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# MARKET RELEASE

# Competition Appeal Court upholds the South African Competition Tribunal's approval of the **Lonmin Transaction**

Johannesburg, 17 May 2019: Sibanye-Stillwater (Tickers JSE: SGL and NYSE: SBGL) and Lonmin Plc (Tickers JSE: LON and LSE: LMI) ("Lonmin") are pleased to announce that the Competition Appeal Court of South Africa (the "CACSA") has today delivered its judgment on the appeal filed with the CACSA by the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union ("AMCU"). The CACSA dismissed AMCU's appeal with costs, and has therefore upheld the South African Competition Tribunal's decision of 21 November 2018, to approve the Offer subject to certain specific conditions, including one minor amendment which clarifies the measure used as part of the investigation and implementation of certain mining projects, but does not change the overall conditions. The specific conditions were included in the announcement by Sibanye-Stillwater on 21 November 2018 and are summarised in the Sibanye-Stillwater Circular and the Lonmin Scheme Circular (each as defined below).

Sibanye-Stillwater and Lonmin remain fully committed to the Offer.

Neal Froneman CEO of Sibanye-Stillwater commented: "We are pleased that the Competition Appeal Court has upheld the decision of the Competition Tribunal. We are confident that the integration of Lonmin's PGM assets and Sibanye-Stillwater's adjacent PGM operations will ensure a more sustainable and positive future for these assets. We believe that the Transaction continues to be in the best interest of all stakeholders."

Ben Magara, CEO of Lonmin commented: "We welcome this decision as it clears the way towards the shareholder votes on 28 May. The combination creates a larger and more diversified company which we believe is in the best interest of Lonmin shareholders and other stakeholders."

The Transaction remains subject to the satisfaction or (where applicable) waiver of the conditions set out in the announcement of the Transaction by Lonmin and Sibanye-Stillwater on 14 December 2017 and in the scheme circular published by Lonmin on 25 April 2019 (the "Lonmin Scheme Circular"). Such conditions include, amongst others, the approvals of Lonmin and Sibanye-Stillwater shareholders and the courts of England and Wales.

A circular to Sibanye-Stillwater shareholders (the "Sibanye-Stillwater Circular") and the Lonmin Scheme Circular, each containing notices convening the required shareholder meetings and relevant resolutions in relation to the Transaction, were posted to the respective shareholders on 25 April 2019. The Sibanye-Stillwater and Lonmin shareholder meetings will each be held on Tuesday, 28 May 2019. Shareholders should see the Sibanye-Stillwater Circular or the Lonmin Scheme Circular (as applicable) for further information.

Defined terms used but not defined in this announcement have the meanings set out in the Lonmin Scheme Circular.

Ends.

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Under Rule 8.3(a) of the Takeover Code ("Code"), any person who is interested in 1% or more of any class of relevant securities of an offeree company or of any securities exchange offeror (being any offeror other than an offeror in respect of which it has been announced that its offer is, or is likely to be, solely in cash) must make an Opening Position Disclosure following the commencement of the offer period and, if later, following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. An Opening Position Disclosure must contain details of the person's interests and short positions in, and rights to subscribe for, any relevant securities of each of (i) the offeree company and (ii) any securities exchange offeror(s). An Opening Position Disclosure by a person to whom Rule 8.3(a) applies must be made by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the commencement of the offer period and, if appropriate, by no later than 3.30 pm (London time) on the 10th business day following the announcement in which any securities exchange offeror is first identified. Relevant persons who deal in the relevant securities of the offeree company or of a securities exchange offeror prior to the deadline for making an Opening Position Disclosure must instead make a Dealing Disclosure.

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