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LONMIN INCREASES LONPLATS STAKE AND FUNDS INCWALA EQUITY PARTICIPATION

Lonmin Plc ("Lonmin") announces the completion of its acquisition of an additional 9.1% of the shares in each of Western Platinum Limited and Eastern Platinum Limited (together "Lonplats") and the financing of equity participation in Incwala Resources (Proprietary) Limited ("Incwala"). The shares in Lonplats were acquired from Gazelle Platinum Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Impala Platinum Holdings Limited ("Implats")).

Sir John Craven, Chairman commented: "This is a breakthrough for Lonmin. The Principals' Agreement, which previously gave Implats the right, upon a change of control of Lonmin, to purchase additional equity in Lonplats which would have given it control of Lonplats, has now been formally terminated. The termination of the Principals' Agreement is expected to have an important and beneficial impact on our competitive position and enhance shareholder value."

Lonmin's Chief Executive, Brad Mills, said: "We have taken an initiative which will enable us to make a positive contribution to the reform of the South African mining industry through the creation of Incwala which will provide us with a strategic partnership with a well capitalised black economic empowerment investment company. At the same time we have enhanced our prospects of converting our existing mining and prospecting licences into new mining and prospecting licences."

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