

NEWS RELEASE

Appeal court decision in Implats favour

"Lonmin has no basis to proceed with threatened litigation"

Impala Platinum Holdings Limited (Implats) is pleased to announce that, in a judgement handed down by the South African Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa in Bloemfontein, the court has upheld a previous High Court decision that Lonmin's Western Platinum Limited (WPL) has no basis for proceeding with its threatened legal action against Implats with regards to the Karee/WPL agreement. In the judgement handed down on 28 March 2000 the Supreme Court of Appeal has upheld the judgement delivered in the Witwatersrand Local Division of the High Court of South Africa in March 1998.

The effect of this most recent judgement is that a decision in October 1995 of the then Chief Executives of the Gencor group and Lonrho Plc (that the claim against Implats should not proceed) is binding on WPL. As a result, WPL is not entitled to commence the threatened action against Implats for approximately R356 million relating to an alleged breach of warranty under the 1990 Karee/WPL agreement.

Implats' Chief Executive, Steve Kearney said that, "It is a pity that so much time and energy was wasted on a case that we believe had no basis for proceeding in the first place."

"Implats will continue to take an active role in what is after all a very important asset in our platinum portfolio."

Implats Corporate Affairs Director, Cathie Markus said that the dismissal of the appeal has confirmed Implats' view of the broader scope of the powers of the board of directors of WPL.