# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED** UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS

for the six months ended 31 December 2018



# **KEY FEATURES**

All-in sustaining 83% Gold production Operating profit Increase in Mineral down 3% to down costs margin of Reserves from 2 280 kg 54% to 0.8% 3.28Moz to 6Moz R102.2 million

Investment in growth capital R306.0 million Environmental spend up 28%

Externally sourced potable water usage down by 31%

# **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

|                                |                          | Six months to<br>31 Dec 2018 | Six months to<br>31 Dec 2017 | %<br>change <sup>(1)</sup> |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Gold production                | kg                       | 2 280                        | 2 341                        | (3)                        |
|                                | OZ                       | 73 304                       | 75 267                       | (3)                        |
| Gold sold                      | kg                       | 2 255                        | 2 291                        | (2)                        |
|                                | OZ                       | 72 500                       | 73 663                       | (2)                        |
| Cash operating costs           | R per kg                 | 510 111                      | 451 689                      | 13                         |
|                                | US\$ per oz              | 1 118                        | 1 050                        | 6                          |
| All-in sustaining costs        | R per kg                 | 551 131                      | 500 125                      | 10                         |
|                                | US\$ per oz              | 1 208                        | 1 187                        | 2                          |
| Average gold price received    | R per kg                 | 554 760                      | 547 653                      | 1                          |
|                                | US\$ per oz              | 1 216                        | 1 272                        | (4)                        |
| Operating profit               | R million                | 102.2                        | 219.9                        | (54)                       |
| Operating margin               | %                        | 8.2                          | 17.5                         | (53)                       |
| All-in sustaining costs margin | %                        | 0.8                          | 8.7                          | (91)                       |
| Headline (loss)/earnings       | R million                | (46.3)                       | 60.4                         | (177)                      |
|                                | SA cents per share (cps) | (7.2)                        | 14.3                         | (150)                      |

<sup>(1) %</sup> Change is rounded to the nearest percent and is based on the rounded amounts as presented, which is rounded to the nearest hundred thousand Rand

# SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

# **DRDGOLD Limited**

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) Registration No.1895/000926/06 ISE share code: DRD NYSE trading symbol: DRD ISIN: ZAE 000058723 ("DRDGOLD" or the "Company" or the "Group")

# Issued capital

696 429 767 ordinary no par value shares (30 June 2018: 431 429 767) 9 361 071 treasury shares held within the Group (30 June 2018: 9 361 071)

5 000 000 cumulative preference shares (30 June 2018: 5 000 000)

| Stock traded             | JSE   | NYSE(2) |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Price                    |       |         |
| • 6 month intra-day high | R4.00 | \$0.272 |
| • 6 month intra-day low  | R2.66 | \$0.176 |
| • Close                  | R3.13 | \$0.208 |

<sup>(2)</sup> This data represents per share data and not American Depository Receipt (ADR) data – one ADR reflects ten ordinary shares

| Market capitalisation  | Rm      | US\$m |
|------------------------|---------|-------|
| As at 31 December 2018 | 2 179.8 | 144.9 |
| As at 30 June 2018     | 1 574.7 | 109.6 |

Rounding of figures may result in computational discrepancies

# **RESULTS**

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements of DRDGOLD for the six months ended 31 December 2018 are available on DRDGOLD's website as well as at the Company's registered office.

# FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Many factors could cause the actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including, among others, adverse changes or uncertainties in general economic conditions in the markets we serve, a drop in the gold price, a sustained strengthening of the rand against the dollar, regulatory developments adverse to DRDGOLD or difficulties in maintaining necessary licenses or other governmental approvals, changes in DRDGOLD's competitive position, changes in business strategy, any major disruption in production at key facilities or adverse changes in foreign exchange rates and various other factors.

These risks include, without limitation, those described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" included in our annual report for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2018, which we filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on 31 October 2018 on Form 20-F. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date thereof. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this report or to the occurrence of unanticipated events. Any forward-looking statements and financial information included in this presentation have not been reviewed and reported on by DRDGOLD's auditors.

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# **DEAR SHAREHOLDER**

# SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018 VS SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

## **OVERVIEW**

We are pleased to include for the first time operating and financial information from our Far West Gold Recoveries (FWGR) project. Construction on this project started in August 2018 and early commissioning commenced in December 2018. As a consequence, the overall operating and financial results for the six months ended 31 December 2018 are not directly comparable with those for the six months ended 31 December 2017.

2018 was a tough year for most South African gold miners, and although we managed to avoid the labour- and safety-related issues that impacted the volume throughput of many other producers, we were not spared the challenges of power utility, Eskom and its distributing agencies, in distress. Whilst plant performance on the whole was consistent with our expectations, approximately 49kg of gold were lost due directly to power supply disruptions.

Our internal back-up generation capacity assisted in getting production going immediately after power was restored each time, containing losses to an extent.

The impact of lower throughput was felt however; in terms of gold production, which was 3% down, unit costs, which were up, and operating profit, which was down.

Encouraging, though, is that Ergo's three new projects, about which we have reported previously have all been implemented successfully. Reclamation of the 4L50 dump, part of the Elsburg Tailings Complex, is fully operational; conversion of the Brakpan plant from elution to zinc precipitation in the final stage of gold extraction is resulting in the expected improvement in efficiencies; and the two ball mills relocated to Brakpan from Crown have been commissioned, allowing for the retreatment of higher-grade sand reserves.

We are also very pleased with progress at FWGR Phase 1: Driefontein 5 reclamation site has been fully commissioned; refurbishment of the Driefontein 2 plant was completed at the end of January 2019; and the upgrading of the Driefontein 4 tailings dam is on track for completion by the end of March 2019. Consequently, all indications are that Phase 1 will be fully commissioned during the first half of calendar year 2019. It is all the more rewarding that work on the project to the end of the reporting period was undertaken with a clean slate in terms of safety.

I am sad to have to report, however, the death of Mr Lareon Cloete, electrical foreman at Ergo, who died from injuries sustained in an incident during routine maintenance of an Eskom substation, serving Ergo. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones. The Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate is conducting an enquiry into the incident.

# **OPERATIONAL REVIEW**

Overall gold production was 3% lower at 2 280kg, reflecting a 2% decline in overall throughput to 12 004 000t and a 0.5% decline in the overall average yield to 0.190g/t.

While FWGR contributed 140 000t at 0.314g/t, Ergo's throughput was 3% lower at 11 864 000t and its average yield 2% lower at 0.188g/t.

Ergo's lower throughput was a consequence mainly of major power interruptions experienced over 11 days during the second quarter of

financial year 2019, caused by a fire at an Eskom sub-station, a lightning strike on the Brakpan tailings complex transformer yard, and load-shedding by the Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality. Sadly, the once mighty Eskom is now Ergo's single biggest risk factor.

The lower yield resulted primarily from a reduction in higher grade sand throughput at the Knights plant, the impact of which was not entirely offset by the processing of other sand material trucked from clean-up sites.

While total cash operating costs were up 9% following the inclusion of FWGR as well as a 6% increase at Ergo, cash operating unit costs overall rose by 13% to R510 111/kg due mainly to a 9% increase in Eskom's power tariff, trucking costs and a drop in production.

All-in sustaining costs overall were 10% higher at R551 131/kg, a combination of the factors mentioned above and of lower sustaining capital expenditure at Ergo.

# **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Total revenue was virtually unchanged at R1 252.5 million; while FWGR's contribution was R19.5 million, Ergo's was 2% lower at R1 233.0 million. The average Rand gold price received was 1% higher, helping to offset the impact of lower gold production and sales.

Total cash operating costs were 9% higher at R1 168.8 million, reflecting the inclusion of FWGR costs at R33.5 million and a 6% rise in those of Ergo to R1 135.3 million. Total all-in sustaining costs were 8% higher at R1 242.7 million; while those of FWGR were R44.7 million, Ergo's were 2% higher at R1 164.2 million.

Operating profit was R102.2 million, down 54%, a consequence both of lower production and higher costs.

A headline loss of R46.3 million (7.2 SA cents per share) was incurred, compared with headline earnings of R60.4 million (14.3 SA cents per share) in HY2018.

After taking into account R231.8 million capital expenditure at FWGR, free cash outflow was R261.0 million.

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The information provided here relates to Ergo only.

Total environmental spend was 28% higher at R24.9 million, reflecting the cost of rehabilitation of 16.5 hectares and 12 hectares respectively at the Brakpan and Crown tailings facilities.

Total potable water consumption was 31% lower at 1 187Ml, a consequence both of continued benefit from the central water distribution facility and a lower requirement by the ongoing vegetation programme due to adequate rainfall.

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

In guidance provided previously, we planned gold production of between 148 000 and 154 000 ounces in FY2019 for Ergo. In an update to this guidance, the Group plans to produce between 157 000 and 165 000 ounces at a cash operating cost of approximately R500 000/kg in FY2019. With FWGR off to a flying start, we look forward to the benefit of its contribution in the second half of FY2019.

# **Niël Pretorius**

Chief Executive Officer 13 February 2019

# **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM**

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

|   | Notes | Six months to<br>31 Dec 2018<br>Rm<br>Unaudited | Six months to<br>31 Dec 2017<br>Rm<br>Unaudited |
|---|-------|---|---|
| Revenue   |       | 1 252.5   | 1 254.8   |
| Cost of sales   |       | (1 248.7)                                       | (1 139.6)                                       |
| Gross profit from operating activities  |       | 3.8   | 115.2   |
| Other income  |       | 0.1   | 0.2   |
| Administration expenses and other costs   |       | (44.3)  | (31.9)  |
| Results from operating activities   |       | (40.4)  | 83.5  |
| Finance income  |       | 28.2  | 18.7  |
| Finance expenses  |       | (37.1)  | (25.0)  |
| (Loss)/profit before tax  |       | (49.3)  | 77.2  |
| Income tax  |       | 3.1   | (16.6)  |
| (Loss)/profit for the period  |       | (46.2)  | 60.6  |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/income Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss, net of tax Net fair value adjustment on financial |       |   |   |
| instruments classified as fair value  |       |   |   |
| through other comprehensive income  |       | (3.9)   | 2.5   |
| Total other comprehensive (loss)/   |       |   |   |
| income for the period   |       | (3.9)   | 2.5   |
|   |       |   |   |
| Total comprehensive (loss)/   |       | (50.4)  | 62.1  |
| income for the period   |       | (50.1)  | 63.1  |
| Basic (loss)/earnings per share (1)   | 3     | (7.2)   | 14.4  |
| Diluted basic (loss)/earnings per share (1)   | 3     | (7.2)   | 14.4  |

<sup>(1)</sup> All per share financial information is presented in South African cents per share (cps) and is rounded to the nearest one decimal point based on the results as presented, which is rounded to the nearest million Rand.



# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

|                               |       |             | •           |             |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                               |       | As at       | As at       | As at       |
|                               |       | 31 Dec 2018 | 30 Jun 2018 | 31 Dec 2017 |
|                               |       | Rm          | Rm          | Rm          |
|                               | Notes | Unaudited   | Audited     | Unaudited   |
| Assets                        |       |             |             |             |
| Non-current assets            |       | 3 587.5     | 1 734.1     | 1 753.9     |
| Property, plant and           |       |             |             |             |
| equipment                     | 2     | 2 928.6     | 1 452.7     | 1 502.0     |
| Investments in rehabilitation |       |             |             |             |
| obligation funds              | 2     | 622.2       | 244.0       | 235.6       |
| Financial assets              |       | 31.0        | 28.7        | 11.3        |
| Deferred tax assets           |       | 5.7         | 8.7         | 5.0         |
| Current assets                |       | 590.9       | 626.3       | 625.7       |
| Inventories                   | 2     | 279.6       | 233.0       | 242.7       |
| Trade and other receivables   |       | 101.9       | 91.2        | 88.4        |
| Cash and cash equivalents     | 4     | 209.4       | 302.1       | 294.6       |
| Total assets                  |       | 4 178.4     | 2 360.4     | 2 379.6     |
| Equity and liabilities        |       |             |             |             |
| Equity                        |       | 2 566.2     | 1 267.3     | 1 344.4     |
| Non-current liabilities       |       | 1 174.3     | 772.5       | 742.6       |
| Provision for environmental   |       |             |             |             |
| rehabilitation                | 2     | 819.4       | 553.5       | 546.5       |
| Deferred tax liability        |       | 154.4       | 163.7       | 154.2       |
| Borrowings                    | 5     | 173.3       | _           | _           |
| Employee benefits             |       | 27.2        | 40.6        | 26.4        |
| Finance lease obligation      |       | _           | 14.7        | 15.5        |
| Current liabilities           |       | 437.9       | 320.6       | 292.6       |
| Trade and other payables      | 2     | 404.4       | 303.2       | 275.8       |
| Employee benefits             |       | 14.5        | 13.2        | 10.2        |
| Finance lease obligation      |       | 12.9        | _           | -           |
| Current tax liability         |       | 6.1         | 4.2         | 6.6         |
| Total liabilities             |       | 1 612.2     | 1 093.1     | 1 035.2     |
| Total equity and liabilities  |       | 4 178.4     | 2 360.4     | 2 379.6     |

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

|   |       | Six months to | Six months to |
|---|-------|---------------|---------------|
|   |       | 31 Dec 2018   | 31 Dec 2017   |
|   |       | Rm            | Rm            |
|   | Notes | Unaudited     | Unaudited     |
| Balance at the beginning of the period  |       | 1 267.3       | 1 302.4       |
| Total comprehensive income              |       |               |               |
| (Loss)/profit for the period            |       | (46.2)        | 60.6          |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/income       |       | (3.9)         | 2.5           |
| Transactions with the owners            |       |               |               |
| of the parent                           |       |               |               |
| Acquisition of Far West Gold Recoveries |       |               |               |
| assets and liabilities                  | 2     | 1 349.3       | _             |
| Share issue expenses                    |       | (0.3)         | _             |
| Dividends paid                          |       | _             | (21.1)        |
| Balance at the end of the period        |       | 2 566.2       | 1 344.4       |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2018 have been prepared under the supervision of DRDGOLD's Chief Financial Officer, Mr AJ Davel CA(SA). The condensed consolidated interim financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 8 February 2019.

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

|  | N     | Six months to<br>31 Dec 2018<br>Rm | Six months to<br>31 Dec 2017<br>Rm |
|--|-------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| N  | Notes | Unaudited                          | Unaudited                          |
| Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities                        |       | (5.2)                              | 155.8                              |
| Cash (used in)/  |       | (3.2)                              | 155.0                              |
| generated by operations  |       | (11.6)                             | 147.5                              |
| Interest received  |       | 9.4                                | 11.3                               |
| Interest paid  |       | (1.8)                              | (1.5)                              |
| Income tax paid  |       | (1.2)                              | (1.5)                              |
| Net cash outflow from investing  |       |                                    |                                    |
| activities   |       | (255.8)                            | (92.8)                             |
| Acquisition of property, plant and   |       |                                    |                                    |
| equipment  |       | (247.1)                            | (86.6)                             |
| Proceeds on disposal of property,  |       |                                    |                                    |
| plant and equipment  |       | 0.1                                | 1.5                                |
| Environmental rehabilitation payments                                      |       | (8.8)                              | (7.7)                              |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from   |       | 168.3                              | (22.1)                             |
| financing activities   | 5     | 174.0                              | (22.1)                             |
| Borrowings raised  | 5     |                                    | _                                  |
| Initial fees incurred on borrowings  Repayment of finance lease obligation | 5     | (3.6)<br>(1.8)                     | (1.3)                              |
| Share issue expenses   |       | (0.3)                              | (1.5)                              |
| Dividends paid on ordinary   |       | (0.5)                              | _                                  |
| share capital  |       | _                                  | (20.8)                             |
| (Decrease)/increase in cash and cash                                       |       |                                    |                                    |
| equivalents  |       | (92.7)                             | 40.9                               |
| Opening cash and cash equivalents  |       | 302.1                              | 253.7                              |
| Closing cash and cash equivalents  | 4     | 209.4                              | 294.6                              |
| Reconciliation of cash (used in)/<br>generated by operations               |       |                                    |                                    |
| (Loss)/profit before tax   |       | (49.3)                             | 77.2                               |
| Adjusted for:  |       | (45.5)                             | 77.2                               |
| Depreciation   |       | 69.3                               | 82.3                               |
| Movement in gold in process  |       | (18.5)                             | (40.9)                             |
| Environmental rehabilitation payments                                      |       | (5.7)                              | (0.6)                              |
| Profit on disposal of property, plant and                                  |       | ()                                 | (***)                              |
| equipment included in other income   |       | (0.1)                              | (0.2)                              |
| Share-based payment expense  |       | 3.2                                | 0.2                                |
| Finance income   |       | (28.2)                             | (18.7)                             |
| Finance expenses   |       | 37.1                               | 25.0                               |
| Other non-cash items   |       | 10.9                               | (1.0)                              |
| Working capital changes  |       | (30.3)                             | 24.2                               |
| Change in trade and other receivables                                      |       | (11.3)                             | 25.0                               |
| Change in non-current receivables  |       | (6.8)                              | -                                  |
| Change in inventories  |       | (13.9)                             | (21.5)                             |
| Change in trade and other payables   |       |                                    |                                    |
| and employee benefits  |       | 1.7                                | 20.7                               |
| Cash (used in)/generated by operations                                     | 5     | (11.6)                             | 147.5                              |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard, IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*, the SAICA *Financial Reporting Guides* as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued by Financial Reporting Standards Council and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements are in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards and are consistent with those applied in the previous consolidated annual financial statements except for the adoption of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9) and IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (IFRS 15), with effect from 1 July 2018.

## IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The standard contains a single model that applies to contracts with customers.

The Group has assessed that there is no impact on adopting IFRS 15, and revenue recognition remains unchanged as follows:

- Rand Refinery is assessed as being an agent, selling gold and silver on behalf of the Group; and
- Revenue is recognised on the date that control of gold and silver pass to the buyer, which is the date on which Rand Refinery sells the gold on the Group's behalf.

This is the same date as when significant risks and rewards passes under IAS 18 Revenue.

# IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

The standard sets out requirements for recognising and measuring financial instruments. It also introduced three new classifications for financial assets: Amortised cost, fair value through profit or loss and fair value through other comprehensive income.

The following changes have occurred as a result:

- The new classification has had no effect on the accounting of financial assets and financial liabilities. Investment in other entities (equity instruments) has been designated at fair value through other comprehensive income; and
- The method of determining impairment of long-term and other receivables has changed to reflect the "expected credit loss" model. Management has made an assessment of the magnitude of the changes to the impairment model. This did not have a significant impact on the measurement of financial assets.

There was no material impact on the Group's interim financial results for the six months ended 31 December 2018.

# 2. ACQUISITION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Effective 31 July 2018, DRDGOLD acquired gold assets and liabilities associated with Sibanye-Stillwater's West Rand Tailings Retreatment Project, subsequently renamed Far West Gold Recoveries Proprietary Limited (FWGR).

As purchase consideration for this acquisition, DRDGOLD issued 265 million new ordinary shares equal to 38.05% of DRDGOLD's outstanding shares to Sibanye-Stillwater and granted Sibanye-Stillwater an option to subscribe for new ordinary shares up to a total of 50.1% of the total issued ordinary shares of DRDGOLD at a 10% discount to the prevailing market value, to be exercised two years from the effective date of the acquisition.

The transaction has been accounted for under IFRS 2 *Share Based Payment* as it represents a receipt of goods in exchange for equity instruments of DRDGOLD.

The consequence thereof is that the assets and liabilities are recognised at their fair value using principles under IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement as they are identifiable, and their fair value can be reliably measured. A corresponding increase in equity is also recognised. Included in equity is the fair value of the option using a binomial tree option pricing model. No deferred tax has been recognised on the acquisition as it has not been accounted for as a business combination under IFRS 3 Business Combinations, and therefore the initial recognition is exempt from deferred tax under IAS 12 Income Taxes.

The fair value of assets was determined using the income approach present value technique by applying a nominal discounted cash flow model which was based on a forward – looking gold price and a risk-adjusted discount rate based on the weighted average cost of capital.

The fair value of the environmental rehabilitation liability was determined with the assistance of an independent expert and discounted to its net present value.

The values at acquisition included:

|  | Rm      |
|--|---------|
| Property, plant and equipment                  | 1 225.6 |
| Investments in rehabilitation obligation funds | 360.4   |
| Inventories                                    | 14.2    |
| Provision for environmental rehabilitation     | (247.4) |
| Trade and other payables                       | (3.5)   |
| Equity   | 1 349.3 |

|  | Notes | Six months to<br>31 Dec 2018<br>Rm<br>Unaudited | Six months to<br>31 Dec 2017<br>Rm<br>Unaudited |
|--|-------|---|---|
| 3. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE Reconciliation of headline (loss)/earnings (Loss)/profit for the period Adjusted for: Profit on disposal of property, plant |       | (46.2)  | 60.6  |
| and equipment, net of tax  |       | (0.1)   | (0.2)   |
| Headline (loss)/earnings   |       | (46.3)  | 60.4  |
| Weighted average number of ordinary<br>shares in issue adjusted for treasury<br>shares   |       | 642 421 957                                     | 422 068 696                                     |
| Diluted weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for treasury shares (1)  |       | 642 421 957                                     | 422 068 696                                     |
| Basic (loss)/earnings per share (2)  |       | (7.2)   | 14.4  |
| Diluted (loss)/earnings per share (2)  |       | (7.2)   | 14.4  |
| Headline (loss)/earnings per share (2) Diluted headline (loss)/earnings per share (2)  |       | (7.2)   | 14.3<br>14.3                                    |
| Ji lui C   |       | (1.2)   | 17.3  |

<sup>(1)</sup> The Sibanye-Stillwater option (refer note 2) was excluded from the diluted weighted average number of ordinary shares calculation as its effect would have been anti-dilutive

<sup>(2)</sup> All per share financial information is presented in South African cents per share (cps) and is rounded to the nearest one decimal point based on the results as presented which is rounded to the nearest million Rand



# 4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

|   | As at       | As at       |
|---|-------------|-------------|
|   | 31 Dec 2018 | 30 Jun 2018 |
|   | Rm          | Rm          |
|   | Unaudited   | Audited     |
| Included in cash and cash equivalents is restricted cash of:                      |             |             |
| Cash held in escrow (including interest) relating to the electricity dispute with |             |             |
| Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality  |             |             |
| (refer note 6)  | 118.0       | 114.2       |
| Guarantees  | 17.7        | 17.2        |

Subsequent to reporting date, a bank guarantee to the value of the cash held in escrow (including interest) was issued in favour of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality and the said cash of R118.0 million held in escrow was released to Ergo.

# 5. BORROWINGS

On 1 August 2018, DRDGOLD entered into a R300 million revolving credit facility (RCF) with ABSA Bank Limited (acting through its Corporate and Investment Banking division) to finance the development of Phase 1 of FWGR and working capital requirements. It replaced the R100 million overdraft facility that was in place during the year ended 30 June 2018. Subsequent to reporting date, R125 million of the initial R300 million RCF was dedicated to issue a bank guarantee as described in note 4, reducing the available facility to R175 million.

The RCF is classified and measured as a financial liability at amortised cost.

#### Terms of the RCF

| Interest rate        | Jibar   |
|----------------------|---|
| Interest rate margin | 3.25%   |
| Term of the RCF      | Two years                                     |
| Security             | Pledge and cession of DRDGOLD's shares in and |
|                      | shareholder claims against:                   |

 Ergo Mining Proprietary Limited (guarantor to RCF)
 Far West Gold Recoveries Proprietary Limited (guarantor to RCF)

|  | As at       | As at       |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | 31 Dec 2018 | 30 Jun 2018 |
|  | Rm          | Rm          |
|  | Unaudited   | Audited     |
| Balance at the beginning of the period | -           | _           |
| Borrowings advanced                    | 174.0       | _           |
| Initial fees incurred on borrowings    | (3.6)       | -           |
| Unwinding of interest                  | 2.9         | _           |
| Balance at the end of the period       | 173.3       | -           |

# 6. CONTINGENT LIABILITY AND CONTINGENT ASSET: EKURHULENI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY ELECTRICITY DISPUTE

Whilst the Main Application was initially set down for hearing on 5 December 2018, it was subsequently postponed in order to be brought before a judicially appointed case manager to determine, *inter alia*, if this application ought to be consolidated with an action brought by the Municipality by way of summons ("Action Matter") to recover the funds that ERGO disputes and payment of which it has withheld.

ERGO seeks the consolidation on the basis that the issues in the Main Application matter and the Action Matter overlap extensively and will require the same expert evidence.

Alternatively to consolidation, the Main Application should be adjourned pending final determination of the Action Matter. The Municipality is opposed to the consolidation.

# 7. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

# Commodity price sensitivity

The Group's profitability and cash flows are primarily affected by changes in the market price of gold which is sold in US Dollar and then converted to Rand. In line with our long-term strategy of being an unhedged gold producer, we generally do not enter into forward gold sales contracts to reduce our exposure to market fluctuations in the Dollar gold price or the exchange rate movements. However, during periods when mediumterm debt is incurred to fund growth projects and hence introduce liquidity risk to the Group we may mitigate this liquidity risk by entering into facilities to achieve price protection. The need for medium term borrowings for the first phase development of FWGR introduced some liquidity risk to the Group.

In September 2018, DRDGOLD committed 50 000 ounces of gold under a zero-cost collar with a floor of R565 000/kg and a ceiling of just under R609 000/kg, spread equally till the end of May 2019. The collar was traded to mitigate the liquidity risk brought about by the medium-term borrowings secured for the development of FWGR.

The collar is accounted for as a financial asset or financial liability at fair value through profit or loss and constitutes level 2 on the fair value hierarchy.

# 8. FAIR VALUES

The Group's assets that are measured at fair value at reporting date consist of investments in other entities included in financial assets on the statement of financial position and are financial instruments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income. Of this line item, R5.3 million (30 June 2018: R9.2 million) relates to fair value hierarchy level 1 instruments and R0.2 million (30 June 2018: R0.2 million) relates to fair value hierarchy level 3 instruments.

The Group's liabilities that are measured at fair value consist of the zero-cost collar financial liability through profit or loss and is included in trade and other payables on the statement of financial position. Of this line item, R9.9 million relates to fair value hierarchy level 2 instruments.

# 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Other than disclosed in the preceding notes, there were no subsequent events between the reporting date of 31 December 2018 and the date of issue of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

# **10. OPERATING SEGMENTS**

The following summary describes the operations in the Group's reportable operating segments:

- Ergo is a surface retreatment operation which treats old slime and sand dumps to the south of Johannesburg's central business district as well as the East and Central Rand goldfields. The operation comprises three plants. The Ergo and Knights plants continue to operate as metallurgical plants. The City Deep plant continues to operate as a pump/milling station feeding the metallurgical plants.
- FWGR is a surface gold retreatment operation and treats old slime dams in the West Rand goldfields. FWGR is currently in a construction phase which entails the refurbishment and upgrading of the Driefontein 2 plant and relevant infrastructure to process tailings from the Driefontein 5 dump and deposit residues on the Driefontein 4 tailings deposition facility.

Corporate office and other reconciling items are taken into consideration in the strategic decision-making process of the chief operating decision maker and are therefore included in the disclosure here, even though they do not earn revenue. They do not represent a separate segment.



|   | Six months ended 31 Dec 2018<br>Unaudited |            |  |             | Six months ended 31 Dec 2017<br>Unaudited |  |           |  |
|---|---|------------|--|-------------|---|--|-----------|--|
|   | Ergo                                      | FWGR<br>Rm | Corporate office and other reconciling items | Total<br>Rm | Ergo                                      | Corporate<br>office<br>and other<br>reconciling<br>items | Total     |  |
| Decree (external)   | Rm  |            | Rm   |             | 1.354.0                                   | Rm   | 1 254 0   |  |
| Revenue (external)  | 1 233.0                                   | 19.5       | _  | 1 252.5     | 1 254.8                                   | _  | 1 254.8   |  |
| Cash operating costs  | (1 135.3)                                 | (33.5)     | -  | (1 168.8)   | (1 075.8)                                 | _  | (1 075.8) |  |
| Movement in gold in process   | 15.3                                      | 3.2        |  | 18.5        | 40.9                                      |  | 40.9      |  |
| Operating profit/(loss)   | 113.0                                     | (10.8)     | _  | 102.2       | 219.9                                     | _  | 219.9     |  |
| Retrenchment costs  | -   | (4.7)      | -  | (4.7)       | -   | (0.4.7)  | (00 =)    |  |
| Administration expenses and other costs (1)   | (10.7)                                    | (0.4)      | (33.2)                                       | (44.3)      | (1.8)                                     | (31.7)   | (33.5)    |  |
| Interest income (2)   | 4.2                                       | _          | 4.8  | 9.0         | 4.7                                       | 6.1  | 10.8      |  |
| Interest expense (3)  | (1.4)                                     |            | (0.8)  | (2.2)       | (1.5)                                     | (0.3)  | (1.8)     |  |
| Income tax  | (1.8)                                     | (1.3)      |  | (3.1)       | (1.5)                                     | (1.4)  | (2,9)     |  |
| Working profit/(loss) before additions to property, plant and equipment   | 103.3                                     | (17.2)     | (29.2)                                       | 56.9        | 219.8                                     | (27.3)   | 192.5     |  |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment  | (14.2)                                    | (305.4)    | (0.1)  | (319.7)     | (86.7)                                    | (0.1)  | (86.8)    |  |
| Working profit/(loss) after additions to property, plant and equipment  | 89.1                                      | (322.6)    | (29.3)                                       | (262.8)     | 133.1                                     | (27.4)   | 105.7     |  |
| <ul> <li>(1) Includes non-cash items amounting to R7.9 million</li> <li>(2) Interest income excludes the unwinding of the long-term receivable</li> <li>(3) Interest expense excludes the fair value adjustment on the initial recognition of the long-term receivable</li> </ul> |   |            |  |             |   |  |           |  |
| Reconciliation of (loss)/profit for the period  |   |            |  |             |   |  |           |  |
| Working profit/(loss) before additions to property,   |   |            |  |             |   |  |           |  |
| plant and equipment   | 103.3                                     | (17.2)     | (29.2)                                       | 56.9        | 219.8                                     | (27.3)   | 192.5     |  |
| Depreciation  | (69.0)                                    | -          | (0.3)  | (69.3)      | (82.2)                                    | (0.1)  | (82.3)    |  |
| Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment   | 0.1                                       | -          | -  | 0.1         | 0.2                                       | _  | 0.2       |  |
| Growth in environmental rehabilitation trust funds and reimbursive right  | 5.0                                       | 10.0       | 2.9  | 17.9        | 5.2                                       | 2.7  | 7.9       |  |
| Unwinding of provision for environmental rehabilitation   | (23.5)                                    | (8.9)      | (0.6)  | (33.0)      | (22.6)                                    | (0.6)  | (23.2)    |  |
| Fair value adjustment on the initial recognition of long-term receivable including subsequent   |   | ,          |  | ,           | . ,                                       | . ,  | . ,       |  |
| unwinding   | (0.6)                                     | -          | _  | (0.6)       | -   | _  | _         |  |
| Ongoing rehabilitation expenditure  | (10.3)                                    | (0.9)      | _  | (11.2)      | (11.0)                                    | _  | (11.0)    |  |
| Other operating (costs)/income including care   |   |            |  |             |   |  |           |  |
| and maintenance costs   | (19.3)                                    | (4.8)      | 10.9   | (13.2)      | (21.7)                                    | 11.8   | (9.9)     |  |
| Deferred tax  | (1.0)                                     | 10.2       | (3.0)  | 6.2         | (13.7)                                    | 0.1  | (13.6)    |  |
| (Loss)/profit for the period  | (15.2)                                    | (11.6)     | (10.2)                                       | (46.2)      | 74.0                                      | (12 4)   | 60.6      |  |



|  |             | Six months ended 31 Dec 2018<br>Unaudited |            |   |           | Six months ended 31 Dec 2017<br>Unaudited |   |           |  |
|--|-------------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|---|-----------|--|
|  |             |   |            |   |           |   |   |           |  |
|  |             |   |            | Corporate<br>office<br>and other<br>reconciling |           |   | Corporate<br>office<br>and other<br>reconciling |           |  |
|  |             | Ergo                                      | FWGR       | items   | Total     | Ergo                                      | items   | Total     |  |
|  |             | Rm  | Rm         | Rm  | Rm        | Rm  | Rm  | Rm        |  |
| OPERATIONAL PERFORMA   | NCE         |   |            |   |           |   |   |           |  |
| Ore milled (000't)   |             | 11 864                                    | 140        | -   | 12 004    |   |   | 12 253    |  |
| Yield (g/t)  |             | 0.188                                     | 0.314      | -   | 0.190     |   |   | 0.191     |  |
| Cash operating costs   |             |   |            |   |           |   |   |           |  |
| (R/t)  |             | 96  | 239        | -   | 97        |   |   | 87        |  |
| (US\$/t)   |             | 7   | 17         | -   | 7         |   |   | 6         |  |
| Gold sold  |             | 2 220                                     | 35         | -   | 2 255     |   |   | 2 291     |  |
| Reconciliation of All-in sustain<br>(All amounts presented in R mill<br>otherwise indicated) | •           |   |            |   |           |   |   |           |  |
| Cash operating costs   |             | (1 135.3)                                 | (33.5)     | _   | (1 168.8) |   |   | (1 075.8) |  |
| Movement in gold in process  |             | 15.3                                      | 3.2        | _   | 18.5      |   |   | 40.9      |  |
| Administration expenses and o  | other costs | (2.8)                                     | (0.4)      | (33.1)  | (36.3)    |   |   | (33.5)    |  |
| Other operating costs excludir maintenance costs   | ng care and | (8.7)                                     | (0.8)      | -   | (9.5)     |   |   | (5.9)     |  |
| Unwinding of provision for entrehabilitation   | vironmental | (23.5)                                    | (8.9)      | (0.6)   | (33.0)    |   |   | (23.2)    |  |
| Capital expenditure (sustaining  | g)          | (9.2)                                     | (4.3)      | (0.1)   | (13.6)    |   |   | (48.4)    |  |
| All-in sustaining costs  |             | (1 164.2)                                 | (44.7)     | (33.8)  | (1 242.7) |   |   | (1 145.9) |  |
| Care and maintenance costs   |             | -   | -          | (3.9)   | (3.9)     |   |   | (4.0)     |  |
| Retrenchment costs   |             | -   | (4.7)      | -   | (4.7)     |   |   | _         |  |
| Ongoing rehabilitation expend  | liture      | (10.3)                                    | (0.9)      | -   | (11.2)    |   |   | (11.0)    |  |
| Capital expenditure (non-sust  | aining)     | (4.9)                                     | (301.1)    | -   | (306.0)   |   |   | (38.4)    |  |
| Capital recoupment   |             | -   | _          | _   | _         |   |   | 0.7       |  |
| All-in costs   |             | (1 179.4)                                 | (351.4)    | (37.7)  | (1 568.5) |   |   | (1 198.6) |  |
| Cash operating costs   | R per kg    | 504 505                                   | 865 714    | -   | 510 111   |   |   | 451 689   |  |
| Cash operating costs   | US\$ per oz | 1 106                                     | 1 899      | _   | 1 118     |   |   | 1 050     |  |
| All-in sustaining costs*   | R per kg    | 524 459                                   | 1 277 143  | -   | 551 131   |   |   | 500 125   |  |
| All-in sustaining costs*   | US\$ per oz | 1 150                                     | 2 799      | _   | 1 208     |   |   | 1 187     |  |
| All-in costs*  | R per kg    | 531 306                                   | 10 040 000 | _   | 695 610   |   |   | 523 127   |  |
| All-in costs*  | US\$ per oz | 1 202                                     | 22 713     | _   | 1 574     |   |   | 1 213     |  |

<sup>\*</sup> All-in cost definitions based on the guidance note on non-GAAP Metrics issued by the World Gold Council on 27 June 2013

The FWGR transaction, effective 31 July 2018, added surface Mineral Reserves of 2.72Moz (246.12Mt@0.34g/t). This is comprised of Proved Mineral Reserves of 2.1Moz (178.89Mt@0.37g/t) and Probable Mineral Reserves of 0.62Moz (67.23Mt@0.28g/t). There have been no other material changes to the technical information relating to, *inter alia*, the Group's Mineral Reserves and Resources, legal title to its mining and prospecting rights and legal proceedings relating to its mining and exploration activities as disclosed in DRDGOLD's annual reports for the year ended 30 June 2018 and subsequent public announcements.

The technical information referred to in this report has been reviewed by Messrs Mpfariseni Mudau (SACNASP), Gary Viljoen (SACG), and Vaughn Duke (SAIMM). All are independent contractors of DRDGOLD. They approved this information in writing before the publication of the report.

