

Tharisa plc

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('Tharisa')

Third quarter production report: 3 months ended 30 June 2015

Safety

Safety remains a top priority and Tharisa continues to strive for zero harm at our operations. The Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate for the rolling twelve month period to 30 June 2015 (per 200 000 man hours) is 0.1.

Production update

The production update for the quarter ended 30 June 2015, is as follows:

		Quarter ended 30 June 2015*	Quarter ended 30 June 2014	Nine months ended 30 June 2015**	Nine months ended 30 June 2014	Financial year ended 30 Sept 2014
Reef mined	kt	1 132.9	1 053.7	3 080.9	3 011.5	3 908.5
Stripping ratio	m ³ waste/m ³ reef	10.7	11.5	10.2	10.0	10.6
Reef milled	kt	1 105.0	1 017.1	3 303.8	2 936.1	3 913.1
PGM flotation feed tonnes	kt	880.6	814.9	2 592.8	2 302.3	3 060.4
PGM rougher feed grade	g/t	1.65	1.59	1.65	1.65	1.63
6E PGMs produced	koz	33.5	17.4	90.9	55.8	78.2
PGM recovery	%	71.8	41.8	66.0	45.6	48.8
Average PGM contained metal basket price	US\$/oz	887	1 145	924	1 098	1 103
Cr ₂ O ₃ RoM grade	%	17.3	19.2	18.2	19.8	19.4
Chrome recovery	%	57.7	55.7	57.0	59.5	59.4
Chrome yield	%	23.9	25.6	25.0	28.2	27.7
Chrome concentrates produced	kt	263.8	259.9	827.0	829.3	1 085.2
42% metallurgical grade	kt	240.9	217.3	756.8	717.3	937.0
Chemical and foundry grades	kt	22.9	42.6	70.2	112.0	148.2
42% metallurgical grade chrome concentrate contract price	US\$/t CIF China	159	153	157	152	158
Average exchange rate	ZAR:US\$	12.1	10.5	11.7	10.5	10.6

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***Loss of plant production time of approximately 12% during quarter 1, following the tragic fatality on 5 November 2014 and the consequential section 54 production stoppage.*

Third quarter commentary

Commenting on the production, Phoevos Pouroulis, Tharisa CEO, said:

“Reef tonnes mined reached annualised steady state levels of 400 ktpm towards the end of the quarter. It is pleasing to reach this important milestone following the change to a multi mining contractor model. We expect ROM tonnages to be marginally above the 400 ktpm level going forward thus enabling the build up of the ROM stockpile ahead of the crushers.

Scheduled non-routine maintenance including the reconfiguration of the primary jaw crusher at the Voyager Plant to accommodate the change from a plate to vibratory feeder arrangement, and replacement of the rakes at the Voyager Plant thickener contributed to a loss in plant production time of approximately 12%. Mill re-linings were undertaken at the same time to limit the effect of the down time.

PGM recoveries continued to improve resulting in Tharisa achieving record quarterly PGM production of 33.5 koz notwithstanding the loss of plant production time referred to earlier. The successful implementation of the PGM plant optimisation programme improved PGM recoveries to 71.8% with the target recoveries remaining at 72%. PGM production reached steady state levels on an annualised basis during the quarter.

The PGM basket price for the quarter of US\$887 remains constrained by global macroeconomic conditions.

Chrome production was negatively impacted by the feed grade being below plan and the loss in production time referred to earlier. The current focus for Tharisa remains to improve chrome recoveries. To this end, towards the end of the quarter, the processing of mined ore resulted in chrome recoveries improving to 57.7%. Our target for optimising chrome recoveries remains 65%.

The chrome concentrate contract price remained stable at US\$159.

The operational flexibility of both plants and the crushed stockpiles ahead of the milling circuits enabled Tharisa to limit the impact on production of interruptions to the power supply.

PGM and chrome production in H2 FY2015 remains on track to be similar to H1 FY2015 with PGM steady state of 144 kozpa and chrome concentrates of 1.5 Mtpa targeted for FY2016. Tharisa's large-scale, long-life, open pit PGM and chrome co-product mine remains on track to prove itself a viable and attractive business."

The above information has not been reported on or reviewed by Tharisa's auditors.

Paphos, Cyprus

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