Tharisa plc

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Fourth quarter production report: 3 months ended 30 September 2015

Safety

Safety remains a top priority and Tharisa continues to strive for zero harm at our operations. Sadly, a tragic fatality occurred at the tailings storage facility construction site involving trackless mobile machinery on 28 September 2015. The board of directors, management and employees of the Tharisa Group extend their sincere condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the deceased.

Prior to this fatality, the Tharisa Mine had achieved 5 878 272 fatality free man hours at a lost time injury frequency rate of 0.06 per 200 000 hours.

Production update

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

		Quarter ended 30 September 2015	Quarter ended 30 September 2014	**Financial year ended 30 September 2015**	Financial year ended 30 September 2014
Reef mined	kt	**1 102.2**	897.0	**4 183.2**	3 908.5
Stripping ratio	m^3 waste/m^3 reef	**12.2**	12.7	**10.7**	10.6
Reef milled	kt	**1 096.7**	977.0	**4 400.4**	3 913.1
PGM flotation feed tonnes	kt	**853.4**	758.1	**3 446.2**	3 060.4
PGM rougher feed grade	g/t	**1.52**	1.56	**1.62**	1.63
6E PGMs produced	koz	**27.1**	22.5	**118.0**	78.2
PGM recovery	%	**65.1**	58.9	**65.8**	48.8
Average PGM contained metal basket price	US$/oz	**754**	1 104	**885**	1 103
Cr_2O_3 ROM grade	%	**18.4**	18.5	**18.3**	19.4
Chrome recovery	%	**61.1**	59.3	**58.0**	59.4
Chrome yield	%	**26.9**	26.2	**25.5**	27.7
Chrome concentrates produced	kt	**295.2**	255.9	**1 122.2**	1 085.2
42% metallurgical grade	kt	**252.6**	219.7	**1 009.4**	937.0
Chemical and foundry grades	kt	**42.6**	36.2	**112.8**	148.2

		Quarter ended 30 September 2015	Quarter ended 30 September 2014	Financial year ended 30 September 2015	Financial year ended 30 September 2014
42% metallurgical grade chrome concentrate contract price	US$/t CIF China	**159**	178	**158**	158
Average exchange rate	ZAR:US$	**13.0**	10.8	**12.0**	10.6

Fourth quarter commentary

Optimal waste and inter-burden removal was a key focus area in this quarter to ensure that sufficient reef in the required blend was available for processing. This focus, together with the re-opening of the West Pit, contributed to the stripping ratio for the quarter being higher than the life of open pit average stripping ratio of 8.5 on a m^3 to m^3 basis. The benefits of maintaining the correct multi-horizon profile will be realised in due course not only in terms of mining costs but also improved plant feed grades and recoveries.

Mining was affected by a number of section 54 and section 55 instructions issued by the Department of Mineral Resources with approximately nine mining shifts being lost (approximately 5%). Potential production losses were mitigated to a large extent during the quarter due to the run of mine (ROM) stockpiles ahead of the Genesis and Voyager plants.

The reconfiguration of the primary crusher at the Voyager Plant led to both an improvement in the availability of crushed ore and a reduction in the crushing circuit downtime. Production was, however, affected by scheduled non-routine maintenance including re-lining of the secondary mills at the Voyager Plant and the premature failure of the recently replaced rakes at the Voyager Plant thickener.

PGM production was impacted by the lower rougher feed grade during the quarter, partly as a result of an increase in weathered ore extracted from the free dig Far West Pit and the opening up of the western section of the Central Pit. Recoveries remain in line with the plan based on the material being processed and are expected to return to the target recovery of 72% once unweathered ore is processed towards the end of Q2 FY2016.

The PGM basket price for the quarter of US$754 remains constrained by global macroeconomic conditions.

Chrome production was impacted by the lower than planned feed grade with a less than optimal blend of reefs being processed while the mining sequence was revised. Chrome recoveries however improved during the quarter to 61.1% from 57.7% during the prior quarter, approaching the target of 65%.

The chrome concentrate contract price came under pressure following the devaluation of the Renminbi and a slowdown in the Chinese economy, the dominant customer for the metallurgical grade chrome concentrates. The Tharisa Group continued to benefit from the sales revenue from the higher value-add chemical and foundry grade chrome concentrates, which are premium products marketed to a broader market.

Reef mining under-performance led to a strategic review of the multi contractor mining model being undertaken. A decision was taken to revert to a single mining contractor, which decision was implemented post the quarter end and the mining transition is progressing according to the change management plan.

The suspension of the mining operations, which was uplifted on 5 October 2015, following the fatality on 28 September 2015, has resulted in the ROM stockpiles being substantially depleted and it will take some time to rebuild the ROM stockpiles. Accordingly, in the short term a non-optimal blend of reef will be fed into the plants. This will have some negative impact on production until feed stability is regained in Q2 FY2016.

The Tharisa Group remains on track to achieve PGM steady state of 144 kozpa and chrome concentrates of 1.5 Mtpa in FY2016. Tharisa's large-scale, long-life, open pit PGM and chrome co-product mine also remains on track to prove itself a viable and attractive business notwithstanding the current commodity cycle.

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

Paphos, Cyprus

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