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Consolidated unaudited interim results for the period ended 31 December 2007

- Mining profits increase by 39%
- Copper production increases by 47%
- Musonoi drilling yielding significant results
- Ruashi Phase II copper production first quarter 2008

"I'm very pleased with our financial performance, which continued strongly in the first half of our financial year. Most notably, with the increases in revenues, up 30% and mining profit up 39% over the last period. Operationally, we saw a significant increase in copper production, up 47% and overall improved margins most notably from the Base Metals Division. While some challenges remain ahead I am confident we will have a productive outcome and we can look forward to a robust performance over the second half of the year. *Charles Needham, CEO*"

Commentary

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER

Financial performance		2007	2006	2005	2004
Gross revenue	(R'000)	1 039 263	790 929	435 523	316 223
Cash mining profit	(R'000)	386 828	279 489	91 460	41 109
EBITDA	(R'000)	537 918	317 091	136 300	62 019
Cash mining profit margin	(%)	37	35	21	13
EPS	(cents)	83,3	51,0	21,2	3,6
HEPS	(cents)	53,8	51,4	13,4	6,5
Market capitalisation	(R'000)	7 767 304	4 824 846	2 071 166	498 460
Shares in issue	('000)	355 483	297 830	287 662	188 098
Share price	(cents)	2 185	1 620	720	265

COMMODITY SALES STATISTICS

Commodity	Unit	2007	2006	2005	2004
Copper	(t)	10 964	7 473	3 462	2 383
Cobalt	(t)	162	—	—	—
Antimony	(mtu)	163 038	191 800	326 041	239 429
Fluorspar (all grades)	(dmt)	91 188	86 765	72 442	56 502
Gold	(kg)	1 712	1 702	2 018	1 942

Average prices achieved

	Unit	2007	2006	2005	2004
Copper	(\$/t)	7 392	7 093	4 135	2 893
Cobalt	(\$/lb)	11	—	—	—

Antimony	(\$/mtu)	55,0	53,4	37,3	29,7
Fluorspar (all grades)	(\$/t)	174	173	149	135
Gold	(\$/oz)	721	567	464	412
ZAR/US\$ rate – Average	(R/\$)	6,94	7,22	6,53	6,24
ZAR/US\$ rate – Closing	(R/\$)	6,86	6,99	6,31	5,67

SAFETY AND TRAINING

The Group's excellent safety record was marred by two fatal accidents involving a contract worker at Barberton Mines (Pty) Ltd, and an employee at Chibuluma Mines plc. Sincere condolences are extended to the families of the deceased.

The Group continues to improve its safety procedures and stringently conducts its activities with due regard to the safety and health of its employees.

OPERATING PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Group produced most satisfactory results and cashflows driven by significant volume growth from its Base Metal division and improved operating margins notwithstanding commodity prices, with the exception of gold, having remained flat in Rand terms from that of the comparable period.

Gross revenues increased by 31% to R1 billion, which translated into a 37% increase in cash mining profits to R387 million. Group operating costs increased by 24% to R541 million following volume increases at Chibuluma and Ruashi. The Group's EBITDA of R538 million included a profit of R158 million on the reversal of Barberton Mines into Pan African Resources Plc ("PAR") for a 55% shareholding in the combined entity. Excluding non-operating profit EBITDA increased by 36% to R380 million from the comparable period.

Headline earnings per share increased by 5% to 54 cents, which was affected by an increase of 14% in the weighted average number of shares in issue, due to the acquisition of further interests in Ruashi Phase II and Copper Resources Corporation ("CRC") both of which will contribute to earnings in the future.

The Group's balance sheet further strengthened with equity attributable to its shareholders increasing by R1 billion to R3 billion following significant earnings generation as well as share issues mainly related to the CRC acquisition. The net asset value increased by 42% and the Group's current ratio improved to a healthy 1,76. Following project finance drawdowns for the development of the Ruashi Phase II project, the Group's debt to equity gearing increased to 30% and is expected to peak at 35% by June 2008.

The Group's cash generated by operations increased by 34% to R300 million for the period. Cash spent on capital expenditure, the acquisition of Phoenix Platinum Limited ("Phoenix"), CRC and a further interest in Ruashi amounted to R1,086 billion. This was funded by the Wakefield sale proceeds of R338 million, external financing of R605 million and internal cash generation.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND COMMITMENTS

Group capital expenditure totalled R795 million (2006: R200 million), mainly related to the Ruashi Phase II project. In addition to the abovementioned capital expenditure, the acquisitions of Phoenix and PAR accounted for a R763 million increase in mineral rights, gross of the effects of deferred tax raised in terms of IAS 12: Income Taxes.

Contracted capital commitments at 31 December 2007 amount to R458 million (2006: R57,5 million), whilst uncontracted commitments amount to R36,8 million (2006: R1 260 million).

Operating lease commitments, which fall due within the next year, amount to R7,3 million (2006: R20,5 million), whilst commitments of R13,3 million (2006: R17,7 million) fall due during the next four years.

CORPORATE ACTIVITY

The Group finalised the acquisition of PAR on 24 July 2007, whereby 74% of Barberton Mines was reversed into PAR for a 55% interest in the combined entity. This transaction provided the Group with a controlling stake in a separately listed gold vehicle with significant exploration assets supported by strong cashflow generation from Barberton Mines. The amount of PAR's loss since acquisition together with the effect on the Group's revenue and results, had the acquisition been effective 1 July 2007, is immaterial.

As previously announced, the Group unconditionally contracted to acquire a 45,6% interest in CRC together with a 5% direct shareholding in CRC's 75% subsidiary, Miniere de Mushoshi et Kinsenda SARL ("MMK"), for a total consideration of 28 million new Metorex shares and £6,75 million cash. The acquisition is accounted for as an investment on the Group's balance sheet.

On 7 December 2007, Metorex announced the acquisition of 100% of Phoenix for a consideration of R110 million, to be settled by way of a cash payment of R55 million and 2,3 million new Metorex shares issued at R24/share.

SHARES ISSUED

July 2007 – December 2007: 1,6 million shares at an average R2,73/share – share options implemented;
: 29,4 million shares at R24/share – issued for acquisitions.

HEDGEBOOK STATUS

Maturity

Volume

Price

Gold	6 months	200 kg	R110/g
	12 months	280 kg	R111/g
Copper: Ruashi I	6 months	1 200 t	\$3 511/t
Ruashi II	12 months (Jul 08 – Jun 09)	2 000 tpm	\$7 071/t
Ruashi II	6 months (Jul 09 – Dec 09)	1 125 tpm	Put \$4 435
Ruashi II	6 months (Jan 10 – Jun 10)	900 tpm	Put \$4 062

Base metal division – six months ended 31 December

Copper

Chibuluma Mines Plc		2007	2006	2005	2004
Tons milled	(t)	266 440	256 310	156 127	—
Headgrade	(%)	3,0	2,5	2,8	—
Overall recovery	(%)	90	84	79	—
Copper produced	(t)	7 146	5 274	3 380	—
Copper sold	(t)	7 052	5 288	3 462	—
Total cash cost/ton sold	(\$/t)	2 504	2 817	2 728	—
EBITDA	(R'000)	224 925	154 302	31 396	—
Depreciation	(R'000)	22 916	15 826	7 965	—

Tons milled increased by 4% partially representing the affect of the expansion to a level of 50 000 tons per month milled. The full effect of this expansion is expected during the second half of the financial year. The copper headgrades improved significantly with depth and bodes well for the future. Copper production increased by 35% to 7 146 tons for the period. Lower treatment and refining charges proposed for 2008 together with the full benefit of the plant expansion should have a positive effect on the operating cash cost per ton produced.

The proposed changes to the Zambian mining tax regime are being assessed and negotiations with Government have commenced. It is noted that Chibuluma is protected for a period of 15 years by a taxation stabilisation clause in the Development Agreement signed in 1997 under the Zambian Mining Industry Privatisation Process, governed by English law and established in conjunction with the World Bank.

Copper/cobalt

Ruashi/Sable		2007	2006	2005	2004
Tons milled	(t)	292 996	223 092	—	—
Headgrade – Copper	(%)	3,24	2,53	—	—
– Cobalt	(%)	0,46	0,49	—	—
Recovery – Copper	(%)	53,00	39,83	—	—
– Cobalt	(%)	22,93	10,72	—	—
Copper produced	(t)	5 031	2 217	—	—
Copper sold	(t)	3 912	2 185	—	—
Cobalt produced	(t)	312	53	—	—
Cobalt sold	(t)	162	—	—	—
Total cash cost/ton of copper sold, net of Cobalt	(\$/t)	4 170	5 567	—	—
EBITDA	(R'000)	63 814	26 801	—	—
Depreciation	(R'000)	15 334	7 729	—	—

Copper and cobalt production increased significantly from the previous period following improved concentrator recoveries and a higher average copper headgrade. Approximately 4 000 tons of concentrate containing 470 tons of recoverable copper and 25 tons of recoverable cobalt were transferred to the Ruashi Phase II plant in order to charge the leach tanks for commissioning. The total cash cost of copper sold includes export taxes and haulage costs to Sable approximating \$1 700/ton. On-mine costs at Ruashi and processing costs at Sable amounted to \$2 470/ton of copper sold.

Cobalt sales were affected by product lock-up in the Sable plant. However, recoveries are improving. The cobalt off-take agreement has been renegotiated effective 1 January 2008. The cobalt terms are 50% of production at the spot price and the balance priced as to \$26/lb plus a 50% price participation above that level.

DRC – COPPER/COBALT

Ruashi Phase II Project

The construction of the Ruashi Phase II SX/EW plant continued during the period under review, which at design capacity and full production level is planned to produce 45 000 tons of copper cathode and 3 500 tons of contained cobalt per annum.

The production of first copper is expected in late February or early March. To be ramped up over the following six months, which results in three months earnings delay. Delays have been brought about by general logistical delays but more specifically a delay in the delivery of transformers, imported from India, for the electrowinning circuit. The Solvent Extraction plant, cobalt circuit and Acid Plant will be commissioned on a phased basis.

The ongoing operation of the Phase I plant will continue, which will require incremental crushing and milling capacity, and will increase the plant capital expenditure to approximately US\$210 million. Production from the first open pit has commenced and is providing feed for the Phase I plant, which is more consistent in quality and grade than the stockpiles, which were erratic.
CRC

The acquisition of and minority offer for the shareholding in CRC is complete. Metorex has a 45,6% direct interest in CRC and a 5% direct interest in its 75% subsidiary, MMK.

A business and development plan has been prepared with the view to re-establishing the Kinsenda mine, erection of a copper concentrator, commencement of an on-site drilling programme on the Lubembe deposit and increasing the cobalt production from the Mushoshi mine. Financing options for this project are currently being assessed.

DRC – Musonoi/Sokoroshe Exploration

The Musonoi drilling programme has yielded extremely positive results. Drilling has been conducted over a strike length of 600 metres with intersections averaging 43 metres in width. Assay grades average 4,17% copper and 1,15% cobalt at an average depth of 150 metres.

Additional drilling is being conducted to establish both the extent of the strike and depth of the orebody. At current commodity prices this translates to \$1 500 per in situ ton of ore.

The Group has commenced preliminary exploration activities on Sokoroshe I.

ZAMBIA – COPPER AND ZINC

Chifupu

The Chifupu feasibility study is complete, the results of which have indicated that with the application of new oxide ore treatment technology this project is economically viable. Discussions regarding the technology are continuing.

Kasempa

The exploration programme is complete and the final evaluation report is being compiled.

Zinc plant in Kabwe

The zinc plant constructed in Kabwe is complete and commissioning has commenced. The delay in commissioning was due to the suppliers of a horizontal belt filter and the transformer failing to meet their delivery schedule. Commissioning at 50% of planned production capacity is in progress.

Transformer failure on commissioning has resulted in the installation of a temporary transformer, which is capable of electrowinning zinc at 50% of final design capacity. This transformer will be replaced by the original once repaired.

Industrial minerals division – six months ended 31 December

Fluorspar

Vergenoeg		2007	2006	2005	2004
Tons milled	(t)	290 429	288 048	229 023	213 118
CaF ₂ grade	(%)	40	43	44	42
CaF ₂ recovery	(%)	77	70	73	71
Acidspar produced	(dmt)	90 936	88 858	66 240	64 034
Acidspar sold	(dmt)	87 119	81 094	68 610	50 905
Total cash cost/ton sold	(R/t)	882	825	765	750
EBITDA	(R'000)	35 894	43 867	14 808	10 750
Depreciation	(R'000)	5 476	4 653	3 847	3 530

Acidspar production remained steady at the current plant capacity of 180 000 tons per year. Operating costs increased by 7%, mainly inflation related. The acidspar market is expanding and Vergenoeg has initiated a further 20% — 25% plant expansion. Acidspar off-take contracts for the 2008 calendar year have been finalised at improved prices. Fluospar sales are subjected to the R/\$ exchange rate, which has together with the cost increases affected the profitability.

A further Vergenoeg expansion of 70 000 tons Acidspar will commence once the proposed hydrofluoric acid plant has had approval.

Antimony

Cons Murch	2007	2006	2005	2004
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Tons milled	(t)	152 098	213 260	225 733	223 129
Produced: Sb	(mtu)	158 995	201 132	341 289	245 543
Au	(kg)	223	278	372	379
Sold: Sb	(mtu)	163 038	191 800	326 041	239 429
Au	(kg)	235	279	370	381
Total cash cost/mtu sold~	(R/mtu)	421	333	174	204
EBITDA	(R'000)	(5 610)	10 857	24 216	(3 850)
Depreciation	(R'000)	3 000	2 400	1 980	1 620

~Net of gold revenue.

Production at Consolidated Murchison was hampered by prolonged strike action initiated in July 2007, which resulted in tons milled being 29% down on the previous period. Production has subsequently recovered to normalised levels, which within the current pricing environment bodes well for the second half of the financial year.

An underground exploration drilling programme is underway with the intention of expanding the ore resources in the lower levels of the mines.

Gold division – six months ended 31 December

Pan African Resources		2007	2006	2005	2004
Tons milled	(t)	161 466	166 377	157 452	161 980
Headgrade	(g/t)	9,05	9,24	11,44	10,27
Overall recovery	(%)	92	92	92	91
Produced: Underground	(kg)	1 342	1 410	1 660	1 510
Calcine dump	(kg)	112	—	—	—
Sold	(kg)	1 477	1 423	1 648	1 561
Total cash cost/kg sold	(R/kg)	114 640	104 371	82 671	87 042
EBITDA	(R'000)	68 060	41 897	24 890	13 264
Depreciation	(R'000)	16 020	14 800	12 046	11 589

Barberton Mines (Pty) Ltd, a 74% subsidiary of Pan African Resources, experienced a 5% decline in underground gold production. This was mainly due to reduced tons milled following a crusher breakdown at Fairview Mine. Production from the Calcine dump commenced during October 2007, which should contribute approximately 40kg gold per month. The life of this dump is approximately 18 months.

MANICA GOLD PROJECT – MOZAMBIQUE

Geological work for the period has focused on the Fair Bride prospect where the company is currently completing a pre-feasibility study for what could become Mozambique's first commercial gold mine. Drilling results for the period under review have exceeded the company's expectations in terms of both grade and size of the mineralised zone. Additional target areas have been followed up with drilling at the Guy Fawkes and Dots Luck prospects. A Resource upgrade is currently in progress to update the drill intersections reported during the review period.

Bogoin and Dekoa Gold Projects – Central African Republic

Drilling at the Bogoin project has firmed up on delineated targets. Two additional drill rigs will be operational before the end of Q2 of 2008 to accelerate exploration activity in the area. At the Dekoa project, stream sediment sampling and subsequent soil sampling have delineated several major target areas which will be followed up by drilling during Q3 and Q4 of 2008.

The company signed a mining convention for the Bogoin Gold Project providing additional comfort with political unrest in bordering countries. A similar convention is expected for the Dekoa project in Q2 of 2008.

Akkrokeri and Kyeroboso Gold Projects – Ghana

The company completed two licence acquisitions just prior to the reporting period and post balance sheet activities will see the commencement of data collection.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The Group remains committed to its strategy of being a leading mid-tier multi-commodity mining group, focused on high-grade, long-life ore bodies in sub-Saharan Africa.

Whilst commissioning and earnings deferrals have occurred at Ruashi II and at the Sable Zinc project, a significant pipeline of new projects is in place including the CRC Kinsenda project, the Phase II Ruashi project, PAR's exploration projects, the Vergenoeg expansion and Phoenix, which should significantly increase the Group's earnings over the next two years.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The unaudited interim results have been prepared and presented in accordance with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). The accounting policies and methods of computations are consistent with those adopted in the financial year ended 30 June 2007.

By order of the Board

20 February 2008

Consolidated income statement

R'000	Six months ended 31 December 2007 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 31 December 2006 (Unaudited)	%
			change
Revenue:			
Mineral sales			
Copper	562 518	382 620	47
Cobalt	26 401	—	—
Fluorspar	112 250	110 454	2
Gold	275 449	223 877	23
Antimony	62 645	73 978	(15)
Gross revenue	1 039 263	790 929	31
Realisation costs	136 356	98 230	39
On-mine revenue	902 907	692 699	30
Cost of production	540 996	436 257	24
Stock movement	(26 934)	(23 047)	17
Depreciation	62 806	45 458	38
Mining profit	326 039	234 031	39
Other expenses	(4 517)	(1 105)	(309)
Held for sale and discontinued operations	(4 405)	13 203	133
Reverse acquisition of PAR	157 995	—	—
Operating income before finance costs	475 112	246 129	93
Finance income	2 995	1 906	57
Finance costs	(3 609)	(3 920)	8
Profit before taxation	474 498	244 115	94
Taxation	143 353	54 428	163
Profit for the period	331 145	189 687	75
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent	279 283	150 442	86
Minority interest	51 862	39 245	32
	331 145	189 687	75
From continuing and discontinued operations:			
Earnings per share (cents)	83,32	51,03	63
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	80,76	49,35	64
From continuing operations:			
Earnings per share (cents)	83,32	47,90	74
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	80,76	46,33	74
Headline earnings per share is calculated using the following:			
Income attributable to ordinary shareholders	279 283	150 442	86
Reverse acquisition of PAR after taxation	(103 335)	—	—
Discontinued operations – O'Okiep	4 405	1 198	268
Headline earnings (R'000)	180 353	151 640	19
Headline earnings per share(cents)	53,81	51,44	5
Diluted headline earnings per share (cents)	52,15	49,74	5
Weighted average number of shares in issue ('000)	335 196	294 796	14
Diluted number of shares in issue ('000)	345 826	304 822	13

Condensed consolidated balance sheet

R'000	31 December 2007	30 June 2007
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	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	2 104 139	1 389 668
Mineral rights	1 926 917	1 160 751
Goodwill	11 514	11 514
Investments	741 540	929
Rehabilitation trust funds	35 421	35 340
Deferred tax asset	—	1 887
	4 819 531	2 600 089
Current assets		
Inventories	131 745	81 118
Trade and other receivables	435 537	729 229
Derivative instruments	51 882	897
Taxation prepaid	3 536	3 536
Bank balances and cash	151 135	54 558
Asset classified as held for sale	11 973	12 423
	785 808	881 761
Total assets	5 605 339	3 481 850
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital and premium	2 027 003	1 326 187
Hedging and translation reserve	(31 873)	(115 130)
Retained income	1 113 820	834 537
Share option equity	12 840	10 340
Equity reserve	(121 922)	(121 922)
Equity attributable to equity holders of parent	2 999 868	1 934 012
Minority interest	382 042	69 691
Total equity	3 381 910	2 003 703
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term liabilities – interest bearing	987 448	379 250
Long-term provisions	92 260	93 461
Deferred tax liabilities	697 511	416 050
	1 777 219	888 761
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	265 200	393 214
Short-term borrowings – interest bearing	22 959	22 228
Short-term provisions	24 862	29 122
Derivative instruments	35 418	91 764
Taxation	97 771	53 058
	446 210	589 386
Total equity and liabilities	5 605 339	3 481 850
Net asset value per share (cents)	844	596
Net tangible asset value per share (cents)	841	592

Condensed consolidated cash flow statement

	Six months ended 31 December 2007 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 31 December 2006 (Unaudited)
R'000		
Cash generated by operations	299 898	223 451
Minorities distributions	(20 733)	(51 734)

Taxation paid	(47 277)	(3 923)
Finance costs, net	(614)	(2 014)
Cash inflows from operating activities	231 274	165 780
Cash outflows from investing activities	(738 896)	(199 928)
Cash inflows/(outflows) from financing activities	604 772	(1 071)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	97 150	(35 219)
Cash at beginning of period	54 558	75 531
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes	(573)	(1 330)
Cash at end of period	151 135	38 983

Condensed statement of changes in equity

	Six months ended 31 December 2007 (Unaudited)	Six months ended 31 December 2006 (Unaudited)
R'000		
Shareholders' equity at start of period	2 003 703	968 568
Ordinary shares issued	700 816	87 194
Hedging and translation reserve	83 257	10 632
Net income for the period	279 283	150 442
Share option equity	2 500	3 000
Minority interest	312 351	72 824
Total equity	3 381 910	1 292 660

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