



WESIZWE PLATINUM LIMITED - RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

Highlights

- Conclusion of the transaction with China-Africa Jinchuan Investment Limited and Micawber 809 (Pty) Ltd resulting in the subscription of 829 884 460 new ordinary shares for an amount of US\$227 million
- Frischgewaagd-Ledig mine development project officially launched on 4 July 2011
- Appointment of new Chief Executive Officer and Finance Director following change in ownership
- Mine development to be accelerated under experienced and competent management team
- Platinum Group Metals (RSA) (Pty) Ltd exercised its option to secure an additional 19.25% in Maseve Investments 11 (Pty) Ltd (Maseve) from Wesizwe for R408.8 million

Johannesburg, 29 September 2011: Wesizwe Platinum Limited (Wesizwe) today announced a loss of R393.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2011, mainly due to a once-off share-based expense for the issue of shares for cash to China-Africa Jinchuan Investment Limited ("China-Africa Jinchuan") and Micawber 809 (Pty) Ltd ("Micawber").

This compares to an income of R334.8 million for the same period in 2010. The issue of shares was at a discount to the market price on the subscription date, being 4 May 2011.

The basic loss per share for the six-month period was 36.97 cents (vs basic earnings of 50.47 cents per share for the same period in 2010). The headline loss per share was 36.61 cents against a headline loss of 6.52 cents per share for same period in 2010.

Financing transaction

The transaction to facilitate a total financing solution for the development of the Company's core Frischgewaagd-Ledig Project was concluded and became effective during the period under review.

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(the "Company" or "Wesizwe")

On 4 May 2011, Wesizwe received an equity injection of US\$227 million after allocating 732 522 177 ordinary shares to China-Africa Jinchuan Investment Limited (as nominated by the “Chinese Consortium” comprising the Jinchuan Group Limited and China-Africa Development Fund) and 97 362 283 ordinary shares to Micawber 809 (Pty) Ltd (“Micawber”) for a subscription price of US\$200 368 295 and US\$26 631 705 respectively.

This is supplemented by a debt component of US\$650 million by way of a project finance facility that is secured at favourable terms by the Chinese Consortium.

Mr Jianke Gao, Wesizwe’s recently-appointed Chief Executive Officer, said: “Current Wesizwe shareholders are not expected to be asked to cover any shortfall on funding or be subject to any further dilution of their shares until the project is fully operational.” The Chinese Consortium will support any additional funding requirements to take the project to operational completion.

Developing a mine

The Frischgewaagd-Ledig mine development project was officially launched on 4 July 2011, setting the benchmark against which future project delivery milestones will be measured. A process is underway to re-evaluate the feasibility study and the capital estimate with the new shareholders and it is expected that the project execution will be accelerated to capitalise on the early works programme which has taken place on site over the last year.

Resourcing of both the Wesizwe Owner’s Team and that of the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management (“EPCM”) contractor is an important part of this preparation, as is the establishment of project systems for procurement, financial management and quality assurance, amongst others. TWP has been appointed as the EPCM contractor for 12 months to June 2012.

Key contracts to be awarded in the short term are for civils, to do the collaring on the main and ventilation shafts following the box cut excavations, and shaft sinking. “We are aiming to conclude the shaft sinking contract by year end and sinking is scheduled to start in the first quarter of 2012, after review and approval by the Board.” said Mr Gao.

Other activities on the critical path include a complete refurbishment of all the shaft winders, which have already been purchased, and securing final approval for bulk services, namely water and electricity.

Investment in Maseve

On 14 January 2011, Platinum Group Metals (RSA) (Pty) Ltd exercised its option to subscribe for an additional 19.25% in Projects 1 and 3 of Maseve Investments 11 (Pty) Ltd (“Maseve”) by making a deposit of approximately R408.8 million into an escrow account on behalf of Wesizwe, thereby diluting Wesizwe’s interest to 26%. While the escrow account is held in the name of Maseve, it will be used solely for funding Wesizwe’s 26% contribution to project development, which is expected to make Wesizwe’s participation in these projects fully funded. The Maseve projects are also located near Rustenburg in the North West province of South Africa, and Maseve’s Project 1 adjoins Wesizwe’s Frischgewaagd-Ledig Complex. It also shares a boundary with the Styldrift mine, which is under construction, and the producing Bafokeng Rasimone Platinum Mine, both of which are owned by Royal Bafokeng Platinum Limited. Wesizwe and Maseve are collaborating in the processes of securing bulk water supply to the two mines.

Business strategy

While Wesizwe remains focused on the development of its core project, the Frischgewaagd-Ledig complex, the Group has recognised its progression from explorer to developer and, in this regard, the Board of Directors has fully discussed and evaluated a new vision and mission for Wesizwe. A detailed strategic plan will be presented to the Board of Directors and, once approved, communicated to all stakeholders.

“Realising value for Wesizwe shareholders is the primary objective that will guide the development of our future business plans,” confirmed Mr Gao.

Community relations

Wesizwe remains committed to sustainable community development and empowerment of its host community.

Mr Gao commented: “Our strategic intent is to improve community confidence in Wesizwe as a business partner. We acknowledge the community surrounding the Frischgewaagd-Ledig mine as one of our critical stakeholders and we are intent on ensuring a healthy relationship with this community.”

Changes to the Board

Following the conclusion of the financing transaction with the Chinese Consortium, the Board of Directors welcomed Messrs Dexin Chen, Liliang Teng, Jikang Li, Jianke Gao, Wenliang (Michael) Ma, Qiyin (James) Zhang and James Ngculu as Directors of Wesizwe with effect from 4 May 2011.

On 19 September 2011, Wesizwe’s former Chief Executive Officer, Mr Arthur Mashiatsidi resigned as a Non-Executive Director of the Company. Ms Dawn Mokhobo, Wesizwe’s Chairman, said: “On behalf of the Board I would like to thank Mr Mashiatsidi for his valuable contribution, both in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer and in the successful conclusion of the financing transaction which has resulted in a fully-funded mine development project. Your contribution to Wesizwe is much appreciated, and we have been grateful for your guidance and stewardship.”

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Wesizwe Platinum Limited is a public company incorporated in the Republic of South Africa and its shares are listed on the JSE Limited. Its principal business interest is the development of platinum mining rights held by its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Bakubung Minerals (Pty) Limited (“Bakubung Minerals”) and Africa Wide Mineral Prospecting and Exploration (Pty) Limited (“Africa Wide”).