



### **Trading statement for the year ended 31 December 2014**

In terms of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements, issuers are required to publish a trading statement as soon as they are satisfied that a reasonable degree of certainty exists that the financial results for the period to be reported on next will differ by at least 20% from those of the prior comparative period.

Shareholders are advised that the financial information on which this trading statement is based, has not been reviewed or reported on by Merafe's external auditors and is provided in terms of paragraph 3.4(b) of the JSE Limited Listings Requirements. The financial results for the year ended 31 December 2014 are expected to be released on SENS on 3 March 2015.

Shareholders are advised that Merafe is expecting to report headline earnings per share (HEPS) for the year ended 31 December 2014 of between 8.0 cents and 8.8 cents or between 19% and 26% lower, compared to 10.8 cents for the year ended 31 December 2013.

The decrease in headline earnings is primarily attributable to the accelerated depreciation arising from the scrapping of certain assets, additional depreciation arising from Project Lion II, increase in borrowing costs expensed as a result of the completion of Project Lion II, restructuring costs at Merafe head-office level and standing charges as a result of the mining division and platinum industry strikes.

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