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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED NET OPERATING

PROFIT AND PHYSICAL RESULTS

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

COMMENTS

GROUP RESULTS

The substantial strengthening of the rand, together with lower iron ore prices and the continued severely depressed market for zinc, had a major adverse impact on operating profit for the third quarter. Net operating profit for the nine months was 22% lower than that of the same period last year.

An average exchange rate of R8,57 to the US dollar was realised for the past quarter on export proceeds compared with R11,30 for the comparative period while iron ore prices were on average 4% lower.

As a consequence of Kumba having increased its shareholding in Ticor Limited to 50,12% towards the end of the quarter, Ticor, which has been equity accounted up to 31 March 2003, will be consolidated from 1 April 2003.

OPERATIONS

Although stable production levels were maintained for the quarter, production was 9% lower than the comparative period in which record performances were achieved.

The negative impact of the stronger realised exchange rate and lower iron ore prices was to some extent offset by improved sales volumes.

Production and sales volumes for the year to date were marginally lower than the corresponding period as a result of a major generator failure at the Matimba power station, which affected the sales volumes from the Grootegeluk mine.

Lower sales volumes and export prices for the quarter were offset by stronger domestic prices, consequently revenue decreased marginally compared with the comparative period. Net operating profit for both the quarter and the nine months, however, showed an improvement on the comparative periods.

Base Metals

Although production levels at the zinc smelter were maintained, sales volumes for the quarter declined due to softer demand. In contrast, production and sales volumes of zinc and lead concentrate at the Rosh Pinah mine showed a marked improvement due to higher grades and better recoveries.

The combination of record low zinc prices and lower sales together with the stronger rand resulted in an average zinc price of R6 477 per ton for the quarter, which was 29% lower than the comparative period. Consequently, the business unit recorded an operating loss for the quarter despite the smelter's low cost of production.

Heavy Minerals

Production and sales tonnages for the nine months were significantly higher than the corresponding period, despite being lower for the quarter compared with the same period last year. The lower production and sales tonnages together with a stronger rand resulted in an operating loss for the quarter.

Crude ilmenite continues to be stockpiled for feedstock to the smelter

Commissioning of the first furnace of the smelter commenced at the end of the quarter as originally planned and will ramp-up to full production over the next 18 months. Construction of the second furnace is progressing according to schedule

Industrial Minerals

Industrial Minerals continued to benefit from the improved business climate in both the steel industry and the construction sector resulting in improved revenue and net operating profit.

OUTLOOK

Stable operational performance is expected to be maintained for the remainder of the financial year. However, despite this and the group's ongoing focus on cost containment, the continued strength of the rand relative to the US dollar will have a significant negative impact on earnings for the last quarter.

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		2002/03	2001/02*	
	Third quarter	9 months cumulative	Third quarter	9 months cumulative
REVENUE (Rm)				
Iron ore	982	3 241	1 109	3 041
Coal	408	1 223	418	1 097
Base metals	171	655	259	662
Heavy minerals	66	219	76	117
Industrial minerals	18	57	14	41
Other	4	22	23	91
Total	1 649	5 417	1 899	5 049
NET OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) (Rm)				
Iron ore	178	695	366	879
Coal	82	207	79	194
Base metals	(15)	32	44	66
Heavy minerals	(9)	11	25	25
Industrial minerals	5	15	4	10
Other	(4)	(22)	(33)	29
Total	237	938	485	1 203

*The comparative figures have been restated	to conform	with the 2002 audited annua	ıl results	
Included in net operating profit are: Net realised foreign exchange gains/(losses) on:				
Currency exchange differences Revaluation of derivative instruments Net unrealised foreign exchange gains/(losses) on:	(118) 43	(108) 89	51 (3)	205 (83)
Currency exchange differences Revaluation of derivative instruments	45 17	(106) 18	(41) 33	35 20
PHYSICAL RESULTS ('000 tons) IRON ORE				
Production Sales	6 978	20 783	7 678	21 245
ExportDomestic	5 144 2 270	15 483 6 541	4 577 2 055	14 452 6 408
Total	7 414	22 024	6 632	20 860
COAL Production				
 Power station 	3 239	9 608	3 107	9 827
- Coking	549	1 671	567	1 628
- Other	699	2 007	728	2 175
Total	4 487	13 286	4 402	13 630
Sales - Eskom	3 042	9 410	3 255	9 627
- Other domestic	956	2 844	941	2 877
- Export	298	902	330	885
Total	4 296	13 156	4 526	13 389
BASE METALS				
Production				
Zinc metal	27	85	27	81
- Zinc concentrate	26	63	20	56
- Lead concentrate	8	16	6	20
Zinc metal sales – Domestic	19	69	22	69
- Export	3	9	5	11
Lead concentrate sales	ŭ	,	ŭ	
- Export	6	18	5	12
HEAVY MINERALS				
Production - Ilmenite	18	61	6	39
- Zircon	12	40	14	32
- Rutile	3	15	6	13
Sales				
- Ilmenite	10	41	10	16
– Zircon	11	42	16	22
- Rutile	7	9	1	1

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