

Report profile



Annual Report 2009



Sustainable Development Report 2009



Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Statement 2009

Implats' Sustainable Development Report 2009 has been compiled for the Implats group and its operating subsidiaries and covers the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009. This report, formerly known as the Corporate Responsibility Report, is produced annually to communicate with Implats' various stakeholders, including shareholders, employees, communities, local, provincial and national government and non-governmental organisations (NGOs), among others, on the company's economic, social and environmental performance. The previous report was produced for FY2008 and published in August 2008.

Information in this year's report is for FY2009 unless otherwise stated and financial information is provided in South African rands. Where dollar amounts are provided, this is for the sake of convenience and refers to US dollars (\$).

For the purpose of sustainable development reporting, the company has provided statistics for those operations over which it has management control or significant influence. This includes wholly-owned operations, the Leeuwkop project (on which work has currently been suspended) and the Mimosa mine, in which the group has 50% interest. Where relevant, information relating to operations in which the company has a smaller interest but not management control (such as Two Rivers) is also provided.

There were no significant changes in the organisational structure during the year although, given the global financial crisis, reviews and rescheduling of the group's capital expenditure programmes were undertaken. (See the *Economic performance* section of the report for further information.) There were, however, significant changes in the management structure during the year, with direct consequences for the management of sustainable development. This is dealt with in the section on *How Implats manages sustainable development* on page 28.

This report has been produced in line with the Global Reporting Initiative's (GRI) G3 guidelines. An index indicating which GRI indicators have been reported on, and where information may be found, is available on page 162. GRI's reporting principles for defining the report content, quality and boundary setting have been used as guidelines.

Implats subscribes, and is a signatory, to the principles of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), and a report will be submitted to the UNGC in line with the company's commitment to this body. An index in respect of the UNGC reporting in this report is provided on page 165.

Selected indicators have been independently assured by a third party assurance provider, KPMG. The scope of the assurance, the key performance indicators selected and the independent statement of assurance may be found on page 166. In accordance with the GRI guidelines, Implats has declared a B+ level of reporting, which has been confirmed by KPMG.

While the group has endeavoured to report comprehensively and meaningfully on a wide range of issues relating to sustainable development, the most significant risks and issues of strategic importance to the group have been identified and are discussed on page 5.

There have not been any significant restatements of data during the year. Where data has been restated, this has been indicated in the text.

The group has undertaken an extensive shareholder identification and engagement process in FY2009, and will ensure that this Sustainable Development Report is made available to identified stakeholders in the future. Feedback on issues that are material to these stakeholders will be sought. See section on *Engaging with stakeholders* on page 34.

In addition to this report, the company has also produced:

- the Annual Report 2009, which includes the audited annual financial statements. This report is also available as an interactive, online report on the corporate website.
- Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Statement 2009.
- a web-based version of this Sustainable Development Report which includes a number of case studies to illustrate the company's approach to sustainable development.

The Annual Report, the Sustainable Development Report and the Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Statement are all available electronically as pdfs on the corporate website (www.implats.co.za). Printed copies of these reports may also be requested from the contact persons listed at the end of this report.

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