

Lonmin Plc ("Lonmin" or the "Company") today announces its production report and Interim Management Statement for the quarter to 31 December 2008 (unaudited).

Our core underground mining operations at Marikana produced 2.7 million tonnes during the first quarter of 2009, 8% ahead of the same period in 2008, an encouraging indicator. As a result of management action, absenteeism levels during the Christmas break was much improved on the prior year. Our safety performance remains excellent, with a 20% improvement in LTIFR compared to the 2008 financial year. The re-calibration of Saffy shaft towards hybrid mining is progressing in line with our initial plans. Our continuing focus on increasing underground development at Marikana is beginning to show signs of improvement, with current monthly haulage and reef development metres running ahead of monthly averages over the past two years.

Total tonnes mined however were flat on the same period in 2008 at 3.1 million. This was as a consequence of the previously announced winding down of our opencast operations at Marikana, which were closed as planned on 31 December 2008. In addition, production from our Limpopo Baobab shaft was impacted by a 21 day strike and by disruption caused by the ongoing consultations relating to our restructuring plans for this shaft.

The concentrators produced a total of 173,232 saleable ounces of Platinum in concentrate for the quarter, a 9% decrease from the first quarter of 2008. This decline was mainly a result of our tonnes mined broadly matching our tonnes milled during the period, compared to the first quarter of 2008, when tonnes milled materially exceeded tonnes mined. As a result, tonnes milled were down 10.6% on the same quarter last year. This arose from the milling of low grade opencast stockpiles in the first quarter of 2008, but also as a result of undertaking maintenance on some of our Marikana concentrators in the first quarter of 2009, whilst the Number One furnace at our Smelter was down.

Overall head grade was up 2% at 4.48 g/t. However, underground head grade fell 6% to 4.46 g/t due to a number of factors, specifically an increased percentage of development ore coming from Hossy and Saffy and unplanned dilution on the UG2 reef horizon, as well as a lack of flexibility in face availability on the Merensky reef horizon. Management actions will address the latter two issues over the coming months.

Refined production for the first quarter of 2009 was 132,935 ounces of Platinum and 243,818 ounces of total PGMs, a decrease of 14% and 12% respectively from the first quarter of 2008. This was primarily the result of an anticipated build up in metals in process ahead of the Smelter during the planned rebuild of the Number One furnace and the lower level of metals in concentrate produced, referred to above. The re-design programme was successfully completed, with the furnace tapping matte again on 13 January 2009. The Merensky furnace has now been taken out of service and will be on care and maintenance. Both the Precious Metal and Base Metal Refineries performed well during the quarter.

As we reported at our Final Results on 18 November 2008, we initiated restructuring programmes during the quarter at our Marikana and Limpopo operations, and we remain in consultation with our representative unions. An update on these programmes will be given at our Interim Results on 11 May 2009.

The PGM pricing environment during the first quarter of the 2009 financial year remained challenging and the short term outlook for PGM pricing continues to be difficult to predict. However, we remain committed to our sales and cost guidance for the 2009 financial year, which we gave at our Final Results on 18 November 2008.

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				3 months to 31st December 2008	3 months to 31st December 2007
Tonnes mined	Marikana	Underground - conventional	000	2,304	2,174
		Underground - M&A ¹	000	370	300
		Underground - total	000	2,674	2,474
		Opencast	000	216	369
		Total	000	2,890	2,844
	Limpopo	Underground	000	87	138
		Opencast	000	0	0
		Total	000	87	138
	Pandora attributable ²	Underground	000	34	34
		Opencast	000	68	47
		Total	000	103	81
	Lonmin Platinum	Underground	000	2,796	2,647
		Opencast	000	285	416
Total		000	3,080	3,063	
Tonnes milled³	Marikana	Underground	000	2,662	2,509
		Opencast	000	116	563
		Total	000	2,778	3,072
	Limpopo	Underground	000	92	129
		Opencast	000	0	0
		Total	000	92	129
	Pandora ⁴	Underground	000	80	80
		Opencast	000	124	128
		Total	000	205	209
	Ore purchases ⁵	Underground	000	0	0
		Opencast	000	0	30
		Total	000	0	30
	Lonmin Platinum	Underground	000	2,835	2,719
			<i>Head grade⁶</i> g/t	<i>4.46</i>	<i>4.76</i>
			<i>Recovery rate⁷</i> %	<i>80.2%</i>	<i>81.5%</i>
		Opencast	000	240	721
			<i>Head grade⁶</i> g/t	<i>4.74</i>	<i>3.05</i>
			<i>Recovery rate⁷</i> %	<i>69.9%</i>	<i>57.5%</i>
		Total	000	3,075	3,440
			<i>Head grade⁶</i> g/t	<i>4.48</i>	<i>4.40</i>
<i>Recovery rate⁷</i> %			<i>79.4%</i>	<i>78.0%</i>	

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Metals in concentrate⁸	Marikana	Platinum	OZ	157,450	172,129
		Palladium	OZ	72,825	78,660
		Gold	OZ	3,613	4,672
		Rhodium	OZ	21,809	23,236
		Ruthenium	OZ	33,836	35,851
		Iridium	OZ	7,410	7,372
		Total PGMs	OZ	296,944	321,920
		Nickel ⁹	MT	679	809
		Copper ⁹	MT	421	493
	Limpopo	Platinum	OZ	3,770	5,528
		Palladium	OZ	3,331	3,874
		Gold	OZ	243	407
		Rhodium	OZ	487	537
		Ruthenium	OZ	688	804
		Iridium	OZ	159	158
		Total PGMs	OZ	8,679	11,308
		Nickel ⁹	MT	76	108
		Copper ⁹	MT	54	73
	Pandora ⁴	Platinum	OZ	12,013	11,126
		Palladium	OZ	5,406	5,074
		Gold	OZ	93	84
		Rhodium	OZ	1,657	1,516
		Ruthenium	OZ	2,427	2,263
		Iridium	OZ	456	376
		Total PGMs	OZ	22,051	20,438
		Nickel ⁹	MT	12	15
		Copper ⁹	MT	7	6
	Ore purchases ⁵	Platinum	OZ	0	832
		Palladium	OZ	0	934
		Gold	OZ	0	88
		Rhodium	OZ	0	58
		Ruthenium	OZ	0	50
		Iridium	OZ	0	15
		Total PGMs	OZ	0	1,976
		Nickel ⁹	MT	0	12
		Copper ⁹	MT	0	9
	Lonmin Platinum	Platinum	OZ	173,232	189,615
		Palladium	OZ	81,563	88,542
		Gold	OZ	3,949	5,250
		Rhodium	OZ	23,953	25,347
		Ruthenium	OZ	36,952	38,968
		Iridium	OZ	8,025	7,921
		Total PGMs	OZ	327,674	355,643
		Nickel⁹	MT	767	943
		Copper⁹	MT	481	581

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Metallurgy	Lonmin refined Metal Production	Platinum	OZ	132,935	154,526
		Palladium	OZ	60,756	62,185
		Gold	OZ	3,496	3,521
		Rhodium	OZ	18,749	21,258
		Ruthenium	OZ	25,338	31,531
		Iridium	OZ	2,544	5,292
		Total PGMs	OZ	243,818	278,312
		Toll refined Metal production	Platinum	OZ	0
	Palladium		OZ	0	0
	Gold		OZ	0	0
	Rhodium		OZ	0	0
	Ruthenium		OZ	0	0
	Iridium		OZ	0	0
	Total PGMs		OZ	0	0
	Total refined PGMs		Platinum	OZ	132,935
		Palladium	OZ	60,756	62,185
		Gold	OZ	3,496	3,521
		Rhodium	OZ	18,749	21,258
		Ruthenium	OZ	25,338	31,531
		Iridium	OZ	2,544	5,292
		Total PGMs	OZ	243,818	278,312
		Base metals	Nickel¹⁰	MT	764
	Copper¹⁰		MT	499	509

Sales	Refined Metal Sales	Platinum	OZ	126,202	143,855
		Palladium	OZ	53,345	63,329
		Gold	OZ	3,379	4,292
		Rhodium	OZ	17,102	21,719
		Ruthenium	OZ	25,668	32,567
		Iridium	OZ	3,108	5,633
		Total PGMs	OZ	228,805	271,394
		Concentrate and other ¹¹	Platinum	OZ	0
	Palladium		OZ	0	738
	Gold		OZ	0	41
	Rhodium		OZ	0	224
	Ruthenium		OZ	0	362
	Iridium		OZ	0	102
	Total PGMs		OZ	0	3,224
	Lonmin Platinum		Platinum	OZ	126,202
		Palladium	OZ	53,345	64,067
		Gold	OZ	3,379	4,333
		Rhodium	OZ	17,102	21,943
		Ruthenium	OZ	25,668	32,929
		Iridium	OZ	3,108	5,735
		Total PGMs	OZ	228,805	274,619
		Nickel¹⁰	MT	676	802
		Copper¹⁰	MT	403	429

				3 months to 31st December 2008	3 months to 31st December 2007
Prices	Average	Platinum	\$/oz	882	1,425
		Palladium	\$/oz	187	356
		Gold	\$/oz	819	790
		Rhodium	\$/oz	2,347	6,374
		Ruthenium	\$/oz	248	487
		Iridium	\$/oz	421	421
		Basket price of PGMs ¹²	\$/oz	751	1,427
		Nickel ¹⁰	\$/MT	15,143	29,221
		Copper ¹⁰	\$/MT	4,950	5,966
Exchange Rates	Average rate for period		R/\$	9.93	6.78
	Closing rate		R/\$	9.45	6.85

Notes:

- 1 M&A comprises ore produced by our fully mechanised shafts and from Saffy shaft, which is being transitioned to hybrid mining.
- 2 JV attributable tonnes mined includes Lonmin's share (42.5%) of the total tonnes mined on the Pandora joint venture.
- 3 Tonnes milled excludes slag milling.
- 4 Lonmin purchases 100% of the ore produced by the Pandora joint venture for onward processing which is included in downstream operating statistics.
- 5 Relates to the tonnes milled and derived metal in concentrate from third-party ore purchases.
- 6 Head Grade is the grammes per tonne (5PGE + Au) value contained in the tonnes milled and fed into the concentrator from the mines (excludes slag milled).
- 7 Recovery rate in the concentrators is the total content produced divided by the total content milled (excluding slag).
- 8 Metals in concentrate includes slag and have been calculated at industry standard downstream processing losses.
- 9 Corresponds to contained base metals in concentrate.
- 10 Nickel is produced and sold as nickel sulphate crystals or solution and the volumes shown correspond to contained metal. Copper is produced as refined product but typically at LME grade C.
- 11 Concentrate and other sales have been adjusted to a saleable ounces basis using standard industry recovery rates.
- 12 Basket price of PGMs is based on the revenue generated from the actual PGMs sold in the period.