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Implats proposes to acquire Mvelaphanda Resources and Northam

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The transformation aspects of this deal which will further enhance the company's empowerment credentials and supports Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment while enabling the combined entity to optimise its positioning in terms of employment equity, preferential procurement, skills development, enterprise development and Community and Social Investment. The additional appointments of HDSAs to our board further demonstrates our commitment to transformation in the mining industry.”

Subject to a due diligence review by Implats, approvals by the companies' respective boards and the necessary regulatory approvals, this transaction will be settled by a combination of Implats shares and cash to Mvela Resources and Northam shareholders. Based on closing prices on the JSE Limited on 1 October 2008 this represents premiums of 28% and 26% for their respective shares.

The proposed transaction will be implemented as follows:

- Mvela Resources will unbundle its approximately 62% shareholding in Northam to its shareholders;
- Implats will acquire 100% of the issued share capital of Northam through a scheme of arrangement; and
- Implats will acquire 100% of the issued share capital of Mvela Resources through a scheme of arrangement.

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