volumes, thereby offsetting a 21% decrease in the rand basket price received over the period. The 9% strengthening of the rand against the US dollar exacerbated the 14% decline in the average US dollar price received for Northam's basket of metals at US\$1 035 per ounce, resulting in an average rand basket price received of R254 913 per kilogram.

Total operating costs were 13% higher at R1 094 million reflecting the effects of inflation on the costs of labour, consumables and services. Unit cash costs, however, were held to R196 273/kg, an increase of 7%. This cost performance for the reporting period was satisfactory, and was positively impacted by the treatment of secondary materials.

The increase in the cost of sales to R1 503 million results mainly from the purchase of concentrates to the value of R305 million during the half year. These purchases are in line with our stated strategy of building capacity for downstream beneficiation, and compares with the R14 million in the comparative half year period. Costs associated with refining decreased by R28 million to R50 million, reflecting the effect of the exclusion of toll treatment charges incurred in the previous comparative period while the smelter was being rebuilt. The depreciation charge decreased by 22% to R83 million as a result of the change in the estimated life of mine from 16 years to 18 years, whilst metal inventories increased by R30 million. The net result of the above is that the operating profit for the period declined by 61% to R234 million.

Investment income increased by 49% owing to the inclusion of interest earned on the investment in escrow. The investment in escrow is payable to Anglo Platinum upon the transfer to Northam of certain new order mining licences in respect of the Booyensdal extension. The group's share of the earnings from the Pandora Joint Venture amounted to R5 million, whilst sundry expenditure declined from R19 million to R2 million. The sundry expenditure in the comparative period included an amount of R16 million incurred in respect of the unsolicited proposed bid by Impala Platinum Holdings Limited (Implats) to acquire Northam.

Profit attributable to shareholders decreased by 42% to R216 million compared with that for the six months ended 31 December 2008.

Cash flows reflect a net increase of R54 million. Cash flows from operations of R344 million include an increase in working capital of R29 million and taxes paid of R96 million. Investing cash flows absorbed R154 million, the principal components of which were capital expenditure at the Zondereinde mine of R99 million, R43 million on the Booyensdal project and R11 million on the employee housing project. Financing cash flows absorbed R136 million including R144 million paid in respect of the final dividend for the year ended 30 June 2009.

The major items contributing to the capital expenditure of R99 million at the Zondereinde mine were R11 million on upgrading the metallurgical plants, R6 million on development, R43 million on access infrastructure to 1 and 16 level and R11 million on extensions to the backfill system. The balance comprised routine expenditure.

Zondereinde mine

Safety

Safety indicators, such as lost time and reportable injury rates, showed significant improvement of some 30% over the previous comparable period reflecting the intensified focus on safety issues by all employees. The board remains fully supportive of the combined efforts of management, organised labour and the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) in promoting a culture which seeks to empower employees to take responsibility for their health and safety, and so protect them from the inherent risks of mining operations.

The board is pleased to advise that the Zondereinde mine achieved 2 million fatality free shifts on 2 February 2010, and extends its congratulations to all the employees of Northam.

Operating performance

Production of metals in concentrates during the period, which included some 480 kg from the treatment of secondary materials, increased by 4% to 5 415 kg (174 096 oz) with metals in concentrates of 1 013 kg (32 569 oz) being purchased. Unit sales increased by 33% to 6 143 kg (197 206 oz). Tonnages milled from

both the Merensky and UG2 reefs was 7% lower at 1 076 201 tonnes while the combined average head grade rose by some 2% to 5.2 g/t (3PGE+Au), reflecting the improved grade of 5.9 g/t from the Merensky reef.

As a consequence of losses due to geological features, Merensky ore reserve availability decreased from 22 months to 18 months. However, the increase of 20% in Merensky development metres is expected to result in an improved ore reserve position during the second half of the year. The UG2 ore reserve availability remained satisfactory at 24 months.

Booyensdal project – progress report

The board has approved initial capital expenditure of R340 million to fund an early works programme at the company's Booyensdal project on the eastern limb of the Bushveld Complex. This will entail the construction of roads, pipelines and other infrastructural facilities ahead of mine construction, which is expected to start in July 2010 pending the approval of amendments to the environmental management programme. The initial capital expenditure will be funded from the company's internal cash retentions. Shareholders will be kept informed of further funding arrangements in tandem with the unfolding of the company's major shareholder's unbundling strategy.

Prospects

Production of metals in concentrate is expected to be lower in the second half of the year, whilst sales revenue is expected to be in line with that of the first half. Although there are signs that the global economic climate is improving, some uncertainty remains regarding the sustainability of the recovery. Should the rand basket price remain at its current levels, earnings in the second half of the financial year are likely to be similar to those of the first half.

At current consensus metal prices, the group is cash positive at an operating level, has no debt and should be able to commence with the development of Booyensdal from internal retentions.

Impairment

Previously performed impairment testing indicated a significant surplus over the carrying value of both the Zondereinde mine and the Booyensdal project. Management believes that, subsequent to the above-mentioned impairment testing, there have been no significant changes in the assumptions used at 30 June 2009 and is of the opinion that there are no impairments.

Auditors review report

Ernst & Young Inc., the group's auditors, have reviewed the interim financial results. A copy of their unmodified review report is available for inspection at the company's registered office.

Accounting policies – basis of preparation

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for financial instruments that are stated at fair value, in accordance with IAS 34 – Interim Reporting, issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and incorporate the accounting policies which are consistent with those adopted in the financial year ended 30 June 2009, with the exception of the adoption of the following amendments, standards or interpretations with effect from 1 July 2009:

Standard	Subject
IFRS 1	First-time adoption of International Financial reporting Standards
IFRS 1 and IAS 27	Amendments to IFRS 1 – First-time adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards and IAS 27 – Consolidated and separate financial statements – Cost of an investment in a subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate
IFRS 2	Amendments to IFRS 2 Share-based payments – Vesting conditions and cancellations
IFRS 3	Business combinations
IFRS 7	Improving disclosures about financial instruments amendments to IFRS 7 – Financial instruments: Disclosures
IFRS 8	Operating segments

Standard	Subject
IAS 1	Presentation of financial statements
IAS 23	Borrowing costs
IAS 27	Consolidated and separate financial statements
IAS 32 and IAS 1	Amendments to IAS 32 – Financial instruments: Presentation and IAS 1 – Presentation of financial statements – Puttable financial instruments and obligations arising on liquidation
IAS 39	Amendment to IAS 39 Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement – Eligible hedged items
Various *	Improvements to IFRS (April 2008)
IFRIC 15	Agreements for the construction of real estate
IFRIC 16	Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation
IFRIC 17	Distribution of non-cash assets to owners
IFRIC 18	Transfer of assets from customers
AC 504	IAS 19 – The limit on a defined benefit, minimum funding requirements and their interaction in a South African pension fund environment

* Through the annual improvements project, changes have been made to various standards, without the standards being issued as 'Revised'.

The adoption of these amendments, standards and interpretations resulted in changes in the way in which the interim financial results statements are presented as well as additional disclosures in the annual financial statements.

In addition the following amendments, standards or interpretations have been issued but are not yet effective. The effective date refers to periods beginning on or after, unless otherwise indicated:

Standard	Subject	Effective date	Date issued
IFRS 2	Amendments to IFRS 2 – Share-based payments – Group cash-settled share-based payment arrangements	1 January 2010	June 2009
IAS 32	Classification of rights issues – Amendment to IAS 32	1 February 2010	August 2009
IFRS 9	Financial instruments	1 January 2013	November 2009
IAS 24	Related party disclosures	1 January 2011	November 2009
	Improvements to IFRS (April 2008)	1 January 2010**	April 2009
IFRIC 14	Prepayments of a minimum funding requirement – Amendments to IFRIC 14	1 January 2011	November 2009
IFRIC 19	Extinguishing financial liabilities with equity instruments	1 July 2010	November 2009

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The group does not intend early adopting any of the above amendments, standards and interpretations.

Related parties

The group, in the ordinary course of business, enters into various sale, purchase and lease transactions with a large number of entities, some of whom are related parties. All transactions are concluded on an arm's length basis.

Segmental reporting

The group distinguishes between two segments namely the Zondereinde mine and the Booyensdal project. As the Booyensdal project is still in project phase only capital expenditure to the value of R39 million was incurred with regards to the project and interest to the value of R72 million was accrued on the investment held in escrow. All other transactions during the period related to the Zondereinde mine.

Total assets amount to R6 063 million which are allocated between property, plant and equipment and mining properties and mineral reserves for the Booyensdal project.

Going concern

Mining entities have a finite life that depends on geological and technical factors as well as commodity prices and other economic factors. Taking account of the outlook for these factors as well as the group's present financial resources, the directors believe that the group is a going concern. The group's interim financial statements have accordingly been prepared on this basis.

Subsequent events

No material changes, other than those highlighted in this report, have taken place in the affairs of the group between the end of the reporting period and the date of this report.

Directorate

The following changes occurred during the period under review:

Mr D R Wolstenholme was appointed an executive director on 4 November 2009.

Dividend

Dividend number 22 of 20 cents per share has been declared in South African currency, in respect of the six months ended 31 December 2009. In compliance with the requirements of Strate Limited, the following dates are applicable:

Last day to trade (<i>cum div</i>)	Thursday, 18 March 2010
Last day to trade (<i>ex div</i>)	Friday, 19 March 2010
Record date	Friday, 26 March 2010
Payment date	Monday, 29 March 2010

No share certificates may be de-materialised or re-materialised between Friday, 19 March 2010 and Friday, 26 March 2010, both days inclusive.

On behalf of the Board

P L Zim

Chairman

G T Lewis

Chief Executive Officer

Johannesburg

19 February 2010

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