

ROYAL BAFOKENG PLATINUM LIMITED
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("RBPlat" or "the Company" or "the Group")

ROYAL BAFOKENG PLATINUM LIMITED QUARTERLY REVIEW AND PRODUCTION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2023 ("REPORTING PERIOD")

OVERVIEW

- Zero fatalities
- 2.4% decrease in tonnes hoisted
- 6.6% increase in tonnes milled
- 1.5% decrease in 4E metals in concentrate
- 110kt ore stockpile
- 22.1% increase in cash operating cost per 4E ounce

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No fatal accidents were recorded during the reporting period, however a total of 47 injuries were recorded compared to the 41 recorded in the first quarter of 2022, resulting in a deterioration of 7.8% in our total injury frequency rate. Of the 47 injuries, 10 were classified as serious and 20 as lost time, resulting in our serious injury and lost time injury frequency rates increasing by 840.5% and 276.2% to 1.61 and 3.22, respectively.

We remain committed to our value of Safety and People First and continue to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of our workforce. Our multi-faceted safety strategy remains people driven, with the primary objective being to establish a resilient operating culture in support of securing sustainable improvements in our injury rates.

No safety-related production losses were incurred from Section 54 instructions issued to our operations during the quarter under review.

PRODUCTION

Total tonnes hoisted decreased by 2.4% to 1 085kt (2022: 1 112kt) with the sustained strong operational performance from BRPM unable to offset the underperformance from Styldrift. BRPM tonnes hoisted increased by 4.6% to 639kt, whilst Styldrift decreased by 10.8% to 446kt with the temporary loss of mineable face length, above plan tip-to-face distances and low trackless fleet availability continuing to impact Styldrift's performance.

Total tonnes milled for the reporting period increased by 6.6% year-on-year to 1 192kt (2022: 1 119kt) with UG2 contributing 32% or 382kt (2022: 346kt) and Merensky contributing 810kt (2022: 773kt).

The built-up head grade decreased by 6.3% year-on-year to 3.55g/t (4E), due to a 3.9% and 9.1% reduction in BRPM and Styldrift head grades to 3.70g/t (4E) and 3.38g/t (4E), respectively. The reduction in head grade is mainly attributable to an increase in on-reef mining dilution currently being experienced at Styldrift, with a change in the UG2 mining mix and facies impacting BRPM.

Overall concentrator recovery reduced by 1.1% to 80.03% as a result of the decrease in built-up head grade. Despite the lower built-up head grade, there is a marked improvement of 3.4% in the Maseve recoveries due to the newly commissioned MF2 circuit and ongoing HIG mill optimisation.

The built-up head grade and associated lower recoveries resulted in a decrease in 6E and 4E metals in concentrate of 1.0% and 1.5%, respectively to 123.1koz and 108.9koz.

Closing surface reef stocks at the end of the reporting period are estimated at 110kt, equating to a 57kt depletion from the December 2022 closing stocks.

CASH OPERATING COSTS

Total cash operating costs increased by 20.2% to R2 431 million for the reporting period compared to 2022. The increase in operational expenditure is attributable to an increase in total tonnes milled, increase in BRPM mining volumes, sustained inflationary pressures and abnormally high trackless fleet related costs at Styldrift.

Overall unit cash cost per tonne milled increased by 12.8% to R2 039 (2022: R1 807) whilst unit cost per 4E ounce increased 22.1% to R22 323 (2022: R18 282) as result of the lower grade and associated recoveries.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Total capital expenditure for the quarter increased by 3.4% to R346.5 million compared to the previous comparative period. Expansion capital expenditure increased by 30.2% to R85.9 million in line with project expenditure requirements for the completion of the Maseve concentrator MF2 upgrade. Replacement capital expenditure for the quarter reduced by 1.8% to R134.8 million compared to 2022.

SIB capital expenditure decreased by R6 million to R125.8 million in line with planned BRPM UG2 ore reserve development, Styldrift's trackless fleet rebuild and strike conveyor extension requirements. SIB expenditure for the reporting period equated to 5.2% of cash operating costs.

FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2023, the Company was in a net cash position of R4 989 million, compared to a net cash position of R4 353 million as at 31 December 2022. This was after the payment of the 2022 final dividend of R1 553 million. As at 31 March 2023, the Company was in a net cash position of R4 989 million, compared to a net cash position of R4 353 million as at 31 December 2022. In addition to the R4 989 million cash on hand, RBPlat had approximately R3 000 million of debt facilities which remain undrawn.

OUTLOOK

Despite the ongoing challenges at Styldrift, management remains confident that the operational strategies implemented will yield improved volume, grade and cost performance during the second quarter. As such, given the continued strong BRPM production and improved concentrating volumes, full year guidance remains at 470koz – 490koz (4E), subject to any unforeseen operational disruptions.

Description	Unit	Unaudited quarter ended 31 March 2023	Unaudited quarter ended 31 March 2022	Quarter 1 2023 vs. Quarter 1 2022 % Change
Safety				
TIFR (/1000,000 hrs)	rate	7.57	7.02	(7.8)
SIFR (/1000,000 hrs)	rate	1.61	0.17	(847.1)
LTIFR (/1000,000 hrs)	rate	3.22	0.86	(274.4)
Production				
Tonnes hoisted	kt	1 085	1 112	(2.4)
BRPM	kt	639	611	4.6
Styldrift	kt	446	500	(10.8)
Tonnes delivered	kt	1 141	1 131	0.9
BRPM	kt	608	635	(4.3)
Styldrift	kt	533	496	7.5
Tonnes milled	kt	1 192	1 119	6.6
BRPM	kt	638	628	1.6
Styldrift	kt	555	491	13.0
Merensky	kt	810	773	4.8
UG2	kt	382	346	10.4
% UG2 of total tonnes milled	%	32	31	3.2
BRPM concentrator	kt	711	603	17.9
Maseve concentrator	kt	408	406	0.5
Toll	kt	73	110	(33.6)
Closing surface stocks	kt	110	171	(35.7)
BRPM	kt	79	54	46.3
Styldrift	kt	31	117	(73.5)
4E built-up head grade	g/t	3.55	3.79	(6.3)
BRPM	g/t	3.70	3.85	(3.9)
Styldrift	g/t	3.38	3.72	(9.1)
Merensky	g/t	3.55	3.79	(6.3)
UG2	g/t	3.55	3.79	(6.3)
Concentrator recovery (4E)	%	80.03	80.93	(1.1)
BRPM concentrator	%	78.20	81.07	(3.5)
Maseve concentrator	%	83.59	80.81	3.4
Toll	%	78.72	**80.66	(2.4)

Description	Unit	Unaudited quarter ended 31 March 2023	Unaudited quarter ended 31 March 2022	Quarter 1 2023 vs. Quarter 1 2022 % Change
Metals in concentrate produced				
Total				
6E ounces	koz	123.1	124.4	(1.0)
4E ounces	koz	108.9	110.6	(1.5)
Platinum	koz	69.2	71.2	(2.8)
Palladium	koz	30.0	29.5	1.7
Rhodium	koz	7.0	7.0	0.0
Gold	koz	2.7	2.9	(6.9)
Iridium	koz	2.4	2.3	4.3
Ruthenium	koz	11.8	11.5	2.6
Nickel	kt	0.629	0.606	3.8
Copper	kt	0.378	0.378	0.0
BRPM				
6E ounces	koz	69.7	71.1	(2.0)
4E ounces	koz	61.3	62.7	(2.2)
Platinum	koz	38.4	39.9	(3.8)
Palladium	koz	16.9	16.7	1.2
Rhodium	koz	4.9	4.9	0.0
Gold	koz	1.1	1.2	(8.3)
Iridium	koz	1.4	1.4	0.0
Ruthenium	koz	7.0	7.0	0.0
Nickel	kt	0.199	0.220	(9.5)
Copper	kt	0.127	0.143	(11.2)
Styldrift				
6E ounces	koz	53.4	53.3	0.2
4E ounces	koz	47.6	47.9	(0.6)
Platinum	koz	30.8	31.3	(1.6)
Palladium	koz	13.1	12.8	2.3
Rhodium	koz	2.1	2.1	0.0
Gold	koz	1.6	1.7	(5.9)
Iridium	koz	1.0	0.9	11.1
Ruthenium	koz	4.8	4.5	6.7
Nickel	kt	0.430	0.386	11.4
Copper	kt	0.251	0.235	6.8
Cash operating costs				
Total cash operating cost	R'm	2 431	2 022	(20.2)
BRPM	R'm	1 205	1 012	(19.1)
Styldrift	R'm	1 226	1 010	(21.4)
Total cash operating cost / tonne milled	R/t	2 039	1 807	(12.8)
BRPM	R/t	1 889	1 611	(17.3)
Styldrift	R/t	2 209	2 057	(7.4)
Total cash operating cost / 6E Ounce	R/oz	19 748	16 254	(21.5)
BRPM	R/oz	17 288	14 233	(21.5)
Styldrift	R/oz	22 959	18 949	(21.2)
RBPlat cash operating cost / 4E Ounce	R/oz	22 323	18 282	(22.1)
BRPM	R/oz	19 657	16 140	(21.8)
Styldrift	R/oz	25 756	21 086	(22.1)
Capital expenditure				
Total capital	R'm	346.5	335.1	(3.4)
Expansion	R'm	85.9	66.0	(30.2)
Replacement	R'm	134.8	137.3	1.8
Stay-in-business (SIB)	R'm	125.8	131.8	4.6
BRPM mine	R'm	58.7	34.6	(69.7)
Styldrift mine	R'm	54.1	92.5	41.5
Maseve mine	R'm	-	0.1	100.0
Concentrators	R'm	13.0	4.6	(182.6)
BRPM SIB as a % of operating cost	%	4.9	3.4	(44.1)
Styldrift SIB as a % of operating cost	%	4.4	9.2	52.2

* Please note any difference in totals in this table is due to rounding

** Correction: In 2022 Quarter 1 value was reported incorrectly as 78.96%

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The information set out in this announcement has not been reviewed or reported on by the Company's external auditors.

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