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## Platinum Group Metals Ltd.

**Consolidated Financial Statements** (*Expressed in thousands of United States Dollars unless otherwise noted*) For the year ended August 31, 2022

Filed: November 23, 2022

#### Management's Responsibility for Consolidated Financial Statements

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements of Platinum Group Metals Ltd (the "Company") are the responsibility of management. The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and include certain estimates that reflect management's best judgments.

The Company's Board of Directors has approved the information contained in the Consolidated Financial Statements. The Board of Directors fulfills its responsibilities regarding the Consolidated Financial Statements mainly through its Audit Committee, which has a written mandate that complies with current requirements of Canadian securities legislation, United States securities legislation, and the United States Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Audit Committee meets at least on a quarterly basis.

### Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB.

Internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management has assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as at August 31, 2022. In making its assessment, management has used the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") to evaluate the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Based on this assessment, management has concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as at that date.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as at August 31, 2022 has been audited by Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which appears herein.

<u>/s/ Greg Blair</u> Greg Blair Chief Financial Officer <u>/s/ Frank Hallam</u> Frank Hallam, President, Chief Executive Officer



# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Platinum Group Metals Ltd.

### Opinions on the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Platinum Group Metals Ltd. and its subsidiaries (together, the Company) as of August 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss, of changes in equity and of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended August 31, 2022, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the consolidated financial statements). We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of August 31, 2022, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of August 31, 2022 and 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended August 31, 2022 in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of August 31, 2022, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* (2013) issued by the COSO.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the Company's consolidated financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also

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included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

### Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

#### **Critical Audit Matters**

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (i) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (ii) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

#### Assessment of impairment indicators for mineral properties and exploration and evaluation assets

As described in Notes 2, 3 and 4 to the consolidated financial statements, the carrying amount of mineral properties and exploration and evaluation assets is reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable (impairment indicators). The carrying amount of the Company's mineral properties and exploration and evaluation assets was \$40.4 million as of August 31, 2022, which all related to the Waterberg project (the Project). Management applies judgment to assess whether there are impairment indicators present that give rise to the requirement to conduct an impairment test. Events or changes in circumstances that could trigger an impairment test include: (i) significant adverse changes in the business climate including changes in



forecasted future metal prices; (ii) significant changes in the extent or manner in which the assets are being used or their physical condition including significant decreases in mineral reserves; and (iii) significant decreases in the market price of the assets.

The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to the assessment of impairment indicators for mineral properties and exploration and evaluation assets is a critical audit matter are that there was significant judgment by management when assessing whether there were indicators of impairment related to the Project, specifically related to assessing whether there were: (i) significant adverse changes in the business climate including changes in forecasted future metal prices; (ii) significant changes in the extent or manner in which the asset is being used or its physical condition including significant decreases in mineral reserves; and (iii) significant decreases in the market price of the asset. This in turn led to a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity and effort in performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence related to the judgments made by management in their assessment of impairment indicators that could give rise to the requirement to conduct an impairment test.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included testing the effectiveness of controls relating to management's assessment of impairment indicators for the Project. These procedures also included, among others, (i) evaluating whether there were significant adverse changes in the business climate including changes in forecasted future metal prices by considering external market and industry data; (ii) evaluating whether there were any significant changes in the extent or manner in which the asset is being used or its physical condition by assessing any significant decreases in mineral reserves by considering mineral reserve and resource technical reports; and (iii) assessing whether there were significant decreases in the market price of the asset by considering any significant or prolonged declines in the Company's share price, and evidence obtained in other areas of the audit.

## /s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

**Chartered Professional Accountants** 

Vancouver, Canada November 23, 2022

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2007.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position (in thousands of United States Dollars)

		August 31, 2022		August 31, 2021
ASSETS				
Current				
Cash	\$	12,330	\$	6,059
At-the-market offering proceeds receivable (Note 8)		-		213
Amounts receivable		382		263
Prepaid expenses		52		71
Total current assets		12,764		6,606
Performance bonds and other assets		190		170
Mineral properties and exploration and evaluation assets (Note 4)		40,373		43,953
Property, plant and equipment		352		470
Total assets	\$	53,679	\$	51,199
LIABILITIES				
Current				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	1,121	\$	2,463
Loan payable (Note 6)	Ŧ	-	+	9,088
Convertible notes (Note 7)		-		18,716
Total current liabilities		1,121		30,267
Asset retirement obligation		95		106
Share based liabilities (Note 8)		864		1,223
Lease liability		44		130
Total liabilities	\$	2,124	\$	31,726
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Share capital (Note 8)	\$	934,976	\$	890,783
Contributed surplus		32,077		30,102
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(166,155)		(159,226)
Deficit		(768,397)		(759,771)
Total shareholders' equity attributable to shareholders of Platinum Group Metals Ltd.		32,501		1,888
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Non-controlling interest (Note 9)		19,054		17,585
Total shareholders' equity		51,555		19,473
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	53,679	\$	51,199

Contingencies and Commitments (Note 11)

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorized for issue on November 23, 2022

/s/ Stuart Harshaw Stuart Harshaw, Director /s/ Diana Walters

Diana Walters, Director

Consolidated Statements of Loss and Comprehensive Loss (in thousands of United States Dollars except share and per share data)

		Yea	r Ei	nded			
	August 31, 2022		August 31, 2021		Aug	just 31, 2020	
Expanses							
Expenses General and administrative (Note 14)	\$	4,341	\$	5,121	\$	3,726	
Interest	Ψ	1,650	Ψ	5,066	Ψ	5,493	
Foreign exchange gain		(328)		(698)		(740)	
Share of joint venture expenditures – Lion (Note 5)		253		`343 <sup>´</sup>		<b>`</b> 369 <sup>´</sup>	
Stock based compensation expense (Note 8)		2,164		3,184		1,569	
	\$	8,080	\$	13,016	\$	10,417	
Other Income							
Gain on fair value derivatives & other instruments	\$	(12	)\$	(52)	\$	(3,203)	
Write-off due to prospecting right closures (Note 4)		223	-	-		-	
Loss on early repayment of debt and Convertible Notes (Notes 6&7)		135		189		-	
Gain on Sprott extension			-	(48)		-	
Net finance income		(176	<u></u>	(97)		(158)	
Loss for the year before income taxes	\$	8,250	\$	13,008	\$	7,056	
Deferred income tax (recovery) expense (Note 17)	\$	(7	)\$	55	\$	72	
Loss for the year	\$	8,243	\$	13,063	\$	7,128	
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to net loss:							
Currency translation adjustment	\$	6,929	\$	(4,898)	\$	4,487	
Comprehensive loss for the year	\$	15,172	\$	8,165	\$	11,615	
Net loss attributable to: Shareholders of Platinum Group Metals Ltd.	¢	8,243	¢	13,063	¢	7 109	
	<u>\$</u> \$	8,243		13,063	<u>\$</u> \$	7,128	
	Ψ	0,240	Ψ	10,000	Ψ	7,120	
Comprehensive loss attributable to:							
Shareholders of Platinum Group Metals Ltd.	\$	15,172	\$	8,165	\$	11,615	
	\$	15,172	\$	8,165	\$	11,615	
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$	0.09	\$	0.18	\$	0.11	
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding: Basic and diluted		89,586,083		71,912,296		61,537,004	

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

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (in thousands of United States Dollars, except # of Common Shares)

	# of Common Shares	Share Capital	Contributed Surplus	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (loss)	Deficit	Attributable to Shareholders of the Parent Company	Non- Controlling Interest	Total
Balance August 31, 2019	58,575,787	\$ 855,270	\$ 26,777	\$ (159,637)	\$ (739,018)	\$ (16,608)	\$ 15,451 \$	(1,157)
Stock based compensation	-	-	1,501	-	-	1,501	-	1,501
Shares issued for interest on Convertible Notes	1,043,939	1,374	-	-	-	1,374	-	1,374
Warrants exercised	28,040	55	-	-	-	55	-	55
Share issuance – financing	4,447,307	5,705	-	-	-	5,705	-	5,705
Share issuance costs	-	(514)	-	-	-	(514)	-	(514)
Contributions of Waterberg JV Co.	-	-	-	-	(167)	(167)	675	508
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	(4,487)	-	(4,487)	-	(4,487)
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(7,128)	(7,128)	-	(7,128)
Balance August 31, 2020	64,095,073	\$ 861,890	\$ 28,278	\$ (164,124)	\$ (746,313)	\$ (20,269)	\$ 16,126 \$	(4,143)
Stock based compensation	-	-	2,921	-	-	2,921	-	2,921
Restricted share units redeemed	121,668	189	(281)	-	-	(92)	-	(92)
Share options exercised	843,543	2,301	(816)	-	-	1,485	-	1,485
Share issuance – financing	10,210,842	27,949	-	-	-	27,949	-	27,949
Share issuance costs	-	(1,546)	-	-	-	(1,546)	-	(1,546)
Contributions of Waterberg JV Co.	-	-	-	-	(395)	(395)	1,459	1,064
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	4,898	-	4,898	-	4,898
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(13,063)	(13,063)	-	(13,063)
Balance August 31, 2021	75,271,126	\$ 890,783	\$ 30,102	\$ (159,226)	\$ (759,771)	\$ 1,888	\$ 17,585 \$	19,473
Stock based compensation	-	-	2,896	-	-	2,896	-	2,896
Restricted share units redeemed	265,739	790	(790)	-	-	-	-	-
Share options exercised	158,333	360	(131)	-	-	229	-	229
Share issuance – financing	11,463,665	25,656	-	-	-	25,656	-	25,656
Shares issued to repay convertible debt	11,793,509	18,941	-	-	-	18,941	-	18,941
Share issuance costs	-	(1,554)	-	-	-	(1,554)	-	(1,554)
Contributions of Waterberg JV Co.	-	-	-	-	(383)	(383)	1,469	1,086
Currency translation adjustment	-	-	-	(6,929)	-	(6,929)	-	(6,929)
Net loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(8,243)	(8,243)	-	(8,243)
Balance August 31, 2022	98,952,372	934,976	32,077	(166,155)	(768,397)	32,501	19,054	51,555

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

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands of United States Dollars)

	For the year ended							
	7	August 31, 2022		August 31, 2021		August 31, 2020		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES								
Loss for the year	\$	(8,243)	\$	(13,063)	\$	(7,128)		
Add items not affecting cash / adjustments:								
Depreciation		91		122		177		
Interest expense		1,650		5,066		5,493		
Unrealized foreign exchange (loss)		(645)		(1,058)		128		
Loss on fair value of derivatives and other instruments		`(12)́		(52)		(3,203)		
Loss on repayment of debt and Convertible Notes		135		(189)		(-,)		
Gain on extension of Sprott Facility		-		348		-		
Deferred income tax expense		(7)		55		72		
Stock compensation expense		2,164		3,184		1,569		
Share of joint venture expenditures		253		343		369		
Directors' fees paid in deferred share units		161		152		142		
Write-off costs associated with prospecting right closures (Note 4)		223		152		142		
Net change in non-cash working capital (Note 12)		(239)		(2,962)		(739)		
Net change in non-cash working capital (Note 12)	\$	(4,469)	\$	(8,054)	\$	(3,120)		
	Ψ	(4,409)	ψ	(0,034)	ψ	(3,120)		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES								
Proceeds from issuance of equity	\$	25,869	\$	27,949	\$	5,705		
Equity issuance costs	Ŧ	(1,555)	Ŧ	(1,546)	Ŧ	(514)		
Cash received from option exercises		237		1,485		-		
Cash received from warrant exercises						48		
Sprott Facility principal repayments		(9,400)		(10,600)		-		
Sprott Facility interest paid		(293)		(1,589)		(2,237)		
Convertible note interest paid		(826)		(1,374)		(2,201)		
Costs associated with repayment of debt and Convertible Notes		(126)		(318)		(40)		
Lease payments made				(318)		• • •		
Share unit cash settlement		(87)				(66)		
		- 642		(151) 1,829		- 1,697		
Cash received from Waterberg partners	\$	14,461	\$	15,594	¢	4,593		
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INVESTING ACTIVITIES								
Performance bonds	\$	(48)	\$	(43)	\$	(67)		
Investment in Lion	Ψ	(250)	4	(350)	Ŧ	(350)		
Expenditures incurred on Waterberg Project		(3,359)		(2,415)		(4,953)		
	\$	(3,657)	\$	(2,808)	\$	(5,370)		
Net increase (decrease) in cash		6,335		4,732		(3,897)		
Effect of foreign exchange on cash		(64)		19		(345)		
Cash, beginning of year		6,059		1,308		5,550		
Cash, end of year	\$	12,330	\$	6,059	\$	1,308		

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

## 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Platinum Group Metals Ltd. (the "**Company**") is a British Columbia, Canada company formed by amalgamation on February 18, 2002. The Company's shares are publicly listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange in Canada and the NYSE American, LLC ("**NYSE American**") in the United States of America. The Company is a development stage company conducting work on mineral properties it has staked or acquired by way of option agreements in the Republic of South Africa. Key metals of economic interest on the Company's mineral properties include platinum, palladium, rhodium, gold, copper, and nickel.

The Company's head office and principal place of business is located at Suite 838-1100 Melville Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6E 4A6. The Company's registered and records office is located at Suite 2300, 550 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2B5.

These financial statements consolidate the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. Lion Battery Technologies Inc. ("Lion") is accounted for using the equity method as the Company jointly controls Lion despite owning the majority of Lion's shares. The Company's subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures as at August 31, 2022 are as follows:

		Place of incorporation	Proportion o interest and vol	
		and	August 31,	August 31,
Name of subsidiary	Principal activity	operation	2022	2021
Platinum Group Metals (RSA) (Pty) Ltd.	Development	South Africa	100.00%	100.00%
Mnombo Wethu Consultants (Pty) Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	Development	South Africa	49.95%	49.95%
Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd. <sup>(1),(2)</sup>	Development	South Africa	37.05%	37.05%
Lion Battery Technologies Inc.	Research	Canada	53.70%	53.70%

Notes:

(1) The Company controls and consolidates Mnombo Wethu Consultants (Pty) Limited ("**Mnombo**") and Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd. ("**Waterberg JV Co.**") for accounting purposes.

(2) Effective ownership of Waterberg JV Co. is 63.05% when Mnombo's ownership portion is combined with Platinum Group Metals (RSA) (Pty) Ltd. ("**PTM RSA**") ownership portion.

#### COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a material impact on the global economy, the scale and duration of which remain uncertain. Since March 2020 related negative public health developments adversely affected workforces, economies and financial markets globally, resulting in economic uncertainty. The future impact of the pandemic could include significant COVID-19 specific costs, volatility in the prices for metals, project development and mining restrictions, delays or temporary closures, travel restraints, other supply chain disruptions and workforce and contractor interruptions, including possible loss of life. Although to date the Company has not experienced a direct material adverse effect due to the pandemic, it is not possible for the Company to predict the duration or magnitude of the possible adverse results of the pandemic and its effects on the Company's business or ability to raise funds. On June 22, 2022, the Government of South Africa announced that all remaining COVID-19 regulations had been uplifted.

## 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("**IFRS**"). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are

set out below. The Company has consistently applied the accounting policies used in the preparation of its IFRS financial statements throughout all years presented, as if these policies had always been in effect.

## a. Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include those of the Company, its subsidiaries, joint ventures and structured entities that it controls, using uniform accounting policies. Control exists when the Company has (i) power over the investee, (ii) exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee, and (iii) the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

Non-controlling interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the Company's equity.

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Company has control. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealized gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

## b. Translation of foreign currencies

## Functional currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company and each of the Company's subsidiaries and equity accounted investees are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the functional currency) as follows:

Platinum Group Metals Ltd. Lion Battery Technologies Inc. Platinum Group Metals (RSA) (Pty) Ltd. Mnombo Wethu Consultants (Pty) Limited Waterberg JV Resources (Pty) Ltd Canadian Dollars United States Dollars South African Rand South African Rand South African Rand

Presentation Currency

The Company's presentation currency is the United States Dollar ("USD").

Foreign Exchange Rates Used

The following exchange rates were used when preparing these consolidated financial statements:

<u>Rand/USD</u> Year-end rate: Year average rate:	R17.0760(2021 R14,5241) R15.5782 (2021 R15.0043)
<u>CAD/USD</u> Year-end rate: Year average rate:	C\$1.3111 (2021 C\$1.2617) C\$1.2720 (2021 C\$1.2688)

#### Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the relevant entity's functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary

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assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the income statement.

#### Subsidiaries

The results and financial position of subsidiaries that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate at the reporting date;
- income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the year; and
- all resulting exchange differences are recognized in other comprehensive income as cumulative translation adjustments.

#### c. Joint Arrangements

The Company treats its investment in Lion as a joint venture. A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control have rights to the net assets. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method of accounting.

#### d. Change in ownership interests

The Company treats transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in a loss of control as transactions with equity owners. A change in ownership interest results in an adjustment between the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests to reflect their relative interest in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount of the adjustment to non-controlling interests and any consideration received is recognized in a separate line in retained earnings.

#### e. Mineral Properties and Exploration Assets

Exploration activity involves the search for mineral resources, the determination of technical feasibility and the assessment of commercial viability of an identified resource.

Exploration and evaluation activity includes:

- acquiring the rights to explore;
- researching and analyzing historical exploration data;
- gathering exploration data through topographical, geochemical and geophysical studies;
- exploratory drilling, trenching and sampling;
- determining and examining the volume and grade of the resource;
- surveying transportation and infrastructure requirements; and
- compiling pre-feasibility and feasibility studies.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures on identifiable properties are capitalized. Exploration and evaluation assets are shown separately until technical feasibility and commercial viability is achieved at which point the relevant asset is transferred to development assets under property, plant and equipment. Capitalized costs are all considered to be tangible assets as they form part of the underlying mineral property.

Capitalized exploration and evaluation assets are reviewed for impairment when facts or circumstances suggest an asset's carrying amount may exceed its recoverable amount and when the exploration and evaluation assets are transferred to development assets. If impairment is considered to exist, the related asset is written down to the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell.

#### h. Property, plant and equipment

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Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment includes the purchase price or construction cost, any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended use, an initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located, and for qualifying assets, the associated borrowing costs.

Where an item of property, plant and equipment is comprised of major components with different useful lives, the components are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

Once a mining project has been established as technically feasible and commercially viable, expenditure other than on land, buildings, plant and equipment is capitalised as part of "development assets" together with any related amount transferred from "exploration and evaluation assets". Capitalization of costs incurred ceases when the property is capable of operating at levels intended by management.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be reliably measured. All repairs and maintenance are expensed to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal, retirement or scrapping of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in profit or loss.

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the following periods:

Leasehold Improvements	3-5 years
Computer Equipment and software	3-5 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5-10 years

#### i. Impairment

Tangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable.

The Company conducts internal reviews of asset values which are used to assess for any indications of impairment. External factors such as changes in expected future prices, costs and other market factors including market capitalization are also monitored to assess for indications of impairment.

If any such indication exists an estimate of the recoverable amount is undertaken, being the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. If the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, then an impairment loss is recognized.

Fair value is determined as the amount that would be obtained from the sale of the asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties. Fair value of mineral assets is generally determined as the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the use of the asset, including any expansion prospects.

Value in use is determined as the present value of the estimated future cash flows expected to arise from the continued use of the asset in its present form and from its ultimate disposal.

#### j. Asset retirement obligations

Provisions for asset retirement obligations are made in respect of the estimated future costs of closure and restoration and for environmental rehabilitation costs (which include the dismantling and demolition of infrastructure, removal of residual materials and remediation of disturbed areas) in the accounting period when the related disturbance occurs. The provision is discontinued using a risk-free pre-tax rate, and the unwinding of the discount is included in finance costs. At the time of establishing the provision, a corresponding asset is capitalized and is depreciated over the future life of the asset to which it relates. The provision is adjusted on an annual basis for changes in cost estimates, discount rates and inflation.

## k. Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

## I. Convertible Notes

At inception the debt component of the convertible notes is deemed to be the residual value of the net proceeds after the fair value of the embedded derivatives are separated. The debt component is then measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The embedded derivatives are revalued at each reporting period with the change in fair value being recorded in profit or loss in each reporting period.

## m. Share Capital

Common shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of common shares and share options are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effect.

## n. Share-based payment transactions

## Stock options

Stock options are settled in equity. The fair values for stock-based awards have been estimated using the Black-Scholes model and recorded as compensation cost over the period of vesting. The compensation cost related to stock options granted is expensed or capitalized to mineral properties, as applicable. Cash received on exercise of stock options is credited to share capital and the related amount previously recognized in contributed surplus is reclassified to share capital.

## Restricted share units

Restricted share units ("**RSUs**") represent an entitlement to one common share of the Company, upon vesting. RSUs provide the option of being settled in cash upon election by the Board of Directors. The fair value of RSUs granted is recognized as an expense over the vesting period and is measured at the time of grant.

## Deferred share units

Deferred share units ("**DSUs**") are measured at fair value on grant date based on the market price of the Company's shares on the grant date. DSUs are settled in cash based on the market price of the Company's shares on the entitlement date (which is when the respective director ceases to be a director of the Company). The expense for DSUs is recognized over the vesting period and the DSUs are classified as a liability. DSU liabilities are adjusted at each financial position reporting date for changes in fair value. Fully vested DSUs are revalued based on the market price of the Company's shares on the final day of the respective reporting period with changes in fair value being recognized in share-based compensation expenses.

## o. Income taxes

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

### Current tax

Current tax expense is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from 'profit before tax' as reported in the consolidated statement of loss and other comprehensive loss because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Company's current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

## p. Loss per common share

Basic loss per common share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. The Company uses the treasury stock method for the calculation of diluted earnings per share. Diluted per share amounts reflect the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common shares were exercised or converted to common shares. In periods when a loss is incurred, the effect of the potential issuances of shares is anti-dilutive, and accordingly basic and diluted loss per share are the same.

## q. Financial instruments

#### Classification

The Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: at fair value through profit and loss, at fair value through other comprehensive income (loss), or at amortized cost. The Company determines the classification of financial assets at initial recognition. The classification of debt instruments is driven by the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and the debt's contractual cash flow characteristics. Equity instruments that are held for trading are classified as FVTPL. For other equity instruments, on the day of acquisition the Company can make an irrevocable election (on an instrument-by-instrument basis) to designate them as at FVTOCI. Financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost, unless they are required to be measured at FVTPL (such as instruments held for trading or derivatives) or if the Company has opted to measure them at FVTPL.

#### Measurement

Financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value plus or minus

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transaction costs, respectively, and subsequently carried at amortized cost less any impairment. Financial assets and liabilities carried at FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss. Realized and unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities held at FVTPL are included in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss in the period in which they arise.

#### Derecognition of Financial assets

The Company derecognizes financial assets only when the contractual rights to cash flows from the financial assets expire, or when it transfers the financial assets and substantially all of the associated risks and rewards of ownership to another entity. Gains and losses on derecognition are generally recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss.

### r. Accounting Standards Adopted

### Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

### Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to IAS 1)

The amendments to IAS1 provide a more general approach to the classification of liabilities based on contractual arrangements in place at the reporting date. These amendments are effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and are expected to have no significant impact on future financial statements.

#### Accounting standards issued but not yet effective

### Property, Plant and Equipment – Revenue Prior to Intended Use (Amendment to IAS 16)

The amendments provide guidance on the recognition of the proceeds from the sale of items that a company produces and sells so that an item of property, plant and equipment can be used as intended, as well as the related costs of production. In particular, proceeds from the sale of items that have been produced before the related property, plant and equipment is ready for use should be recognized in net income, together with related production costs. These amendments apply to the Company effective September 1, 2022 and is not expected to have any impact on the financial statements.

#### 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of judgments and estimates that affect the amount reported and disclosed in the consolidated financial statements and related notes. These judgments and estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the relevant facts and circumstances, having regard to previous experience, but actual results may differ materially from the amounts included in the financial statements. Information about such judgments and estimation is contained in the accounting policies and notes to the financial statements, and the key areas are summarized below.

Areas of judgment and key sources of estimation uncertainty that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in these consolidated financial statements are:

- Determination of ore reserves and mineral resource estimates
- Determination of Commercial Viability and Technical Feasibility of the Waterberg Project
- Assumption of control of Mnombo for accounting purposes

Each of these judgments and estimates is considered in their respective notes or in more detail below.

#### Determination of ore reserve and mineral resource estimates

The Company estimates its ore reserves and mineral resources based on information compiled by

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Qualified Persons as defined by National Instrument 43-101 - Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects ("NI 43-101"). The Company relied upon these estimates when assessing impairment upon the transfer of assets from capitalized exploration costs to development costs. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating ore reserves, and assumptions that are valid at the time of estimation and they may change significantly when new information becomes available. Changes in the forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs or recovery rates may change the economic status of reserves and may, ultimately, result in reserves being restated.

#### Assumption of control of Mnombo and Waterberg JV Co. for accounting purposes

The Company has judged that it controls Mnombo for accounting purposes as it owns 49.9% of the outstanding shares of Mnombo and has contributed all material capital to Mnombo since acquiring its 49.9% share. Currently there are no other sources of funding known to be available to Mnombo. If in the future Mnombo is not deemed to be controlled by the Company, the assets and liabilities of Mnombo would be derecognized at their carrying amounts. Amounts recognized in other comprehensive income would be transferred directly to retained earnings. If a retained interest remained after the loss of control it would be recognized at its fair value on the date of loss of control. Although the Company controls Mnombo for accounting purposes, it does not have omnipotent knowledge of Mnombo's other shareholders activities. Mnombo's 50.1% shareholders are historically disadvantaged South Africans. The Company also determined that it controls Waterberg JV Co. given its control over Mnombo as well as its power over the investee.

#### Assessment of impairment indicators for mineral properties and exploration and evaluation assets

The Company applies judgement to assess whether there are impairment indicators present that give rise to the requirement to conduct an impairment test. Events or changes in circumstances that could trigger an impairment test include; (i) significant adverse changes in the business climate including changes in forecasted future metal prices; (ii) significant changes in the extent or manner in which the asset is being used or its physical condition including significant decreases in mineral reserves; and (iii) significant decreases in the market price of the assets.

## 4. MINERAL PROPERTIES AND EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION ASSETS

Since mid-2017, the Company's only active mineral property has been the Waterberg Project located on the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex. During the previous fiscal year, the Waterberg Project was granted its mining right (the "Waterberg Mining Right") and as a result, the Company reclassified the Waterberg Project from being an Exploration and Evaluation Asset to a Development Asset.

Balance, August 31, 2020 \$ 34,939 Additions 3,745 Recoveries from 100% Implats funded implementation budget Foreign currency translation adjustment 5,498 Balance August 31, 2021 \$ 43,953 Additions 2,968 Write-off costs associated with prospecting right closures Foreign currency translation adjustment (6,325) Balance August 31, 2022 40,373

Total capitalized costs for the Waterberg Project are as follows:

(229)

(223)

## Waterberg Project

At August 31, 2022, the Waterberg Project consisted of active prospecting rights, applied for prospecting rights and the Waterberg Mining Right with a combined active project area of 29,227 hectares, located on the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex, approximately 85 km north of the town of Mokopane. Of the total project area, 20,532 hectares are covered by the Waterberg Mining Right. A further 4,207 hectares are covered by active prospecting rights and there are 4,488 hectares under application for incorporation into the Waterberg Mining Right. On March 9, 2022, Waterberg JV Co. passed a resolution to apply for closure on 50,985 gross hectares of prospecting rights, of which 14,209 hectares are held within the granted mining right, leaving a net 36,776 hectares of uneconomic prospecting rights to be closed. Capitalized costs of \$223 associated with the prospecting right closures were written during the year.

On and following March 5, 2021, the Company received several notices of appeal, filed with the DMRE by individual appellants from local communities, against the January 28, 2021 decision of the DMRE granting the Waterberg Mining Right. One group filed an application for an order in the High Court of South Africa to review and set aside the decision by the Minister of the DFFE to refuse condonation for the late filing of the group's appeal against the grant of an EA for the Waterberg Project in November 2020. Senior Counsel and attorneys acting for Waterberg JV Co. filed formal rebuttals to the appeals and applications, raising numerous factual and legal defences. Since filing their review application, the appellants have done nothing to progress their action against the decision of the DFFE.

On July 30, 2021, Waterberg JV Co. received an urgent interdict application to the High Court seeking to restrain the activities of Waterberg JV Co. on certain surface rights over a portion of the project area. The appellants claimed to be interested and affected parties located near planned surface infrastructure on the farm Ketting. Waterberg JV Co. promptly filed an answering affidavit denying urgency and providing arguments why the application was without merit. The appellants did not respond and their application was removed from the urgent court roll. On November 16, 2021 the host Kgatlu community from the farm Ketting filed an application to join as a respondent to the restraint application. In their affidavit the host community documented their support for the Waterberg Mine. Once again, the appellants did not respond to the Kgatlu joinder application within the timeline specified by the rules of court and have likewise failed to file a replying affidavit. In order to force the interdict application to a conclusion, in July 2022 Waterberg JV Co. filed a Notice of Set Down with the High Court in Limpopo and a hearing to rule on the interdict application has been scheduled for May 22, 2023.

On October 13, 2022 the Minister of the DMRE ruled to dismiss all appeals to the grant of the Waterberg Mining Right filed with the DMRE. In his ruling the Minister provided the regulatory reasons why each appeal was denied and also confirmed the DMRE's assessment that Waterberg JV Co. has complied with Black Economic Empowerment requirements and social and labour plan community consultation processes.

The Waterberg Mining Right currently remains active, was notarially executed by the DMR on April 13, 2021 and was registered at the Mineral and Petroleum Titles Registration Office on July 6, 2021.

On September 21, 2017, Waterberg JV Co. issued shares to all existing Waterberg partners pro rata to their joint venture interests, resulting in the Company holding a 45.65% direct interest in Waterberg JV Co., Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security (formerly Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation) ("**JOGMEC**") holding a 28.35% interest and Mnombo, as the Company's Black Economic Empowerment ("**BEE**") partner, holding 26%. Later, in March 2019 and after the Implats Transaction (defined below), in accordance with its mandate established by the government of Japan, JOGMEC completed the sale of a 9.755% interest in the Waterberg JV Co. to Hanwa Co., Ltd ("**Hanwa**").

#### Implats Transaction

On November 6, 2017, the Company and JOGMEC closed a transaction (the "**Implats Transaction**"), whereby Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd. ("**Implats**") purchased an aggregate 15% equity interest in

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Waterberg JV Co for \$30 million. The Company sold an 8.6% interest for \$17.2 million and JOGMEC sold a 6.4% interest for \$12.8 million. As part of the transaction, Implats also acquired an option to increase its holdings in Waterberg JV Co. to 50.01% (the "**Purchase and Development Option**") in exchange for certain payments and project funding, and a right of first refusal to enter into an offtake agreement, on commercial arm's-length terms, for the smelting and refining of mineral products from the Waterberg Project ("**Offtake ROFR**") if Waterberg JV Co. proposes an offtake agreement with a third party. JOGMEC or its nominee retains a right to direct the marketing of Waterberg concentrate and to receive, at market prices, platinum, palladium, rhodium, gold, ruthenium, iridium, copper and nickel in refined mineral products at the volumes produced from the Waterberg Project.

On June 15, 2020, Implats delivered a formal notice of their election not to exercise their Purchase and Development Option due to increased economic uncertainty and reduced risk appetite in the short, medium and long-term as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Implats currently retains a 15.0% participating Waterberg Project interest and the Offtake ROFR. The Company retains a controlling 50.02% direct (37.05%) and indirect (12.97% through its 49.9% shareholding in Mnombo) interest in the Waterberg Project while Mnombo retains a 26.0% direct interest, JOGMEC a 12.195% direct interest and Hanwa a 9.755% direct interest.

#### Acquisition and Development of the Waterberg Project

In October 2009, PTM RSA, JOGMEC and Mnombo entered into a joint venture agreement regarding the Waterberg Project (the "**JOGMEC Agreement**"). Under the terms of the JOGMEC Agreement JOGMEC completed a \$3.2 million work requirement to earn a 37% interest in the Waterberg JV property, leaving the Company with a 37% interest and Mnombo with a 26% interest. Following JOGMEC's earn-in, the Company funded Mnombo's 26% share of costs, totalling \$1.12 million, until the earn-in phase of the joint venture ended in May 2012.

On November 7, 2011, the Company entered an agreement with Mnombo to acquire 49.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of Mnombo in exchange for a cash payment of R1.2 million and the Company's agreement to pay for Mnombo's 26% share of costs on the Waterberg JV property until the completion of a feasibility study. Mnombo's share of expenditures prior to this agreement, and Mnombo's share of expenditures post DFS, are still owed to the Company (\$7.2 million at August 31, 2022). The portion of Mnombo not owned by the Company is accounted for as a non-controlling interest, calculated at \$7.8 million at August 31, 2022 (\$7.4 million – August 31, 2021).

To August 31, 2022, an aggregate total of \$80.9 million has been funded by all parties for exploration and engineering on the Waterberg Project. Until the Waterberg prospecting rights were transferred to Waterberg JV Co., all costs incurred by other parties were treated as cost recoveries by the Company.

#### 5. LION BATTERY TECHNOLOGIES INC.

Lion was incorporated on June 17, 2019, with the objective to research new lithium battery technology utilizing platinum and palladium. The Company received 400,000 common shares of Lion, valued at a price of \$0.01 per share, as the original founder of Lion. On July 12, 2019, the Company and Anglo American Platinum Limited ("**Amplats**") entered investment, shareholder and research agreements to facilitate Lion's objectives. Initially the Company and Amplats agreed to equally invest up to an aggregate of \$4.0 million into Lion and on July 6, 2021 the Company and Amplats agreed to increase the planned funding to Lion by a further \$2.73 million, to a total of up to \$6.73 million, in order to allow the acceleration of certain research and commercialization activities (see below). All agreed funding into Lion by the Company and Amplats is to be exchanged for preferred shares of Lion at a price of \$0.50 per share over an approximate three to five year period. Lion has been funded equally by both Anglo and the Company as follows:

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Date	Gross Funding to Lion
July 2019	\$1,100
June 2020	\$700
February 2021	\$700
February 2022	\$500

The Company accounts for Lion using equity accounting as Lion is jointly controlled with Amplats. Lion pays a fee of \$3 per month to the Company for general and administrative services.

#### Research Program - Florida International University

On July 12, 2019, Lion entered into a Sponsored Research Agreement (**"SRA**") with Florida International University (**"FIU**") to fund a \$3.0 million research program over approximately three years. On July 6, 2021 Lion agreed to increase the planned amount of research funding to FIU by a further amount of \$1.0 million, for a total of up to \$4.0 million. The first tranche to FIU under the SRA, totaling \$1.0 million plus a one-time fee of \$50, was funded by Lion in mid July 2019. Research work commenced at FIU during September 2019. During calendar 2020 FIU completed the first research milestone pursuant to the SRA, which triggered a second tranche of funding to FIU in the amount of \$667. Based on research advancement, a third tranche in the amount of \$667 was paid by Lion to FIU in February 2021. In February 2022 a fourth tranche of \$500 was paid by Lion to FIU. Lion has provided aggregate research funding in the amount of \$2.9 million to FIU as of August 31, 2022.

On August 4, 2020, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued Patent No. 10,734,636 B2 entitled "Battery Cathodes for Improved Stability" to FIU. The patent includes the use of platinum group metals and carbon nanotubes and other innovations in a lithium battery. A second patent related to this technology was issued in December 2020 and a third was issued in June 2021. On October 4, 2022 a fourth patent No. 11,462,743 B2 was issued under the title "Battery comprising a metal interlayer" to FIU. This fourth patent involves the use of palladium as interlayer in batteries to stabilize and enable lithium metal anodes in various existing and emerging lithium battery technologies. Further patents are currently applied for. Under the SRA, Lion has exclusive rights to all intellectual property being developed by FIU including patents granted. Lion is also reviewing several additional and complementary opportunities focused on developing next-generation battery technology using platinum and palladium.

## 6. SPROTT LOAN

On August 15, 2019, the Company announced it had entered a senior secured credit facility with Sprott Private Resource Lending II (Collector), LP ("**Sprott**") and other lenders party thereto (the "**Sprott Lenders**") pursuant to which the Sprott Lenders advanced the Company \$20.0 million in principal (the "**Sprott Facility**"). The loan was immediately drawn and was originally scheduled to mature on August 14, 2021. Principal amounts of the Sprott Facility outstanding were charged interest at a rate of 11% per annum, compounded monthly. In August 2021 the Company elected to exercise an option to extend the maturity date of \$10.0 million in principal by one year. At August 31, 2021, the nominal principal balance outstanding was \$9.4 million which was fully repaid during the third fiscal quarter of 2022, bringing the nominal principal balance due as of August 31, 2022 to \$Nil. The Company's pledge of its South African assets as security against the Sprott Facility has been fully released.

Scheduled interest payments were made monthly with total interest of \$293 paid to Sprott during the year ended August 31, 2022 (August 31, 2021 - \$1,590). Effective interest of \$378 was recognized during the year ended August 31, 2022 (August 31, 2021 - \$2,120). Upon early repayment of the debt, a loss of \$279 was recognized during the year ended August 31, 2022 (August 31, 2021 - \$189).

## 7. CONVERTIBLE NOTES

On June 30, 2017, the Company closed a private placement of \$20 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior subordinated notes due in 2022 (the "**Convertible Notes**"). The Convertible Notes

bore interest at a rate of 6 7/8% per annum, payable semi-annually in cash or at the election of the Company, in common shares of the Company or a combination of cash and common shares.

On January 20, 2022, the Company announced the purchase and cancellation, on a private placement basis, of the \$19.99 million of Convertible Notes then outstanding. The principal outstanding balance of these Convertible Notes was repaid through the issuance of 11,793,509 common shares, at a price of US\$1.695 per share. The Company purchased \$11.99 million of the Convertible Notes from an affiliate of Kopernik Global Investors, LLC on February 4, 2022 and \$8 million of the Convertible Notes from affiliates of Franklin Templeton Investments on February 10, 2022.

The Convertible Notes contained multiple embedded derivatives (the "**Convertible Note Derivatives**") relating to the conversion and redemption options. The Convertible Note Derivatives were valued upon initial recognition at fair value using partial differential equation methods at \$5.38 million (see below). At inception, the debt portion of the Convertible Notes were reduced by the estimated fair value of the Convertible Note Derivatives of \$5.38 million and transaction costs relating to the Convertible Notes of \$1.05 million resulting in an opening balance of \$13.57 million. The Convertible Notes were measured at amortized cost and were to be accreted to maturity over the term using the effective interest method. As the Convertible Notes were repaid before maturity a gain on the repayment of \$144 was recognized.

On January 2, 2021, the Company paid \$0.687 million in cash for bi-annual interest payable on the outstanding Convertible Notes.

On July 2, 2021, the Company paid \$0.687 million in cash for bi-annual interest payable on the outstanding Convertible Notes.

On January 2, 2022, the Company paid \$0.687 million in cash for bi-annual interest payable on the outstanding Convertible Notes.

In February 2022, the Company paid \$0.139 million in cash for remaining interest payable on the outstanding Convertible Notes.

The components of the Convertible Notes were as follows:

Convertible Note balance August 31, 2020	\$ 17,212
Interest payment	(1,374)
Accretion and interest incurred during the year	2,930
Gain on embedded derivatives during the year ended August 31, 2021	(52)
Convertible Note balance August 31, 2021	\$ 18,716
Accretion and interest incurred during the year	1,275
Interest paid during the year	(826)
Legal fees relating to the Convertible Notes incurred during year	(68)
Principal repaid in shares (\$19.99 million principal)	(18,941)
Gain on embedded derivatives during the year ended August 31, 2022	(12)
Gain on repayment of the Convertible Notes	(144)
Convertible Note balance August 31, 2022	\$ -

## 8. SHARE CAPITAL

## (a) Authorized

Unlimited common shares without par value.

## (b) Issued and outstanding

At August 31, 2022, the Company had 98,952,372 common shares outstanding.

#### Fiscal 2022

On July 27, 2022, the Company entered into an equity distribution agreement with BMO Nesbit Burns Inc. as Canadian Agent, and BMO as U.S. Agent, for a new at-the-market equity program (the "**2022 ATM**") to distribute up to \$50,000 of common shares. No common shares were sold pursuant to the 2022 ATM prior to August 31, 2022.

During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company sold an aggregate of 7,923,842 shares pursuant to an at-the-market offering governed by the terms of a February 2021 equity distribution agreement with BMO Capital Markets (the "**2021 ATM**"). The Company sold these shares at an average price of US\$2.48 for gross proceeds of \$19,656. No sales were made pursuant to the 2021 ATM in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2022.

On February 11, 2022, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement with Deepkloof Limited ("**Deepkloof**"), a subsidiary of existing major shareholder Hosken Consolidated Investments Limited ("**HCI**") for 3,539,823 common shares at a price of US\$1.695 each for gross proceeds of \$6,000 maintaining HCI's ownership in the Company at approximately 26% at that time.

On February 4 and 10, 2022, the Company issued 7,073,746 and 4,719,763 shares respectively at a price of US\$1.695 each in connection with the repayment of the Convertible Notes (See Note 7 for further details).

#### Fiscal 2021

As of August 31, 2021, the Company had sold an aggregate of 2,502,790 shares pursuant to the 2021 ATM at an average price of US\$4.38 per share for gross proceeds of \$10,951. Total fees and expenses of \$701 were incurred during the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021 in relation to the 2021 ATM.

On December 8, 2020, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement with HCl for 1,121,076 common shares at a price of US\$2.23 each for gross proceeds of \$2,500 maintaining HCl's ownership in the Company at approximately 31% at that time.

On November 30, 2020, the Company completed the sale of common shares pursuant to an at-the-market offering executed pursuant to an equity distribution agreement with BMO (the "**2020 ATM**"). Final sales were settled, and the 2020 ATM was completed, on December 2, 2020. An aggregate of 5,440,186 common shares were sold at an average price of US\$2.21 per share for gross proceeds of \$11,998. Total fees and expenses of \$592 were incurred.

On October 15, 2020, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement for 1,146,790 common shares at a price of US\$2.18 per share for gross proceeds of \$2,500. All shares were subscribed for by Deepkloof, maintaining HCI's ownership in the Company at approximately 31% at that time.

#### (c) Incentive stock options

The Company has entered into Incentive share purchase option agreements under the terms of its share compensation plan with directors, officers, consultants and employees. Under the terms of the share purchase option agreements, the exercise price of each option is set, at a minimum, at the fair value of the common shares at the date of grant. Options of the Company are subject to vesting provisions. All exercise prices are denominated in Canadian Dollars.

The following tables summarize the Company's outstanding share purchase options:

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	Number of Share Options	Average Exercise Price in CAD
Options outstanding at August 31, 2020	3,182,500	\$ 2.20
Granted	1,596,500	\$ 6.41
Forfeited	(126,936)	\$ 2.27
Exercised	(843,543)	\$ 2.21
Options outstanding at August 31, 2021	3,808,521	\$ 3.96
Granted	1,273,000	\$ 2.36
Expired	(1,256,517)	\$ 4.08
Exercised	(158,333)	\$ 1.86
Options outstanding at August 31, 2022	3,666,671	\$ 3.45

Number Outstanding at August 31, 2022	Number Exercisable at August 31, 2022	e Price in AD	Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)
967,167	332,500	\$ 6.58	3.30
99,000	66,000	\$ 3.90	3.94
42,000	-	\$ 3.40	4.06
666,836	666,836	\$ 2.61	1.61
21,000	-	\$ 2.52	4.50
1,165,000	-	\$ 2.32	4.29
705,668	372,001	\$ 1.81	2.26
3,666,671	1,437,337		3.14

During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company granted 1,273,000 stock options, which will vest in three tranches on the first, second and third anniversary of their respective grants.

During the year ended August 31, 2021, the Company granted 1,596,500 stock options. The stock options granted during the year vest in three tranches on the first, second and third anniversary of their grant.

During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company recorded \$2,278 of stock compensation expense (August 31, 2021 - \$2,230), of which \$2,103 was expensed (August 31, 2021 - \$1,987) and \$175 was capitalized to mineral properties (August 31, 2021 - \$243).

The Company used the Black-Scholes model to determine the grant date fair value of stock options granted. The following assumptions were used in valuing stock options granted during the years ended August 31, 2022 and August 31, 2021:

Year ended	August 31, 2022	August 31, 2021
Risk-free interest rate	1.18%	0.41%
Expected life of options	3.5 years	3.9 years
Annualized volatility <sup>1</sup>	87%	88%
Forfeiture rate	2.0%	2.0%
Dividend rate	0.0%	0.0%

<sup>1</sup>The Company uses its historical volatility as the basis for the expected volatility assumption in the Black Scholes option pricing model.

## (d) Deferred Share Units

The Company has established a DSU plan for non-executive directors. Each DSU has the same value as one Company common share. DSUs must be retained until the director leaves the Board of Directors, at which time the DSUs are redeemed.

During the year ended August 31, 2022, a recovery of \$322 was recorded in relation to outstanding DSUs

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(August 31, 2021 - \$742 expense), with a net recovery of \$483 recorded as share-based compensation (August 31, 2021 - \$591 expense) and \$161 recorded as director fees (August 31, 2021 - \$151). During the year ended August 31, 2022 DSUs were revalued, and a \$475 recovery was recorded to reflect their decreased value due to the Company's share price depreciation. At August 31, 2022, a total of 596,327 DSUs were issued and outstanding, of which 516,329 DSUs had vested.

## (e) Restricted Share Units

The Company has established a restricted share unit ("**RSU**") plan for officers and certain employees of the Company. Each RSU represents the right to receive one Company common share following the attainment of vesting criteria determined at the time of the award. RSUs vest over a three-year period.

During the year ended August 31, 2022, a stock compensation expense of \$611 was recorded (August 31, 2021 - \$675) of which \$544 expensed (August 31, 2021 - \$598) and \$67 was capitalized (August 31, 2021 - \$77). During the year, 265,739 RSUs were settled. At August 31, 2022, 369,578 RSUs were issued and outstanding, with Nil being vested.

Company	Proportion of ownership and voting rights held by non-controlling interests		Loss allocated to non-controlling interests		Accum non-con intere	trolling
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Mnombo Wethu Consultants (Pty) Limited	50.1%	50.1%	-	-	7,828	7,445
Waterberg JV Co <sup>1</sup>	63.05%	63.05%	-	-	11,226	10,140
				Total	\$19,054	\$ 17,585

### 9. NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST

<sup>1</sup>Includes the 26% owned by Mnombo

## 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All amounts receivable and amounts payable owing to or from related parties are non-interest bearing with no specific terms of repayment. Transactions with related parties are in the normal course of business and are recorded at consideration established and agreed to by the parties. Transactions with related parties are as follows:

- (a) During the year ended August 31, 2022, \$314 (August 31, 2021 \$858) was paid or accrued to independent directors for directors' fees and services.
- (b) During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company paid or accrued payments of \$57 (August 31, 2021 \$57) from West Vault Mining Inc., for accounting and administrative services. The Company and West Vault Mining have one officer in common.
- (c) In May 2018, Deepkloof made a strategic investment in the Company by way of participation in a public offering and a private placement. Through the terms of the May 2018 private placement, HCI acquired a right to nominate one person to the board of directors of the Company and a right to participate in future equity financings of the Company to maintain its pro-rata interest. HCI has exercised its right to nominate one person to the board of directors. A summary of HCI's share acquisitions form the Company follows:

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Date	Placee	Shares	Price USD	Acquisition Method
May 2018	Deepkloof	2,490,900	\$1.50	Prospectus Offering
May 2018	Deepkloof	1,509,099	\$1.50	Private Placement
February 2019	Deepkloof	2,141,942	\$1.33	Private Placement
April 2019	Deepkloof	177,000	\$1.70	Exercise of Warrants
June 2019	Deepkloof	80,000	\$1.70	Exercise of Warrants
June 2019	Deepkloof	1,111,111	\$1.17	Private Placement
August 2019	Deepkloof	6,940,000	\$1.32	Private Placement
August 2019	Deepkloof	2,856,000	\$1.25	Prospectus Offering
December 2019	Deepkloof	1,612,931	\$1.24	Private Placement
June 2020	Deepkloof	500,000	\$1.40	Private Placement
October 2020	Deepkloof	1,146,790	\$2.18	Private Placement
December 2020	Deepkloof	1,121,076	\$2.23	Private Placement
February 2021	Deepkloof	3,539,823	\$1.695	Private Placement
		25,226,672		

#### Common Shares Acquired from the Company by HCI

During 2018 and 2019, HCI also acquired 663,005 shares of the Company in the public market. During fiscal 2021 HCI reported the sale of 1,052,328 common shares of the Company. At August 31, 2022, HCI's ownership of the Company was reported at 24,837,349 common shares, representing a 25.1% interest in the Company.

(d) During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company purchased and cancelled, on a private placement basis, the outstanding principal balance of \$8 million of the Convertible Notes from affiliates of Franklin Templeton Investments.

#### Key Management Compensation

The remuneration the CEO, CFO and other key management personnel and the directors during the years ended August 31, 2022 to 2020 is as follows:

Year ended	Augus	st 31, 2022	Augus	t 31, 2021	Augus	t 31, 2020
Salaries	\$	899	\$	1,236	\$	916
Severance <sup>1</sup>		-		828		-
Directors' fees		289		241		261
Share-based payments – management		1,882		2,556		907
Share-based payments - directors		(465)		617		52
Total	\$	2,605	\$	5,478	\$	2,136

<sup>1</sup>During fiscal 2021, the Company's former President and CEO resigned from the Company.

#### **11. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS**

The Company's remaining minimum payments under its office and equipment lease agreements in Canada and South Africa total approximately \$154 to February 2024.

From year end the Company's aggregate commitments are as follows:

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Payments Due by Year										
	< 1	Year	1 –	3 Years	4 – 5	5 Years	> 5`	Years	Т	otal
Lease Obligations	\$	111	\$	44	\$	-	\$	-	\$	155
Environmental Bonds		47		95		71		-		213
Totals	\$	158	\$	139	\$	71	\$	-	\$	368

#### Africa Wide Legal Action - Dismissed

On November 23, 2017, definitive agreements were concluded to dispose of 100% of the share interests in Maseve Investments 11 (Pty) Ltd. ("**Maseve**") to Royal Bafokeng Platinum Limited ("**RBPlat**") in a transaction valued at approximately US \$74.0 million (the "**Maseve Sale Transaction**"). Maseve owned and operated the Maseve Mine. The Maseve Sale Transaction occurred as a scheme of arrangement (the "**Scheme**") by way of two interdependent stages in accordance with section 115 of the South Africa Companies Act (the "**Companies Act**"). Under the Scheme, Africa Wide was required to simultaneously dispose of its 17.1% interest together with the Company's 82.9% interest in Maseve. Stage one, being the sale of certain of Maseve's assets for approximately US \$58 million in cash, was completed on April 5, 2018. Stage two, being the sale of 100% of Maseve's issued shares to RBPlat in exchange for RBPlat common shares, was completed on April 26, 2018.

In September 2018, the Company received a summons whereby by Africa Wide Mineral Prospecting and Exploration Proprietary Limited ("**Africa Wide**") instituted legal proceedings in South Africa against PTM RSA, RBPlat and Maseve seeking to set aside the Maseve Sale Transaction. Various statements and discovery documents were filed during calendar 2021 and a trial to hear evidence occurred in the High Court of South Africa October 4 to October 8, 2021. Final legal arguments were heard by the High Court on March 1 and 2, 2022.

On June 14, 2022, the High Court of South Africa delivered judgement dismissing the challenge brought by Africa Wide and ordered Africa Wide to make payment of the defendants' costs, (such awards have not been accrued due to uncertainty of amount). In its ruling, the High Court found that Africa Wide had firstly failed to make its case on the evidence and secondly that, having failed to challenge the Scheme under the provisions and time limits of the Companies Act, Africa Wide's case was statutorily barred.

On July 1, 2022 Africa Wide filed an application for leave to appeal the judgment of the High Court, which was then denied by the High Court on August 1, 2022, with costs once again awarded to the defendants.

On August 31, 2022 Africa Wide filed a petition to the South African Supreme Court of Appeal for further leave to appeal the June 14, 2022 High Court ruling dismissing their case seeking to reverse the Maseve Sale Transaction. The Company and RBPlat subsequently filed answering affidavits opposing Africa Wide's petition.

On November 10, 2022 the South Africa Supreme Court of Appeal dismissed Africa Wide's application with costs on the grounds that there was no reasonable prospect of success in an appeal and there was no other compelling reason why an appeal should be heard.

#### 12. SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Net change in non-cash working capital:

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Year ended	August 31, 2022	August 31, 2021	August 1, 2020
Amounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other assets	\$ (173) \$	30	\$ 234
Payment of bank advisory fees	-	(2,890)	-
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(66)	(102)	(973)
	\$ (239) \$	(2,962)	\$ (739)

During the year, the Company issued 11,793,509 common shares in connection with the repayment of the \$19.99 million principal outstanding balance of the Convertible Notes. Other than interest owed, no cash was exchanged between the Company and the noteholders.

### **13. SEGMENTED REPORTING**

Segmented information is provided on the basis of geographical segments as the Company manages its business through two geographical regions – Canada and South Africa. The Chief Operating Decision Makers ("**CODM**") reviews information from the below segments separately so the below segments are separated.

The Company evaluates performance of its operating and reportable segments as noted in the following table:

At August 31, 2022	Assets	Liabilities
Canada	\$ 12,037	\$ 1,777
South Africa	41,642	347
	\$ 53,679	\$ 2,124
At August 31, 2021	Assets	Liabilities
Canada	\$ 7,038	\$ 29,625
South Africa	44,161	2,101
	\$ 51,199	\$ 31,726
Comprehensive Loss (Income) for the year ended	August 31, 2022	August 31, 2021
Canada South Africa	\$ 13,894 1,278	\$ 15,202 (7,037)
	\$ 15,172	\$ 8,165

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## 14. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	P	Year Ending August 31, 2022	Year Ending August 31, 2021
Salaries and benefits	\$	1,594	\$ 1,794
Severance <sup>1</sup>		-	828
Legal		754	505
Technical consulting fees		364	405
Accounting		317	331
Insurance		368	311
Regulatory fees		276	252
Shareholder relations		108	235
Depreciation		91	122
Travel		196	96
Other		273	242
Total	\$	4,341	\$ 5,121

<sup>1</sup>During the previous year, the Company's former President and CEO resigned from the Company.

## **15. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company's objectives in managing its liquidity and capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and provide financial capacity to meet its strategic objectives. The capital structure of the Company consists of share capital, contributed surplus, accumulated other comprehensive loss and accumulated deficit.

The Company manages the capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue new shares, issue new debt, acquire or dispose of assets.

In order to facilitate the management of its capital requirements, the Company regularly updates the Board of Directors with regard to budgets, forecasts, results of capital deployment and general industry conditions. The Company does not currently declare or pay out dividends.

#### **16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Company examines the various financial risks to which it is exposed and assesses the impact and likelihood of occurrence. These risks may include credit risk, liquidity risk, currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risks.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the risk that the financial asset counterparty, may default or not meet its obligations timeously. The Company minimizes credit risk by monitoring the reliability of counterparties to settle assets. The maximum exposure to the credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of all the financial assets. There is no material concentration of credit risk in cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and loans.

(i) Cash

In order to manage credit and liquidity risk the Company holds cash only with Canadian chartered and South African banks.

#### (ii) Performance Bonds

In order to explore and develop its properties in South Africa, the Company was required to post performance

bonds as financial guarantees against future reclamation work. These funds are held with Standard Bank of South Africa Limited with the DMR as beneficiary in accordance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (the "**MPRDA**") and the Company's environmental management programme.

### (b) Liquidity risk

The Company has in place a planning and budgeting process to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements and its exploration and development plans. The Company regularly updates the Board of Directors with regard to budgets, forecasts, results of capital deployment and general industry conditions.

The Company may be required to source additional financing by way of private or public offerings of equity or debt or the sale of project or property interests in order to have sufficient cash to make debt repayments and working capital for continued exploration on the Waterberg Projects, as well as for general working capital purposes.

Any failure by the Company to obtain additional required financing on acceptable terms could cause the Company to delay development of its material projects or could result in the Company being forced to sell some of its assets on an untimely or unfavourable basis. Any such delay or sale could have a material and adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations and liquidity.

## (c) Currency risk

The Company's functional currency is the Canadian dollar, while the consolidated presentation currency is the United States Dollar. The functional currency of all South African subsidiaries is the Rand, while the functional currency of Lion is the US Dollar. The Company's operations are in both Canada and South Africa; therefore, the Company's results are impacted by fluctuations in the value of foreign currencies in relation to the Rand and Canadian and United States dollars. The Company's significant foreign currency exposures on financial instruments comprise cash, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Company has not entered into any agreements or purchased any instruments to hedge possible currency risks at this time.

The Company is exposed to foreign exchange risk through the following financial instruments denominated in a currency other than Canadian dollars:

Year ended	August 31 2022	,	August 31, 2021
Cash (Rand)	\$ 1,527	\$	192
Cash (USD)	10,689		5,729
Accounts receivable (Rand)	250		439
Accounts payable (Rand)	347		1,686
Loan Payable (USD)	-		9,089
Convertible Note (USD)	-		18,716

The Company's comprehensive loss is affected by changes in the exchange rate between its operating currencies and the United States dollar. At August 31, 2022, based on this exposure a 10% strengthening/weakening in the United States dollar versus Rand foreign exchange rate and Canadian dollar would give rise to a decrease/increase in comprehensive loss for the year presented of approximately \$4.6 million, (August 31, 2021 - \$3.6 million).

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#### (d) Interest rate risk

The Company's interest income earned on cash and on short term investments is exposed to interest rate risk. At August 31, 2022, based on this exposure a 1% change in the average interest rate would give rise to an increase/decrease in the net loss for the year of approximately \$70.

At August 31, 2022, the carrying amounts of cash, amounts receivable, performance bonds and accounts payable and accrued liabilities are considered to be reasonable approximations of their fair values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

### **17. INCOME TAXES**

The income taxes shown in the consolidated earnings differ from the amounts obtained by applying statutory rates to the earnings before provision for income taxes due to the following:

	2022	2021	2020
Loss before income taxes	\$ 8,250 \$	13,008	\$ 7,056
Income tax recovery at statutory rates	(2,227)	(3,512)	(1,905)
Difference of foreign tax rates	(13)	19	(1,000)
Non-deductible expenses and non-taxable portion of capital gains	983	1.061	(216)
Changes in unrecognized deferred tax assets and other	1,250	2,487	2,201
Income tax expense (recovery)	(7)	55	72
Income tax (recovery) expense consists of:			
Current income taxes	\$ - \$	-	\$ -
Deferred income taxes	(7)	55	72
	\$ (7) \$	55	\$ 72

	2022	2021	2020
Deferred tax liability at the beginning of the year	\$ - \$	- \$	-
Tax recovery (expense) relating to the loss from continuing operations	7	(55)	(72)
Tax recovery relating to components of other comprehensive loss	(7)	55	72
Tax recovery recorded in deficit	-	-	-
Deferred tax liability at the end of the year	\$ - \$	- \$	-

The significant components of the Company's net deferred income tax liabilities are as follows:

	2022	2021	2020
Convertible notes	\$ - \$	(389) \$	(661)
Loans payable	-	(180)	(247)
Mineral properties	(2,241,430)	(2,597)	(2,221)
Loss carry-forwards	2,241,430	3,166	3,129
	\$ - \$	- \$	-

Unrecognized deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits are attributed to the following:

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	2022	2021	2020
<u>Tax Losses:</u>			
Operating loss carry-forwards – Canada	\$ 159,298 \$	158,619	\$ 137,037
Operating loss carry-forwards – South Africa	103,917	35,958	100,415
Net capital loss carry-forwards	-	-	-
	\$ 263,215 \$	194,577	\$ 237,452
Temporary Differences:			
Mineral properties	\$ 7,632 \$	7,931	\$ 7,672
Financing Costs	2,993	3,611	7,539
Property, plant and equipment	697	728	697
Other	866	800	603
	\$ 12,188 \$	13,070	\$ 16,511

The Company's Canadian operating loss carry-forwards expire between 2026 and 2042. The Company's South African operating loss carry-forwards do not expire. The Company's Canadian unused investment tax credit carry-forwards expire between 2029 and 2035. The Company's Canadian net capital loss carry-forwards do not expire.



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## Platinum Group Metals Ltd.

(A Development Stage Company)

## Supplementary Information and Management's Discussion and Analysis

For the year ended August 31, 2022

This Management's Discussion and Analysis is prepared as of November 23, 2022

A copy of this report will be provided to any shareholder who requests it.

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This management's discussion and analysis ("**MD&A**") of Platinum Group Metals Ltd. ("**Platinum Group**", the "**Company**" or "**PTM**") is dated as of November 23, 2022, and focuses on the Company's financial condition, cash flows and results of operations as at and for the year ended August 31, 2022. This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2022, together with the notes thereto (the "**Financial Statements**").

The Company prepares its Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. All dollar figures included therein and in the following MD&A are quoted in United States Dollars unless otherwise noted. All references to "U.S. Dollars", "\$" or to "US\$" are to United States Dollars. All references to "C\$" are to Canadian Dollars. All references to "R" or to "Rand" are to South African Rand. The Company uses the U.S. Dollar as its presentation currency.

## PRELIMINARY NOTES

#### Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This MD&A and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and "forward-looking information" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation (collectively, "**Forward-Looking Statements**"). All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that the Company believes, expects or anticipates will, may, could or might occur in the future are Forward-Looking Statements. The words "expect", "anticipate", "estimate", "may", "could", "might", "will", "would", "should", "intend", "believe", "target", "budget", "plan", "strategy", "goals", "objectives", "projection" or the negative of any of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify Forward-Looking Statements, although these words may not be present in all Forward-Looking Statements. Forward-Looking Statements included or incorporated by reference in this MD&A may include, without limitation, statements related to:

- the timely completion of additional required financings and potential terms thereof;
- the completion of appropriate contractual smelting and/or refining arrangements with Impala Platinum Holdings Ltd. ("**Implats**") or another third-party smelter/refiner;
- the projections set forth or incorporated into, or derived from, the DFS Technical Report (as defined below), including, without limitation, estimates of mineral resources and mineral reserves, and projections relating to future prices of metals, commodities and supplies, currency rates, capital and operating expenses, production rate, grade, recovery and return, and other technical, operational and financial forecasts;
- the approval of a water use licence and environmental permits for, and other developments related to, a deposit area discovered by the Company on the Waterberg property (the "Waterberg Project") located on the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex in South Africa, approximately 85 km north of the town of Mokopane;
- the Company's expectations with respect to the outcome of a review application in the High Court to set aside a decision by the Minister of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment ("DFFE") to refuse condonation for the late filing of the appeal by individuals from a community group against the grant of an Environmental Authorization ("EA") for the Waterberg Project;
- the Company's expectations with respect to the outcome of an interdict application seeking to restrain the activities of Waterberg JV Resources Proprietary Limited ("Waterberg JV Co.") on certain surface rights over a portion of the Waterberg Project;
- the negotiation and execution of long term access agreements, on reasonable terms, with communities recognized as titled landowners of three farms where surface and underground mine infrastructure is planned, and rezoning for mining use;
- the development of performance indicators to measure and monitor key environmental, social sustainability and governance activities at the Waterberg Project;
- the impacts of COVID-19 on our operations
- risks related to geopolitical events and other uncertainties, such as Russia's invasion of Ukraine;

- the adequacy of capital, financing needs and the availability of and potential for obtaining further capital;
- revenue, cash flow and cost estimates and assumptions;
- future events or future performance;
- development of next generation battery technology by the Company's battery technology joint venture (described below);
- governmental and securities exchange laws, rules, regulations, orders, consents, decrees, provisions, charters, frameworks, schemes and regimes, including interpretations of and compliance with the same;
- developments in South African politics and laws relating to the mining industry;
- anticipated exploration, development, construction, production, permitting and other activities on the Company's properties;
- project economics;
- future metal prices and currency exchange rates;
- the identification of several large-scale water basins that could provide mine process and potable water for the Waterberg Project and local communities;
- the Company's expectations with respect to the outcomes of litigation;
- mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates; and
- potential changes in the ownership structures of the Company's projects.

Forward-Looking Statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual events or results to differ materially from those discussed in the Forward-Looking Statements, and even if events or results discussed in the Forward-Looking Statements are realized or substantially realized, there can be no assurance that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, the Company. Factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from current expectations include, among other things:

- the Company's additional financing requirements;
- the effect of future debt financing on the Company and its financial condition;
- the Company's history of losses and expectations that will continue to incur losses until the Company's Waterberg Project reaches commercial production on a profitable basis, which may never occur;
- the Company's negative cash flow;
- uncertainty of estimated mineral reserve and mineral resource estimates, production, development plans and cost estimates for the Waterberg Project;
- the Company's ability to bring properties into a state of commercial production;
- the potential impact of COVID-19 on the Company;
- the potential impact of international conflict and geopolitical tensions and events on the Company;
- discrepancies between actual and estimated mineral reserves and mineral resources, between actual and estimated development and operating costs, between actual and estimated metallurgical recoveries and between estimated and actual production;
- fluctuations in the relative values of the U.S. Dollar, the Rand and the Canadian Dollar;
- volatility in metals prices;
- the possibility that the Company may become subject to the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended;
- Implats or another third-party may not enter into appropriate contractual smelting and/or refining arrangements with Waterberg JV Co.;
- the ability of the Company to acquire the necessary surface access rights on commercially acceptable terms or at all;

- the failure of the Company or the other shareholders of Waterberg JV Co. to fund their pro rata share of funding obligations for the Waterberg Project;
- any disputes or disagreements with the Company's other shareholders of Waterberg JV Co. or Mnombo Wethu Consultants Proprietary Limited ("Mnombo"), a South African Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment ("BEE") company;
- the outcome of a review application to the High Court to set aside a decision by the DFFE to refuse condonation for the late filing of a community group's appeal against the grant of an EA for the Waterberg Project;
- the outcome of an interdict application to the High Court seeking to restrain the activities of Waterberg JV Co. on certain surface rights over a portion of the Waterberg Project;
- the Company is subject to assessment by various taxation authorities, who may interpret tax legislation in a manner different from the Company, which may negatively affect the final amount or the timing of the payment or refund of taxes;
- the Company's ability to attract and retain its key management employees;
- contractor performance and delivery of services, changes in contractors or their scope of work or any disputes with contractors;
- conflicts of interest among the Company's officers and directors;
- any designation of the Company as a "passive foreign investment company" for its current and future tax years and potential adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences for U.S. shareholders;
- litigation or other legal or administrative proceedings brought against or relating to the Company, including litigation brought by Africa Wide Mineral Prospecting and Exploration (Pty) Limited ("Africa Wide"), the former 17.1% shareholder of Maseve Investments 11 Proprietary Limited ("Maseve"), a former subsidiary of the Company, and the review application to set aside a decision by the Minister of the DFFE to refuse condonation for the late filing of the appeal by individuals from a community group against the grant of an EA for the Waterberg Project;
- information systems and cyber security risks;
- actual or alleged breaches of governance processes or instances of fraud, bribery or corruption;
- exploration, development and mining risks and the inherently dangerous nature of the mining industry, including environmental hazards, industrial accidents, unusual or unexpected formations, safety stoppages (whether voluntary or regulatory), pressures, mine collapses, cave ins or flooding and the risk of inadequate insurance or inability to obtain insurance to cover these risks and other risks and uncertainties;
- property zoning and mineral title risks including defective title to mineral claims or property;
- changes in national and local government legislation, taxation, controls, regulations and political or economic developments in Canada, South Africa or other countries in which the Company does or may carry out business in the future;
- equipment shortages and the ability of the Company to acquire the necessary infrastructure for its mineral properties;
- environmental regulations and the ability to obtain and maintain necessary permits, including environmental authorizations and water use licences;
- extreme competition in the mineral exploration industry;
- delays in obtaining, or a failure to obtain, permits necessary for current or future operations or failures to comply with the terms of such permits;
- any adverse decision in respect of the Company's mineral rights and projects in South Africa under the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act of 2002 (the "MPRDA");
- risks of doing business in South Africa, including but not limited to, labour, economic and political instability and potential changes to and failures to comply with legislation;

- the failure to maintain or increase equity participation by historically disadvantaged South Africans in the Company's prospecting and mining operations and to otherwise comply with the Amended Broad-Based Socio-Economic Empowerment Charter for the South African Mining Industry, 2018 (the "Mining Charter 2018");
- certain potential adverse Canadian tax consequences for foreign-controlled Canadian companies that acquire common shares of the Company ("Common Shares");
- socio economic instability in South Africa or regionally, including risks of resource nationalism;
- labour disruptions and increased labour costs;
- interruptions, shortages or cuts in the supply of electricity or water;
- characteristics of and changes in the tax and royalties systems in South Africa;
- a change in community relations;
- South African foreign exchange controls impacting repatriation of profits;
- land restitution claims or land expropriation;
- restriction on dividend payments;
- the risk that the Common Shares may be delisted;
- volatility in the price of the Common Shares;
- the exercise or settlement of stock options, restricted share units, or warrants resulting in dilution to the holders of Common Shares;
- future sales of equity securities decreasing the value of the Common Shares, diluting investors' voting power, and reducing our earnings per share;
- enforcing judgements based on the civil liability provisions of United States federal securities laws;
- global financial conditions;
- government imposed shutdowns or expense increases;
- water license risks; and
- other risks disclosed under the heading "Risk Factors" in this MD&A and in the Company's Canadian Annual Information Form for the year ended August 31, 2022 ("2022 AIF") and SEC 2022 annual report on Form 40-F ("2022 40-F").

These factors should be considered carefully, and investors should not place undue reliance on the Company's Forward-Looking Statements. In addition, although the Company has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual actions or results to differ materially from those described in Forward-Looking Statements, there may be other factors that cause actions or results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended.

Any Forward-Looking Statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made and, except as may be required by applicable securities laws, the Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update any Forward-Looking Statement, whether because of new information, future events or results or otherwise.

## Legislation and Mining Charter 2018

The MPRDA, the Mining Charter 2018 and related regulations in South Africa required that Waterberg JV Co.'s BEE shareholders own a 26% equity interest in Waterberg JV Co. to qualify for the grant of a mining right. Within 5 years of the effective date of a mining right, this BEE shareholding must be increased to 30%. The South African Department of Mineral Resources and Energy ("**DMRE**") had obtained an exemption from applying the generic BEE Codes of Good Practice ("**Generic BEE Codes**") under the Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003 until October 31, 2016, then extended until December 31, 2016. No further exemption was obtained thereafter, and, as a matter of law, the Generic BEE Codes now apply to the issuance and maintenance of licenses and other authorizations. As a matter of practice, the DMRE has continued to apply the provisions of Mining Charter 2018 rather than the Generic BEE Codes.

For a comprehensive discussion of Mining Charter 2018 and the Generic BEE Codes, please refer to the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's 2022 AIF and the separate 2022 40-F, which was also filed by the Company, as well as in the documents incorporated by reference therein. The 2022 AIF and the 2022 40-F may be found on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on EDGAR at <u>www.sec.gov</u>.

## **Mineral Reserves and Resources**

The mineral resource and mineral reserve figures referred to in this MD&A and the documents incorporated herein by reference are estimates and no assurances can be given that the indicated levels of platinum, palladium, rhodium and gold (collectively referred to as "**4E**", or "**PGEs**") will be produced. Such estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, mining experience, analysis of drilling results and industry practices. Valid estimates made at a given time may significantly change when new information becomes available. By their nature, mineral resource and mineral reserve estimates are imprecise and depend, to a certain extent, upon statistical inferences which may ultimately prove unreliable. Any inaccuracy or future reduction in such estimates could have a material adverse impact on the Company.

#### Note to U.S. Investors Regarding Reserve and Resource Estimates

Estimates of mineralization and other technical information included or incorporated by reference herein have been prepared in accordance with National Instrument 43-101 – *Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects* ("NI 43-101"), which differs significantly from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**SEC**") under subpart 1300 of Regulation S-K (the "SEC Modernization Rules"). The Company is not currently subject to the SEC Modernization Rules. Accordingly, the Company's disclosure of mineralization and other technical information herein may differ significantly from the information that would be disclosed had the Company prepared the resource estimates under the standards adopted under the SEC Modernization Rules.

#### **Technical and Scientific Information**

The technical and scientific information contained in this MD&A, including, but not limited to, all references to and descriptions of technical reports and studies, has been reviewed by an independent qualified person as defined in NI 43-101, Robert van Egmond, P.Geo., a consultant geologist to the Company and a former employee. Mr. van Egmond is an independent "qualified person" as defined in NI 43-101 (a "**Qualified Person**").

#### **Non-GAAP Measures**

This MD&A may include certain terms or performance measures commonly used in the mining industry that are not defined under IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, which is incorporated in the CPA Canada Handbook. We believe that, in addition to conventional measures prepared in accordance with IFRS, certain investors use this information to evaluate our performance. The data presented is intended to provide additional information and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. Any such non-GAAP measures should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statements.

## 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

#### Overview

Platinum Group Metals Ltd. is a British Columbia, Canada company formed on February 18, 2002, pursuant to an order of the Supreme Court of British Columbia approving an amalgamation between Platinum Group Metals Ltd. and New Millennium Metals Corporation. The Company is a platinum and palladium focused exploration and development company conducting work primarily on mineral properties it has staked or acquired by way of option agreements or applications in the Republic of South Africa.

The Company's business is currently focused on the engineering and development of the Waterberg Project, which hosts a PGE and base metal bearing deposit discovered in 2011 by the Company as a result of a regional exploration initiative targeting a previously unknown extension to the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex in South Africa.

On September 21, 2017, Waterberg JV Co. issued shares to all existing Waterberg partners pro rata to their joint venture interests, resulting in the Company holding a 45.65% direct interest in Waterberg JV Co., Japan Organization for Metals

and Energy Security (formerly Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation) ("**JOGMEC**") holding a 28.35% interest and Mnombo, as the Company's BEE partner, holding 26%. Later, in March 2019, JOGMEC completed the sale of a 9.755% interest in the Waterberg JV Co. to Hanwa Co., Ltd. ("**Hanwa**").

On November 6, 2017, the Company, along with JOGMEC and Mnombo closed a strategic transaction to sell to Implats 15% of the Waterberg JV Co. for \$30 million (the "**Implats Transaction**"). The Company sold Implats an 8.6% interest for \$17.2 million and JOGMEC sold a 6.4% interest for \$12.8 million. Implats also acquired an option to acquire a controlling interest in the Waterberg Project, which was later terminated in June 2020, as well as a right of first refusal to smelt and refine Waterberg Project concentrate (the "**Offtake ROFR**"). JOGMEC, or their nominee, retained a right to receive platinum, palladium, rhodium, gold, ruthenium, iridium, copper and nickel refined mineral products at the volumes produced from the Waterberg Project as well as a right to purchase or direct the sale of all or part of the project concentrate. Hanwa became JOGMEC's "nominee" by way of their purchase of a 9.755% interest in Waterberg JV Co. in March 2019.

On September 24, 2019, the Company published the results of the Definitive Feasibility Study for the Waterberg Project (the "**Waterberg DFS**"). The Waterberg DFS was approved by all Waterberg JV Co. shareholders on December 5, 2019. On October 7, 2019 the Waterberg DFS technical report entitled "Independent Technical Report, Waterberg Project Definitive Feasibility Study and Mineral Resource Update, Bushveld Complex, South Africa" (the "**DFS Technical Report**") was filed on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on EDGAR at <u>www.sec.gov</u>. The DFS Technical Report is dated October 4, 2019, and was prepared by Michael Murphy, P. Eng. of Stantec Consulting Ltd., Charles J Muller, B. Sc. (Hons) Geology, Pri. Sci. Nat. of CJM Consulting (Pty) Ltd., and Gordon I Cunningham, B. Eng. (Chemical), Pr. Eng., FSAIMM of Turnberry Projects (Pty) Ltd. DRA Projects SA (Pty) Ltd., an experienced South African engineering and EPCM firm, provided the plant design and compiled the capital cost estimates for the Waterberg Project Qualified Persons. The DFS Technical Report 4, 2019.

Implats currently retains a 15.0% participating project interest and the Offtake ROFR, whereby they hold a right to match concentrate offtake terms offered to Waterberg JV Co. by a bona fide third-party. The Company retains a controlling 50.02% direct (37.05%) and indirect (12.97% through its 49.9% shareholding in Mnombo) interest in the Waterberg Project and remains the Manager of the Waterberg Project, as directed by the technical committee of Waterberg JV Co. Mnombo retains a 26.0% direct interest in Waterberg JV Co., JOGMEC a 12.195% direct interest and Hanwa a 9.755% direct interest.

The Company and Waterberg JV Co. are assessing commercial alternatives for mine development financing and concentrate offtake. Obtaining reasonable terms for Waterberg concentrate offtake from an existing smelter/refiner in South Africa is considered the preferred option. The Company is in discussion with several South African smelter operators, including Implats, with a view to arranging formal concentrate offtake arrangements for the Waterberg Project. Although discussions continue, to date no formal concentrate offtake terms have been achieved. The Company is also assessing the possibility of constructing a matte furnace and base metal refinery for the processing of Waterberg Project concentrate to produce an upgraded product for sale in the market without the need for treatment by a third-party offtaker. See more details below.

# Lion Battery Technologies Inc.

On July 12, 2019, the Company, together with an affiliate of Anglo American Platinum Limited ("**Amplats**"), launched a venture through a jointly owned company, Lion Battery Technologies Inc. ("**Lion**"), to accelerate the development of next generation battery technology using platinum and palladium. The Company received 400,000 common shares of Lion, valued at a price of \$0.01 per share, as the original founder of Lion. Both the Company and Amplats were to equally invest up to an aggregate of \$4.0 million into Lion, of which approximately \$1.0 million would be for general and administrative expenses and the commercialization of the technology developed, subject to certain conditions. On July 6, 2021, the Company and Amplats agreed to increase the planned funding to Lion by a further \$2.7 million, to a total of up to \$6.7 million, in order to allow the acceleration of certain research and commercialization activities. All agreed funding into Lion by the Company and Amplats is to be in exchange for preferred shares of Lion at a price of \$0.50 per share over an approximate three to five year period.

On July 12, 2019, the Company and Amplats each invested \$550,000 as a first tranche of funding into Lion in exchange for 1,100,000 Lion preferred shares each. In June 2020, the Company and Amplats each invested \$350,000 as a second tranche of funding in exchange for 700,000 Lion preferred shares each. In February 2021, Amplats and the Company each invested \$350,000 as a third tranche of funding in exchange for 700,000 Lion preferred shares each at a price of \$0.50 per share. In February 2022, the Company and Amplats each invested \$250,000 as the fourth tranche of funding. At August

31, 2022, the Company owned a 53.70% interest in Lion. If the Company should fail to contribute its share of a required subscription to Lion, it would be in breach of its agreement with Lion and its interest in Lion may be subject to dilution.

On July 12, 2019, Lion entered into an agreement (the "**Sponsored Research Agreement**") with Florida International University ("**FIU**") to fund a \$3.0 million research program over approximately a three-year period utilizing platinum and palladium to unlock the potential of Lithium Air and Lithium Sulphur battery chemistries to increase their discharge capacities and cyclability. On July 6, 2021 Lion agreed to increase the planned amount of research funding to FIU by a further amount of \$1.0 million, for a total of up to \$4.0 million. Under the Sponsored Research Agreement, Lion will have exclusive rights to all intellectual property developed and will lead all commercialization efforts. The first tranche of funding by Lion to FIU, totaling \$1.0 million plus a one-time fee of \$50,000, was paid by Lion in mid July 2019, with a second tranche of \$666,667 funded in June 2020. A third tranche of funding by Lion to FIU of \$666,667 was completed in February 2021 with the fourth tranche of funding for \$500,000 being funded in February 2022. Lion has provided aggregate research funding in the amount of \$2.88 million to FIU as of August 31, 2022.

On August 4, 2020, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued Patent No. 10,734,636 B2 entitled "Battery Cathodes for Improved Stability" to FIU. The patent includes the use of platinum group metals and carbon nanotubes and other innovations in a lithium battery. A second patent related to this work was issued in December 2020 and a third was issued on June 15, 2021. On October 4, 2022, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued Patent No. 11,462,743 B2 entitled "Battery comprising a metal interlayer" to FIU. The patent involves the use of palladium as interlayer in batteries to stabilize and enable lithium metal anodes in various existing and emerging lithium battery technologies. Further patents are currently applied for. Under the Sponsored Research Agreement, Lion has exclusive rights to all intellectual property being developed by FIU including patents granted. Lion is also reviewing several additional and complementary opportunities focused on developing next-generation battery technology using platinum and palladium.

#### Personnel

On December 8, 2021, the Company appointed Frank Hallam to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer ("**CEO**") following his serving as Interim President and CEO since July 2021. On September 27, 2022, the Company appointed Greg Blair to the position of Chief Financial Officer ("**CFO**") following his serving as Interim CFO since July 2021.

The Company's complement of managers, staff, technical personnel, consultants, security and casual workers currently consists of 8 individuals in South Africa and 5 individuals in Canada. The Waterberg Project is currently operated by the Company utilizing its staff, consultants and personnel. Contract drilling, geotechnical, engineering and support services are utilized as required.

# 2. PROPERTIES

Under IFRS, the Company capitalizes all acquisition, exploration and development costs related to mineral properties. The recoverability of these amounts is dependent upon the existence of economically recoverable mineral reserves, the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary financing to complete the development of the property, and any future profitable production, or alternatively upon the Company's ability to dispose of its interests on an advantageous basis. The Company evaluates the carrying value of its property interests on a regular basis. Management is required to make significant judgements to identify potential impairment indicators. Any properties that management deems to be impaired are written down to their estimated net recoverable amount.

For more information on mineral properties, see below and note 4 of the Financial Statements.

## MATERIAL MINERAL PROPERTY INTERESTS

## Waterberg Project

## **Recent Activities**

During the year ended August 31, 2022, approximately \$3.4 million was spent at the Waterberg Project for geotechnical drilling, erection of fences, ground clearing, infrastructure engineering and surveying. Baseline environmental monitoring studies continue. Work is being carried out to identify and assess local deposits of calcrete and other aggregate materials that may be suitable for road building and infrastructure pad foundations.

At period end, \$40.4 million in accumulated net costs had been capitalized to the Waterberg Project. Total expenditures on the property since inception from all investor sources to August 31, 2022 are approximately \$80.9 million.

On October 20, 2022 the Company announced that Waterberg JV Co. had approved in principle a R380 million (approx. \$21 million) preconstruction work program ("**Work Program**") for the Waterberg Project, focused on early infrastructure, derisking and project optimization. Specific work items include initial road access, water supply, essential site facilities, a first phase accommodation lodge, a site construction power supply from state utility ESKOM Holdings Limited ("**ESKOM**"), and advancement of the Waterberg SLP (defined below). An initial budget for the first R 45 million (approx. \$2.5 million) of the Work Program (the "**Initial Budget**"), to be spent by March 31, 2023, has been unanimously approved by the board of directors of Waterberg JV Co.

An update to the Waterberg DFS (the "**DFS Update**") is also planned under the Work Program and is to include a review of cut-off grades, mining methods, infrastructure plans, scheduling, concentrate offtake, dry stack tailings, costing and other potential revisions to the project's financial model. As a precursor to the DFS Update, an infill drilling program is to be completed targeting near surface, modelled Inferred Mineral Resource blocks that have good potential for conversion to higher confidence levels, thereby allowing them to be added to early mine plans, potentially reducing early capital expenditure and the period to first mining. The infill drill program commenced in early November 2022 and is planned to consist of 16 T Zone NQ boreholes and 16 F Zone NQ boreholes. Mineralized material recovered from the drill program will be assayed and the remaining material will be processed to determine dry-stock tailings characteristics and provide additional concentrate metallurgical data. If dry stack tailings methods are implemented in the DFS Update mine water consumption could be reduced by 40% to 50%.

The Work Program is to be funded pro rata by the joint venture partners. The Initial Budget was coordinated to match fiscal year and budgetary periods for JOGMEC and Hanwa. Subsequent expenditures in accordance with the Work Program are subject to expected approvals for sequential time periods ending on August 31, 2024.

Before a construction decision can be undertaken arrangements will be required for Waterberg Project concentrate offtake or processing. The Company and Waterberg JV Co. are assessing commercial alternatives for mine development financing and concentrate offtake.

As an alternative to a traditional concentrate offtake arrangement, the Company is conducting internal research and formal studies to evaluate the economic feasibility of establishing a smelter and base metal refinery business, jointly with thirdparty investors or partners, capable of processing Waterberg concentrate. The DFS Technical Report stated that "Additional smelting capacity may need to be constructed in the industry to be able to treat the flotation concentrate from Waterberg and the other potential Platreef miners." Conceptually, a Waterberg matte furnace and base metal refinery would be operated as a separate business from the Waterberg Project. Such a facility could provide fair market offtake terms to Waterberg JV Co., and possibly to other PGM miners, allowing for the production of an upgraded product for sale in the market without the need for treatment by a third-party smelter operator.

The Offtake ROFR allows Implats the opportunity to match concentrate offtake terms offered to Waterberg JV Co. by a bona fide third-party. Processing of Waterberg concentrate through a matte furnace owned by Waterberg JV Co. or by one or more of the Waterberg joint venture owners would not be subject to the Offtake ROFR as such an entity would not be a "bona fide third-party". Any transaction between Waterberg JV Co. and any one or more shareholders must be entered into on a bona fide arms-length basis and for fair value. Under the terms of the shareholders agreement governing Waterberg JV Co., Hanwa holds the exclusive right to purchase or direct the sale of all or part of the Waterberg Project concentrate or contained metal therein. Hanwa may therefore direct the processing and marketing of Waterberg Project concentrate or contained metal at market prices.

An internal pre-feasibility study for a Waterberg matte furnace was completed for the Company by industry experts in late calendar 2021. The pre-feasibility study assessed the construction and operation of a 20 MW smelting furnace with two off air-blown converters capable of producing a matte suitable as feed to a standard base metal refinery in South Africa or elsewhere. The Company recently completed a scope of work for a smelter and base metal refinery definitive feasibility study examining plant and infrastructure requirements, downstream beneficiation, optimal location analysis, as well as down stream marketing considerations, permitting and power and water requirements.

## Waterberg DFS

On September 24, 2019, the Company published the results of the Waterberg DFS. Waterberg JV Co. shareholders approved the Waterberg DFS on December 5, 2019. Highlights of the Waterberg DFS include:

- A significant increase in Mineral Reserves from the Waterberg Project's 2016 Pre-Feasibility Study for a large-scale, shallow, decline-accessible, mechanised, PGE mine. Use of backfill in the Waterberg DFS design lowers risk and increases mined ore extraction rates.
- Annual steady state production rate of 420,000 4E ounces. Estimated mine life of 45 years on current reserves. The planned production rate is by careful design in order to reduce capital costs and simplify construction and ramp-up.
- After-tax net present value ("**NPV**") of \$982 million, at an 8% real discount rate, using spot metal prices as at September 4, 2019 (Incl. \$1,546 Pd/oz) ("**Spot Prices**").
- After-tax NPV of US\$333 million, at an 8% real discount rate, using three-year trailing average metal prices up until September 4, 2019 (Incl. \$1,055 Pd/oz) ("Three Year Trailing Prices").
- After-tax internal rate of return of 20.7% at Spot Prices and 13.3% at Three Year Trailing Prices.
- Estimated project capital of approximately \$874 million, including \$87 million in contingencies. Peak project funding estimated at \$617 million.
- On site life of mine average cash cost (inclusive of by-product credits and smelter discounts) for the spot metal price scenario equates to \$640 per 4E ounce.
- Updated measured and indicated mineral resources of 242 million tonnes at 3.38g/t 4E for 26.4 million 4E ounces (using 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off) and the deposit remains open on strike to the north and below an arbitrary depth cut-off of 1,250-meters.
- Proven and probable mineral reserves of 187 million tonnes at 3.24 g/t 4E for 19.5 million 4E ounces (using 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off).

The mineral resources for the Waterberg Project increased slightly based on in-fill drilling done during preparation of the Waterberg DFS. The mineral resources have been estimated based on 441 diamond drill holes and 583 deflections and has been stated at a 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off (the base-case). In the Waterberg DFS, a 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off grade has been applied to the mineral resource model as an input into the mine design. At the 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off grade, the total measured and indicated mineral resources are estimated at 242 million tonnes grading 3.38 g/t 4E for an estimated 26.4 million ounces 4E. Total mineral reserves at a 2.5 g/t 4E grade cut-off are estimated at 187 million tonnes for 19.5 million ounces 4E.

The mineral reserves are a subset of the mineral resource envelope at a 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off, and they include only measured and indicated mineral resources with dilution and stope shapes considered. A minimum mining thickness of 2.4 meters and sublevel planning of 20 meters to 40 meters was considered in the mine plan for mineral reserves.

The mineral resources for the Waterberg Project are categorized and reported in terms of NI 43-101 and are tabulated below.

#### Mineral Resource Estimate at 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off, effective September 4, 2019 on 100% Project basis

T Zone at 2.5 g/t (4E) Cut-off												
Mineral	Cut-off	Townsons	Grade							Metal		
Resource Category	4E	Tonnage	Pt	Pd	Rh	Au	4E	Cu	Ni	4E		
	g/t	Tonnes	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	%	%	Kg	Moz	
Measured	2.5	4,443,483	1.17	2.12	0.05	0.87	4.20	0.150	0.080	18,663	0.600	
Indicated	2.5	17,026,142	1.37	2.34	0.03	0.88	4.61	0.200	0.094	78,491	2.524	
M+I	2.5	21,469,625	1.34	2.29	0.03	0.88	4.53	0.189	0.091	97,154	3.124	

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T Zone at	T Zone at 2.5 g/t (4E) Cut-off													
Mineral	Cut-off	<b>T</b>	Grade		Metal									
Resource	4E	Tonnage	Pt	Pd	Rh	Au	4E	Cu	Ni	4E				
Category	g/t	Tonnes	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	%	%	Kg	Moz			
Inferred	2.5	21,829,698	1.15	1.92	0.03	0.76	3.86	0.198	0.098	84,263	2.709			

F Zone at 2	F Zone at 2.5 g/t (4E) Cut-off													
Mineral	Cut-off	Tonnogo	Grade							Metal				
Cotogory	4E	Tonnage	Pt	Pd	Rh	Au	4E	Cu	Ni	4E				
Category	g/t	Tonnes	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	%	%	Kg	Moz			
Measured	2.5	54,072,600	0.95	2.20	0.05	0.16	3.36	0.087	0.202	181,704	5.842			
Indicated	2.5	166,895,635	0.95	2.09	0.05	0.15	3.24	0.090	0.186	540,691	17.384			
M+I	2.5	220,968,235	0.95	2.12	0.05	0.15	3.27	0.089	0.190	722,395	23.226			
Inferred	2.5	44,836,851	0.87	1.92	0.05	0.14	2.98	0.064	0.169	133,705	4.299			

Waterberg	Naterberg Aggregate Total 2.5 g/t (4E) Cut-off													
Mineral	Cut-off	Toppago	Grade							Metal	Metal			
Resource 4E	Tonnage	Pt	Pd	Rh	Au	4E	Cu	Ni	4E					
Category	g/t	Tonnes	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	%	%	Kg	Moz			
Measured	2.5	58,516,083	0.97	2.19	0.05	0.21	3.42	0.092	0.193	200,367	6.442			
Indicated	2.5	183,921,777	0.99	2.11	0.05	0.22	3.37	0.100	0.177	619,182	19.908			
M+I	2.5	242,437,860	0.98	2.13	0.05	0.22	3.38	0.098	0.181	819,549	26.350			
Inferred	2.5	66,666,549	0.96	1.92	0.04	0.34	3.27	0.108	0.146	217,968	7.008			

Mineral Descures	Prill Split Wa	aterberg Project Agg	regate		
Mineral Resource Category	Pt	Pd	Rh	Au	
outegory	%	%	%	%	
Measured	28.2	64.4	1.5	5.9	
Indicated	29.4	62.6	1.5	6.5	
M+I	29.1	63.0	1.5	6.4	
Inferred	29.5	58.9	1.2	10.4	

Notes:

(1) 4E elements are platinum, palladium, rhodium and gold.

(2) Cut-offs for mineral resources were established by a QP after a review of potential operating costs and other factors.

(3) Conversion factor used for kilograms ("kg") to ounces ("oz") is 32.15076.

(4) A 5% and 7% geological loss was applied to the measured/indicated and inferred mineral resources categories, respectively.

(5) The mineral resources are classified in accordance with NI 43-101. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability and inferred mineral resources have a high degree of uncertainty.

(6) The mineral resources are provided on a 100% Project basis, inferred and indicated categories are separate and the estimates have an effective date of 4 September 2019.

(7) Mineral resources were completed by Mr. CJ Muller of CJM Consulting.

(8) Mineral resources were estimated using kriging methods for geological domains created in Datamine from 441 mother holes and 583 deflections. A process of geological modelling and creation of grade shells using indicating kriging was completed in the estimation process.

(9) The mineral resources may be materially affected by metal prices, exchange rates, labour costs, electricity supply issues or many other factors detailed in the Company's 2021 AIF.

- (10) The data that formed the basis of the mineral resources estimate are the drill holes drilled by Platinum Group as project operator, which consist of geological logs, drill hole collars surveys, downhole surveys and assay data. The area where each layer was present was delineated after examination of the intersections in the various drill holes.
- (11) Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Proven Mineral Reserve Estimate at 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off													
		Pt	Pd	Rh	Au	4E	Cu	Ni	4E Metal				
Zone	Tonnes	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	Kg	Moz			
T Zone	3,963,694	1.02	1.84	0.04	0.73	3.63	0.13	0.07	14,404	0.463			
F Central	17,411,606	0.94	2.18	0.05	0.14	3.31	0.07	0.18	57,738	1.856			
F South	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
F North	16,637,670	0.85	2.03	0.05	0.16	3.09	0.10	0.20	51,378	1.652			
F Boundary North	4,975,853	0.97	2.00	0.05	0.16	3.18	0.10	0.22	15,847	0.509			
F Boundary South	5,294,116	1.04	2.32	0.05	0.18	3.59	0.08	0.19	19,020	0.611			
F Zone Total	44,319,244	0.92	2.12	0.05	0.16	3.25	0.09	0.20	143,982	4.629			
Waterberg Project Total	48,282,938	0.93	2.10	0.05	0.20	3.28	0.09	0.19	158,387	5.092			

#### Proven Mineral Reserve Estimate at 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off, effective September 4, 2019 on 100% Project basis

Probable Mineral Reserve Estimate at 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off, effective September 4, 2019 on 100% Project basis

Probable Mineral Reserve Estimate at 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off													
		Pt	Pd	Rh	Au	4E	Cu	Ni	4E Metal				
Zone	Tonnes	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	Kg	Moz			
T Zone	12,936,870	1.23	2.10	0.02	0.82	4.17	0.19	0.09	53,987	1.736			
F Central	52,719,731	0.86	1.97	0.05	0.14	3.02	0.07	0.18	158,611	5.099			
F South	15,653 ,961	1.06	2.03	0.05	0.15	3.29	0.04	0.13	51,411	1.653			
F North	36,984,230	0.90	2.12	0.05	0.16	3.23	0.09	0.20	119,450	3.840			
F Boundary North	13,312,581	0.98	1.91	0.05	0.17	3.11	0.10	0.23	41,369	1.330			
F Boundary South	7,616,744	0.92	1.89	0.04	0.13	2.98	0.06	0.18	22,737	0.731			
F Zone Total	126,287,248	0.91	2.01	0.05	0.15	3.12	0.08	0.18	393,578	12.654			
Waterberg Project Total	139,224,118	0.94	2.02	0.05	0.21	3.22	0.09	0.18	447,564	14.390			

Proven & Probable Mineral Reserve Estimate at 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off, effective September 4, 2019 on 100% Project basis

Total Estimated Mineral Reserve at 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off													
		Pt	Pd	Rh	Au	4E	Cu	Ni	4E Metal				
Zone	Tonnes	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	Kg	Moz			
T Zone	16,900,564	1.18	2.04	0.03	0.80	4.05	0.18	0.09	68,391	2.199			
F Central	70,131,337	0.88	2.02	0.05	0.14	3.09	0.07	0.18	216,349	6.956			
F South	15,653,961	1.06	2.03	0.05	0.15	3.29	0.04	0.13	51,411	1.653			
F North	53,621,900	0.88	2.09	0.05	0.16	3.18	0.10	0.20	170,828	5.492			
F Boundary North	18,288,434	0.98	1.93	0.05	0.17	3.13	0.10	0.23	57,216	1.840			
F Boundary South	12,910,859	0.97	2.06	0.05	0.15	3.23	0.07	0.19	41,756	1.342			

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Total Estimated Mineral Reserve at 2.5 g/t 4E cut-off													
Pt Pd Rh Au 4E Cu Ni 4E Metal													
Zone	Tonnes	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(g/t)	(%)	(%)	Kg	Moz			
F Zone Total	170,606,492	0.91	2.04	0.05	0.15	3.15	0.08	0.19	537,560	17.283			
Waterberg Project Total	187,507,056	0.94	2.04	0.05	0.21	3.24	0.09	0.18	605,951	19.482			

Notes:

(1) The estimated mineral reserves have an effective date of September 4, 2019.

- (2) A 2.5 g/t 4E stope cut-off grade was used for mine planning for the T Zone and the F Zone mineral reserves estimate. The cut-off grade considered April 2018 metal spot prices.
- (3) Tonnes and grade estimates include planned dilution, geological losses, external overbreak dilution, and mining losses.
- (4) 4E elements are platinum, palladium, rhodium and gold.
- (5) Numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Waterberg Project financial performance has been estimated both at Spot Prices and at Three Year Trailing Prices as set out in the table below. The long-term real US\$/Rand exchange rate for the Spot Price scenario is set at 15.00, which is based on an intra-day traded spot rate as of September 4, 2019. The US\$/Rand exchange rates for the Three-Year Trailing Price scenario, is based on Bloomberg's nominal consensus forward-curve as at June 2019, which translates into a long-term real US\$/Rand rate of 15.95. The price deck assumptions for each scenario are tabled below.

## Waterberg DFS Technical Report Price Deck Assumptions in US\$

Parameter	Unit	Spot Prices (Sept 4, 2019)	Three Year Trailing Prices (Sept 4, 2019)
US\$ / Rand (Long-term Real)	US\$/Rand (Real July 2019)	15.00	15.95
Platinum	US\$/oz (Real July 2019)	980	931
Palladium	US\$/oz (Real July 2019)	1,546	1,055
Gold	US\$/oz (Real July 2019)	1,548	1,318
Rhodium	US\$/oz (Real July 2019)	5,036	1,930
Basket Price (4E)	US\$/oz (Real July 2019)	1,425	1,045
Copper	US\$/lb (Real July 2019)	2.56	2.87
Nickel	US\$/lb (Real July 2019)	8.10	5.56
Smelter Payability: 4E Metal	% Gross Sale Value	85%	85%
Smelter Payability: Copper	% Gross Sale Value	73%	73%
Smelter Payability: Nickel	% Gross Sale Value	68%	68%

Readers are directed to review the full text of the DFS Technical Report, available for review under the Company's profile on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on EDGAR at <u>www.sec.gov</u> for additional information.

The known deposit strike length on the Waterberg Project is 13 km long so far, remains open along strike and begins from a depth of 140 meters vertical. The Waterberg DFS mine plan covers a strike length of approximately 8.5 km. The deposit is known to continue down dip below the arbitrary 1,250 meter cut off depth applied to the deposit for resource estimation purposes. The Waterberg Project and the deposit is still open for expansion. Based on airborne gravity surveys and drilling completed to date, additional drilling northward along strike is recommended for the future.

As a result of its shallow depth, good grade and a fully mechanized mining approach, the Waterberg Project can be a safe mine within the lowest quartile of the Southern Africa platinum group element industry cost curve.

The Waterberg DFS mine plan models production at 4.8 million tonnes of ore per annum and 420,000 4E ounces per year in concentrate. The mine initially accesses the orebody using two sets of twin decline tunnels with mining by fully

mechanised long hole stoping methods and paste backfill. Paste backfill allows for a high mining extraction ratio as mining can be completed next to backfilled stopes without leaving internal pillars. Maintaining safety and reliability were key mine design criteria. As a result of the scale of the orebody, bulk mining on 20 to 40 meter sublevels with large underground equipment and conveyors for ore and waste transport provides high efficiency. Many of the larger successful underground mines in the world use the same method of mining with backfill and estimated costs were benchmarked against many of these operations.

# Mining Right Grant

A formal mining right application ("**MRA**") for the Waterberg Project, including a Social and Labour Plan ("**Waterberg SLP**"), was accepted for filing by the DMRE on September 14, 2018. The Company held local public participation meetings on numerous occasions in advance of the MRA. A program of public consultation as part of the formal MRA and EA application for the Waterberg Project was completed in August 2019. An Environmental Impact Assessment ("**EIA**") and Environmental Management Program ("**EMP**") were filed with the DMRE on August 15, 2019. An EA was granted for the Waterberg Project on August 12, 2020, subject to a public notice period and finalization of issues raised by affected parties, which process was completed with the issue of the final EA on November 10, 2020.

On January 28, 2021, the DMRE issued a letter to Waterberg JV Co. notifying the Company that a mining right for the Waterberg Project (the "**Waterberg Mining Right**") had been granted. Public disclosure and notice of the Waterberg Mining Right grant was promulgated by the Company and Waterberg JV Co. as required under South African legislation. The Waterberg Mining Right was notarially executed on April 13, 2021, was registered at the Mineral and Petroleum Titles Registration Office on July 6, 2021 and remains active.

On and following March 5, 2021, the Company received several notices of appeal, filed with the DMRE by individual appellants from local communities, against the January 28, 2021 decision of the DMRE granting the Waterberg Mining Right. One group filed an application for an order in the High Court of South Africa to review and set aside the decision by the Minister of the DFFE to refuse condonation for the late filing of the group's appeal against the grant of an EA for the Waterberg Project in November 2020. Senior Counsel and attorneys acting for Waterberg JV Co. filed formal rebuttals to the appeals and applications, raising numerous factual and legal defences. Since filing their review application, the appellants have done nothing to progress their action against the decision of the DFFE.

On July 30, 2021, Waterberg JV Co. received an urgent interdict application to the High Court seeking to restrain the activities of Waterberg JV Co. on certain surface rights over a portion of the project area. The appellants claimed to be interested and affected parties located near planned surface infrastructure on the farm Ketting. Waterberg JV Co. promptly filed an answering affidavit denying urgency and providing arguments why the application was without merit. The appellants did not respond and their application was removed from the urgent court roll. On November 16, 2021 the host Kgatlu community from the farm Ketting filed an application to join as a respondent to the restraint application. In their affidavit the host community documented their support for the Waterberg Mine. Once again, the appellants did not respond to the Kgatlu joinder application within the timeline specified by the rules of court and have likewise failed to file a replying affidavit. In order to force the interdict application to a conclusion, in July 2022 Waterberg JV Co. filed a Notice of Set Down with the High Court in Limpopo and a hearing to rule on the interdict application has been scheduled for May 22, 2023.

On October 13, 2022 the Minister of the DMRE ruled to dismiss all appeals to the grant of the Waterberg Mining Right filed with the DMRE. In his ruling the Minister provided the regulatory reasons why each appeal was denied and also confirmed the DMRE's assessment that Waterberg JV Co. has complied with Black Economic Empowerment requirements and social and labour plan community consultation processes.

The Company believes that all requirements specified under the National Environmental Management Act, the MPRDA and other applicable legislation have been complied with and that the DFFE correctly approved and the DMRE correctly issued the EA and the Waterberg Mining Right. Based on long term consultation and dialogue with local communities, the Company also believes that the leadership and the majority of residents in the host communities support the Waterberg Project.

The Member of the Executive Committee ("**MEC**") for the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Mr. Thabo Andrew Mokone, is aware of disagreements between the mine and certain members of the local communities. During late 2021 and in 2022 the MEC has hosted engagements with representatives of Waterberg JV Co. and community leaders. The MEC has stated "The Community have expressed their desire and support for the Waterberg Project." Discussions between the MEC and people from the local communities are ongoing.

Waterberg JV Co. remains committed to engaging and working with all host communities to ensure that all legitimate concerns are addressed, and mining operations are conducted in a harmonious and respectful manner. Waterberg JV Co. aims to optimize the Waterberg Project for the benefit of all stakeholders.

# **Community Considerations**

Training for a new mechanised mining workforce is an important component of the Waterberg Project life of mine plan and the Waterberg SLP. Planning for training programs has been undertaken with the assistance of global mine training leader, NORCAT, of Sudbury, Ontario. The Waterberg DFS modelled a significant investment in training, focussed on the immediate area of the Waterberg Project, working in cooperation with local communities, colleges and facilities.

Water supply and delivery are important issues affecting local communities near the Waterberg Project. Detailed hydrological work studying the utilization of known sources for significant volumes of ground water has been conducted. In 2018, a co-operation agreement was entered between Waterberg JV Co. and the local Capricorn Municipality for the development of water resources to the benefit of local communities and the mine. Hydrological work has identified several large-scale water basins that are likely able to provide mine process and potable water for the Waterberg Project and local communities. Test drilling of these water basins has been completed resulting in the identification of sufficient water supplies. Earlier drilling programs conducted by the Capricorn District Municipality identified both potable and high mineral unpotable water resources in the district. Drilling by Waterberg JV Co. has identified some potable water net suitable for agriculture. Hydrological and mill process specialists have tested the use of this water as mine process water. In general, ground water resources identified proximal to the Waterberg Project have the potential for usage by both the mine and local communities.

The establishment of servitudes for power line routes and detailed planning and permitting with ESKOM are also advancing. Power line environmental and servitude work is being completed by TDxPower in coordination with ESKOM. TDxPower has progressed electrical power connection planning for approximately a 70 km, 137MvA line to the Waterberg Project. Engineering refinement of steady state power requirements has resulted in a reduced demand of approximately 90MvA at steady state. Bulk power design and costing work for steady state requirements has commenced. ESKOM is engaged with project engineers to determine electrical power sources and availability. A temporary power line for the construction period from the nearby grid at Bochum is being designed and costed. Community engagement regarding power line routes and completion of an EIA for the power line routes is in process.

# History of Acquisition

In 2007, PTM RSA began the application process for prospecting rights over the Waterberg area located on the Northern Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex, approximately 70 km north of the town of Mokopane, eventually acquiring prospecting rights over two adjacent areas known as the Waterberg JV Property and the Waterberg Extension Property. In September 2009, PTM RSA, JOGMEC and Mnombo entered a joint venture agreement whereby JOGMEC could earn up to a 37% participating interest in the Waterberg JV Property while at the same time Mnombo could earn a 26% participating interest in exchange for matching JOGMEC's expenditures on a 26/74 basis. On November 7, 2011, the Company executed an agreement with Mnombo's shareholders to acquire 49.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of Mnombo. Effective in May, 2015 the Waterberg JV Property and the Waterberg Project prospecting rights were transferred into the singular Waterberg Project and in September, 2017 the Waterberg Project prospecting rights were transferred into Waterberg JV Co. On November 6, 2017, the Company and JOGMEC closed the Implats Transaction and Implats acquired a 15% interest in Waterberg JV Co. and the right to match third-party offtake terms under the Offtake ROFR. In March 2019 JOGMEC completed a transfer of 9.755% of its 21.95% interest in Waterberg JV Co. to Hanwa. Under the terms of the transaction, Hanwa also acquired the exclusive right to purchase some, or all of the metals produced from the Waterberg Project at market prices. On May 10, 2022 JOGMEC confirmed and later announced its intention to maintain JOGMEC's interests in the Waterberg Project development to the extent possible.

Prior to 2022, the Waterberg Project comprised an aggregate of 66,003 hectares of granted prospecting rights and applied for prospecting rights including the 20,532 hectares covered by the Waterberg Mining Right. On March 9, 2022 Waterberg JV Co. passed a resolution to apply for closure on 50,985 gross hectares of prospecting rights, of which 14,209 hectares were held within the granted mining right, leaving a net 36,776 hectares of uneconomic prospecting rights to be closed. Closure applications have been filed and once they become effective, the project area will cover 29,227 hectares,

being comprised of the Waterberg Mining Right covering 20,532 hectares, 4,207 hectares in active prospecting rights and 4,488 hectares of rights under application for incorporation into the Waterberg Mining Right.

# Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG")

#### Corporate Social Responsibility

Being a responsible corporate citizen means protecting the natural environment associated with its business activities, providing a safe workplace for its employees and contractors, and investing in infrastructure, economic development, and health and education in the communities where the Company operates so that it can enhance the lives of those who work and live there beyond the life of such operations. The Company takes a long-term view of its corporate responsibility, which is reflected in the policies that guide its business decisions, and in its corporate culture that fosters safe and ethical behaviour across all levels of Platinum Group. The Company's goal is to ensure that its engagement with its stakeholders, including its workforce, industry partners, and the communities where it operates, is continued, mutually beneficial and transparent. By building such relationships and conducting ourselves in this manner, the Company can address specific concerns of its stakeholders and work cooperatively and effectively towards achieving this goal.

#### Approach

The Company and Waterberg JV Co. are committed to conducting business in a responsible and sustainable manner. Our core ESG values are:

- to maximize the positive effect of our projects and operations for all stakeholders;
- caring for the environment in which we operate;
- contributing to both the short-term and long-term development of our host communities;
- ensuring safe and secure workplaces for our employees;
- contributing to the welfare of our employees and local communities; and
- promoting good corporate governance, through openness, transparency, and accountability;

We are working to develop a set of performance indicators to measure and monitor key environmental, social sustainability and governance activities at the Waterberg Project. We wish to achieve a high level of understanding and commitment from those who carry out our day-to-day activities. Our social performance indicators aim to cover social risk management, grievance management, community investment and human rights. Our environmental performance indicators aim to cover environmental impact mitigation, audits, water, energy, greenhouse gas emissions and environmental remediation and rehabilitation. Health and safety performance indicators are also to be recorded and monitored.

#### ESG Reporting and Assessment

We have partnered with Digbee Ltd. ("**Digbee**") to utilize an industry approved set of frameworks to assess and disclose our ESG metrics. Platinum Group completed its inaugural ESG disclosure submission with Digbee in September 2021. Digbee, a United Kingdom based company, is a new mining-focused expert network and ESG disclosure platform that amalgamates over thirty initiatives and reporting standards to generate an appropriate ESG score for development stage mining companies. Digbee encompasses widely recognized ESG standards including, the Equator Principles, the Global Reporting Initiative Standards, the sustainability accounting standards of the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board, and the recommendations for more effective climate-related disclosures established by the Task Force on Climate Related Disclosure Digbee has been endorsed by leading financial firms who support the Digbee ESG initiative such as Blackrock Inc., BMO (defined below), and Dundee Corporation.

The Company's ESG submission was based on both corporate level and project level disclosure. As part of the Waterberg Mining Right application process the Company developed a wide-ranging set of studies and plans in relation to potential ESG impacts. These studies and specialists were leveraged to form the basis of the Digbee ESG disclosure and subsequent outcomes.

Based on the information provided, Platinum Group achieved an overarching score from Digbee of BB with a range of CC to AA as of October 2022.



## High Level Positive Outcomes from Digbee Assessment

- The Company has validated its financial transaction compliance and accuracy of financials through the submission of audited financials in both South Africa and Canada.
- The Company has demonstrated its commitment to ESG values by [working to align] executive and senior management remuneration to ESG goals.
- The Company has empowered local communities [by providing] suitable representation to address their concerns.
- The Company has demonstrated its commitment to enhanced ESG through initiatives such as the incorporation of dry stack tailings into its DFS to reduce the TSF footprint and water consumption by approximately 40%.

#### High Level Potential Risks and Opportunities from Digbee Assessment

- While improvements have been made, diversity targets for employees remain low. While these targets align with local legislative requirements, they are still below international standards.
- The mine is planned in a water scarce area where the mine operation will have high water consumption. While studies indicate that there is sufficient water to support both the mine and the local towns, a small impact on the water table can affect water access to marginal grazing and subsistence farmers. Careful management is required to ensure the mine does not draw down on groundwater resources to the detriment of the needs of the local community.

#### ESG Objectives

We are continuing to work on enhancements to our community engagement processes for all our mining and environmental matters. We consider all stakeholders and confirm our commitment to the health and safety of our employees and surrounding communities. Health and safety also remain a top priority. Our ESG objectives include:

- reducing planned water consumption;
- achieving full compliance with regulations and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions;
- achieving minimum impact on vegetation and supporting and enabling local biodiversity;
- reducing planned industrial waste;
- resolving individual community member grievances;
- · continuing and improving stakeholder communication and engagement programmes; and
- achieving zero significant environmental incidents;

#### **Environmental**

We have commissioned independent environmental site inspections and environmental management program compliance assessments at the Waterberg Project for all our mining and prospecting rights areas. Baseline environmental studies for air quality and water quality are currently underway over the Waterberg Project area. Annual environmental reports are filed with regulators. To date, there have been no significant environmental incidents at our Waterberg operation since exploration began on the property in 2011. As a requirement to the grant of the Waterberg Mining Right an EIA and EMP were filed with governmental regulators after a comprehensive consultation process with communities, regulators, environmental institutions, and other stakeholders over the last ten years. Several independent, third-party specialist consultants completed component studies as a part of the application process. The EIA and EMP were subsequently approved by the relevant regulators.

During 2020, an environmental rehabilitation bond was established for the future costs of mine closure and environmental restoration. As the operations at the Waterberg Project increase, so too will the quantum of this bond.

During 2020, a study examining the use of battery electric equipment for the Waterberg Project was completed and a study examining possible water use reduction and dry stacking solutions for tailings was completed.

Furthermore, the mineral resources targeted at the Waterberg Project are mineable PGEs. These metals are important elements in terms of reducing harmful emissions from internal combustion engines. Platinum is a critical element in fuel cells and the "hydrogen economy" in general, highlighting the mine's potential to contribute to a cleaner future.

#### <u>Social</u>

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we provided and delivered approximately US\$5,000 in hygiene supplies, medical supplies, and personal protection equipment to local communities near the Waterberg Project. We ensured safe operation of exploration and office facilities during the government mandated and recommended activity suspensions. To date, work at the Waterberg Project has been related to exploration and engineering activities. Overall safety performance has been very good and strict safety protocols are followed.

We maintain an open communication policy with communities near the Waterberg Project. We responded to concerns raised by individuals regarding water resources, roadways, heritage sites and planned infrastructure locations by thoroughly investigating each reported concern or claim. Meetings were held with community leaders and site inspections occurred with local community members accompanied by independent consultants, NGOs, government agencies and regulators. Although no material issues or events of regulatory non-compliance by the Company have been identified after these investigations, the Company remains committed to operating in a responsible manner and continues to work with local community leadership to ensure any identified issues are resolved in an appropriate and professional manner and in compliance with governing regulations. The Company is in the process of working with local communities to create community trusts. To ensure communities are well represented, we are covering the costs of legal representation for the communities.

Based on community meetings and direct feedback, and in part due to the Company's efforts to engage and support local communities, we believe local community residents support the development of the Waterberg Project and understand the expected economic benefits. Nonetheless, several parties within the local community filed appeals in 2021 objecting to the grant of the Waterberg Mining Right. Waterberg JV Co. responded to each appeal and all appeals were dismissed on October 13, 2022 by the Minister of the DMRE.

## Social and Labour Plans

The Waterberg SLP was developed pursuant to DMRE guidelines for social and labour plans and has been submitted in accordance with regulation 46 of the MPRDA. The objective of a social and labour plan is to align the Company's social and labour principles with the related requirements established under Mining Charter 2018. These requirements include promoting employment and avoiding retrenchments, advancement of the social and economic welfare of all South Africans, contributing toward the transformation of the mining industry and contributing towards the socio-economic development of the communities proximal to the Waterberg Project. Contractors will be required to comply with the Waterberg SLP and policies, including commitment to employment equity and BEE, proof of competence in terms of regulations, commitment to undertake training programs, compliance with all policies relating to recruitment, training, health and safety, etc. In terms of human resources training, the Waterberg SLP will establish objectives for adult-based education training, learnerships and development of the skills required by mining industry, portable skills training for transition into industries other than mining, education bursaries and internships. The Waterberg SLP will also establish local economic development objectives for projects such as community centre refurbishment, high school refurbishment, water and reticulation projects, housing

development, establishment of recreational parks and various other localized programmes for small scale industry, agriculture, entrepreneurship and health and education.

To support the Waterberg SLP for affected communities near the Waterberg Project, we have budgeted expenditures amounting to an aggregate R428.9 million (\$25.1 million at August 31, 2022) over a five-year period. Expenditures are subject to the grant of all required permits and the commencement of development activities on site. At the end of each five-year period a new social and labour plan will be established, considering actual expenditures to date and changes to adjust for community feedback, needs and preferences. The Waterberg SLP includes the following provisions:

• Human Resource Development

Waterberg JV Co. is aware of the importance of human resources to accomplish its business objectives. Skills development is the foundation for attaining competent and productive employees who can contribute to meeting the mine's business objectives and contribute to the upliftment of their communities through their own personal economic success. The skills development plan for the Waterberg Project budgets R 13.3 million (\$0.78 million at August 31, 2022) for the achievement of future career development opportunities within the mining industry and beyond the needs of the mine's operational requirements. The skills development plan seeks to achieve portable skills through accredited qualification by certified training providers and programmes. Emphasis is to be applied to employment equity and to participation by historically disadvantaged South Africans and women. Learnership, internship, bursary and youth training programs are planned. Targets have been established for procurement and employment levels for women and for people from the local community.

• Local Economic Development

The Local Economic Development ("**LED**") program will seek to enable local communities to become economically stronger by improving infrastructure, business skills, entrepreneurship, job creation and income. An amount of R 405.6 million (\$23.7 million at August 31, 2022) has been budgeted for LED projects seeking to amplify opportunities as well as alleviate poverty within the surrounding communities of the mine. Programmes are to include infrastructure and educational support to local schools, mine and community bulk water supply and reticulation, extension and equipping of existing clinic/health facilities, and road construction.

• Management of Downscaling

A budget of R 10.0 million (\$0.58 million at August 31, 2022) has been established for training and skills development. We conducted a social audit and needs and skills assessment of the communities near the Waterberg Project to learn about these communities and to help direct our efforts towards the matters of importance to them. This work will guide our long-term training programs intended to increase skilled employment opportunities for local community members. Investment in human resource development and facilitation of training during the lifetime of the Waterberg Project intends to sustain skills that will support employment for workers beyond the life of the mine. The mine intends to comply with the Basic Conditions of Employment Act and the Department of Labour's Social Plan Guidelines with the goal of establishing skills that will be of value to employees at a future time of downscaling and retrenchment.

#### Governance

The Company has a Governance and Nomination Committee to ensure good corporate governance in the Company's stewardship. The committee's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- reviewing and making recommendations relating to respecting good corporate governance and the board's stewardship role in the management of the Company;
- the regular evaluation of the effectiveness of the board, its members, its committees and their charters;
- the evaluation of the performance of individual directors, the board, and committees of the board;
- the performance evaluation of the chairperson of the board and the chairperson of each board committee;
- the performance evaluation of the CEO and CFO, including performance against corporate objectives;
- CEO and CFO succession planning;

- overseeing compliance with the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, monitoring compliance with the code, investigating any alleged breach or violation of the code, authorizing any waiver granted in connection with the code; and
- overseeing compliance with any rules, regulations or guidelines promulgated by regulatory authorities relating to corporate governance.

On April 30, 2021, the Company established an Environmental, Health and Technical Advisory Committee, comprised of cross-disciplinary directors, to oversee capital projects and material transactions undertaken by the Company, its subsidiaries or its affiliates from an environmental, technical, financial and scheduling perspective and to be responsible for developing and monitoring standards for ensuring a safe and healthy work environment and to promote sustainable development.

The Company is subject to anti-corruption laws and regulations, including the Canadian Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act and certain restrictions applicable to U.S. reporting companies imposed by the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and similar anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws in South Africa, that prohibit companies from bribing or making other prohibited payments to public officials to obtain or retain an advantage in the course of business.

The Company has previously adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, a Clawback Policy, and a Whistleblower Policy, amongst other customary codes and committees.

We also adhere to the corporate governance policies of the Toronto Stock Exchange and the NYSE American, LLC.

On February 28, 2022, the Company held its Annual General Meeting. All resolutions were passed in the form proposed by an affirmative vote of the shareholders.

## 3. DISCUSSION OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

## A) Liquidity and Capital Resources

## Recent Equity Financings

On September 4, 2020, the Company announced an equity distribution agreement with BMO Capital Markets whereby the Company could sell its Common Shares from time to time for up to \$12 million in aggregate sales proceeds in "at the market" transactions (the "**2020 ATM**"). Final share sales were settled, and the 2020 ATM completed, on December 2, 2020. A total of 5,440,186 Common Shares at an average price of US\$2.21 were sold pursuant to the 2020 ATM for net proceeds of \$11.41 million after fees and expenses of \$592,000.

On October 15, 2020, the Company announced it had closed a non-brokered private placement with existing major shareholder Deepkloof Limited ("**Deepkloof**"), a subsidiary of Hosken Consolidated Investments Limited ("**HCI**"). An aggregate of 1,146,790 shares were issued for US\$2.18 per share resulting in gross proceeds of \$2.5 million to the Company (the "**October 2020 HCI PP**"). HCI maintained its approximate 31% indirect interest in the Company when the October 2020 HCI PP closed. Pricing for the October 2020 HCI PP was set to be consistent with the Company's 2020 ATM (see below).

On December 8, 2020, the Company announced the closing of a non-brokered private placement with Deepkloof. An aggregate of 1,121,076 shares were issued for US\$2.23 per share for gross proceeds of \$2.5 million (the "**December 2020 HCI PP**"). HCI maintained its approximate 31% indirect interest in the Company when the December 2020 HCI PP closed. Pricing for the December 2020 HCI PP was set to be consistent with the Company's 2020 ATM (see below).

On February 5, 2021, the Company announced a second equity distribution agreement with BMO Capital Markets whereby the Company could sell its Common Shares from time to time for up to \$50 million in aggregate sales proceeds in "at the market" transactions (the "**2021 ATM**"). In aggregate to May 27, 2022 the Company sold 10,426,632 Common Shares in the 2021 ATM at an average price of US\$2.94 for gross proceeds of US\$30.6 million. As a portion of the total 2021 ATM sales, during the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022 the Company sold 7,923,842 Common Shares at an average price of US\$2.48 per share for net proceeds of \$19.7 million. No shares were sold subsequent to May 27, 2022 and the term of the 2021 ATM expired in June 2022.

On February 4 and 10, 2022, the Company issued 7,073,746 and 4,719,763 shares respectively at a price of US\$1.695 to purchase and repay the Company's \$19.99 million aggregate principal amount of 6 7/8% convertible senior subordinated notes maturing July 1, 2022 (the **"Convertible Notes"**).

On February 11, 2022, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement with Deepkloof for 3,539,823 Common Shares at a price of US\$1.695 each for gross proceeds of \$6 million (the **"February 2022 HCI PP"**) maintaining HCI's indirect ownership in the Company at approximately 26% at that time of the financing. Pricing for the February 2022 HCI PP was set to be consistent with the Company's shares issued to repay the Convertible Notes.

On June 21, 2022, the Company filed a new final short form base shelf prospectus (the "**Shelf Prospectus**") with the securities regulatory authorities in each of the provinces and territories of Canada and a corresponding registration statement on Form F-10 (the "**Registration Statement**") with the SEC under the Multijurisdictional Disclosure System established between Canada and the United States.

Pursuant to the Shelf Prospectus and the Registration Statement, the Company may offer and sell in Canada or the United States, Common Shares, debt securities, warrants, subscription receipts, or a combination thereof up to an aggregate initial offering price of \$250 million from time to time, separately or together, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined based on market conditions at the time of the offering and as set out in an accompanying prospectus supplement, during the 25-month period that the Shelf Prospectus and the Registration Statement remain effective.

On July 27, 2022, the Company filed a supplement to the Shelf Prospectus and announced a new equity distribution agreement with BMO Capital Markets and BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. whereby the Company can sell its Common Shares from time to time until July 21, 2024 for up to \$50 million in aggregate sales proceeds in "at the market" transactions (the "**2022 ATM**"). No shares were sold pursuant to the 2022 ATM during the year ended August 31, 2022 but following August 31, the Company sold 603,314 Common Shares at an average price of US\$1.8218 per share for net proceeds of \$1.07 million.

The following reconciles the use of gross proceeds to recent financings and share issuances as at August 31, 2022 (*in thousands of dollars*):

Use of Proceeds	October 15, 2020 Private Placement	2020 ATM Offering	December 8, 2020 Private Placement	2021 ATM Offering	Repayment of Convertible Notes	February 11, 2022 Private Placement	Aggregate Proceeds	Actual Use of Proceeds to August 31, 2022
Repayment of the Sprott Facility	\$1,250	\$2,265	\$1,250	\$12,235	\$0	\$3,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Payment of Bank Advisory Fees	\$745	\$1,445	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,190	\$2,190
Repayment of Convertible Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,990	\$0	\$19,990	\$19,990
General corporate purposes	\$505	\$8,290	\$1,250	\$17,605	\$0	\$3,000	\$30,650	\$19,628
TOTAL	\$2,500	\$12,000	\$2,500	\$29,840	\$19,990	\$6,000	\$72,830	\$61,808

#### Convertible Notes

On June 30, 2017, the Company issued and sold to certain institutional investors \$20 million aggregate principal amount of 67/8% convertible senior subordinated notes maturing on July 1, 2022 (the "**Convertible Notes**"). The Convertible Notes were unsecured senior subordinated obligations and were subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all the Company's existing and future senior indebtedness pursuant to an indenture. The net proceeds from the offering of Convertible Notes were used primarily to fund direct expenditures relating to the operation, closure and care and maintenance of the Maseve mine by Maseve , until completion of the sale of Maseve (the "**Maseve Sale Transaction**") in April 2018 as described in more detail below. The Convertible Notes bore interest at a rate of 6 7/8% per annum, were payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1 of each year, in cash or at the election of the Company, in common shares

of the Company or a combination of cash and Common Shares.

On January 20, 2022, the Company announced the purchase and cancellation, on a private placement basis, of the outstanding \$19.99 million of the Convertible Notes. The Convertible Notes were purchased in exchange for the issuance to noteholders of an aggregate 11,793,509 Common Shares, at a price of \$1.695 per share. The Company purchased \$11.99 million of the Convertible Notes from an affiliate of Kopernik Global Investors, LLC on February 4, 2022 and \$8 million of the Convertible Notes from affiliates of Franklin Templeton Investments on February 10, 2022. Accrued bi-annual interest due on the Convertible Notes to February 4, 2022 and February 10, 2022 amounting to \$138,963 was paid to the noteholders in cash.

In late December 2021, the Company paid \$687,156 in cash to settle the January 1, 2022 bi-annual interest payable on \$19.99 million of outstanding Convertible Notes. Since inception the Company paid total interest of \$6.37 million on the Convertible Notes, comprised of \$2.89 million in cash and 2,591,647 in Common Shares, and issued 1,319 shares for \$10,000 of conversions.

# Sprott Facility

On August 15, 2019, the Company entered the Sprott Facility, pursuant to which the Sprott Lenders advanced \$20 million bearing interest at 11% per annum, compounded monthly. The Sprott Facility was originally scheduled to mature on August 14, 2021, however, the Company elected to extend the maturity date for \$10.0 million in principal by one year in exchange for a payment in cash of \$300,000, being three percent of the outstanding principal amount not repaid on the original maturity date. At August 31, 2021 the principal balance owed by the Company pursuant to the Sprott Facility was \$9.4 million

During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company repaid the remaining \$9.4 million principal due, with the final \$3 million of principal being repaid in February 2022. With the debt formally settled, the Company's pledge of its South African assets as security against the Sprott Facility has been fully released. Total interest payments to Sprott for the year ending August 31, 2022 totaled \$0.29 million.

## Liquidity

The Company currently has limited financial resources and does not generate revenue from the Waterberg Project. However, during the period the Company has repaid in full both the Sprott Facility and the Convertible Notes, leaving the Company with materially reduced cash obligations over the next 12 months (see below). Current cash on hand (\$12.3 million at August 31, 2022) is projected to be sufficient to cover the Company's budgeted expenditures over the next 12 months. Should the Company decide to begin construction of the Waterberg Mine in the next 12 months additional financing would be required.

Rising global inflation and increased potential supply chain disruptions could have a significant impact on the Company's operations and costs.

## **Contractual Obligations**

The following table discloses the Company's contractual obligations as at August 31, 2022 (*in thousands of dollars*):

	Payments Due by Year												
	< '	l Year	1 –	3 Years	4 – 5	5 Years	> 5 Years		Total				
Lease Obligations	\$	111	\$	44	\$	-	\$	-	\$	155			
Environmental Bonds		47		95		71		-		213			
Totals	\$	158	\$	139	\$	71	\$	-	\$	368			

Other contingencies: Refer to section 8 below – Risk Factors.

### Accounts Receivable and Payable

Accounts receivable at August 31, 2022, totaled \$0.4 million (August 31, 2021 - \$0.3 million) being comprised mainly of South African value added taxes. \$Nil proceeds were receivable from the ATM financing at August 31, 2022 (\$0.2 million August 31, 2021).

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at August 31, 2022, totaled \$1.1 million (August 31, 2021 - \$2.5 million) with the higher level at August 31, 2021 being due primarily to accounts payable for geotechnical drilling on the Waterberg Project being performed at August 31, 2021.

#### B) Results of Operations

### Twelve Month Period August 31, 2022

For the twelve-month period ended August 31, 2022, the Company incurred a net loss of \$8.3 million (August 31, 2021 loss of \$13.1 million). In the current year, general and administrative expenses were \$4.3 million (August 31, 2021 - \$5.1 million) with the decrease due to severance costs not incurred in the current year. In the 2022 fiscal year, interest expense of \$1.6 million was recognized (August 31, 2021 - \$5.1 million) with the decrease due to the declining balance of the Sprott Facility during the period until repayment in February 2022 and the repayment of the Convertible Notes in February 2022. The currency translation adjustment recognized in the period was a loss of \$6.9 million (August 31, 2021 - \$4.9 million gain) due predominantly to the Rand decreasing in value relative to the U.S. Dollar during the current fiscal year.

## Three Month Period August 31, 2022

For the three-month period ended August 31, 2022, the Company incurred a net loss of \$1.0 million (August 31, 2021 loss of \$4.2 million). In the current period, general and administrative expenses were \$1.1 million (August 31, 2021 - \$2.2 million) with the decrease in the current period due to severance costs not being incurred. In the current period interest expense of \$Nil was recognized (August 31, 2021 - \$1.4 million) with the decrease due to the repayment of the Sprott Facility and the repayment of the Convertible Notes. A foreign exchange gain of \$0.4 million was recognized in the current period due to the foreign exchange gain recognized on US Dollars held in the Canadian parent company whose functional currency is the Canadian Dollar (August 31, 2021 \$1.0 million loss). The currency translation adjustment recognized in the period was a loss of \$4.1 million (August 31, 2021 - \$1.2 million loss) due to the Rand decreasing in value relative to the U.S. Dollar during the fourth quarter of both fiscal years.

#### **Quarterly Financial Information**

Quarter ended	Aug. 31, 2022	May 31, 2022	Feb. 28, 2022	Nov.30, 2021
Net finance income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 85	\$ 40	\$ 26	\$ 25
Net loss	990	1,310	2,634	3,316
Basic loss per share <sup>(2)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.04
Total assets	53,679	58,246	53,859	50,994
Quarter ended	Aug. 31, 2021	May 31, 2021	Feb. 28, 2021	Nov. 30, 2020
Net finance income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 24	\$ 25	\$ 24	\$ 24
	4,228	2,282	3,989	2,564
Net loss	4,220	2,202	0,000	
Net loss Basic (earnings) loss per share <sup>(2)</sup>	4,228	0.03	0.06	0.04

The following tables set forth selected quarterly financial data for each of the last eight quarters (*In thousands of dollars, except for share data*):

Notes:

(1) The Company earns income from interest bearing accounts and deposits. Rand balances earn higher rates of interest than can be earned at present in Canadian or U.S. Dollars. Interest income varies relative to cash on hand.

(2) Basic (earnings) loss per share is calculated using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. The Company uses the treasury stock method to calculate diluted earnings per share. Diluted per share amounts reflect the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common shares were exercised or converted to common shares. In periods when a loss is incurred, the effect of share issuances under options would be anti-dilutive, resulting in basic and diluted

#### loss per share being the same.

#### 4. DIVIDENDS

The Company has never declared nor paid dividends on its Common Shares. The Company has no present intention of paying dividends on its Common Shares, as it anticipates that in the foreseeable future all available funds will be invested to finance its business. The Company plans to consider a dividend policy upon the establishment of positive cash flow.

#### 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All amounts receivable and accounts payable owing to or from related parties are non-interest bearing with no specific terms of repayment. All related party transactions are in the normal course of business and are recorded at consideration established and agreed to by the parties. Transactions with related parties are as follows *(in thousands of dollars)*:

- (i) During the year ended August 31, 2022, an amount of \$314 (\$858 August 31, 2021) was paid or accrued to independent directors for directors' fees and services.
- (ii) During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Company was paid or accrued payments of \$57 (\$57 August 31, 2021) from West Vault Mining Inc. (formerly West Kirkland Mining Inc.), a company with one officer in common, for accounting and administrative services.
- (iii) In fiscal 2018, Company closed a private placement with Deepkloof whereby HCl acquired a right to nominate one person to the board of directors of the Company (which has been exercised) and a right to participate in future equity financings of the Company to maintain its pro-rata interest. During the year the Company closed a non-brokered private placement with Deepkloof for 3,539,823 Common Shares at a price of US\$1.695 per share for gross proceeds of \$6 million, maintaining HCl's indirect ownership in the Company at approximately 26% at the time of the private placement. At August 31, 2022, HCl's indirect ownership of the Company was reported at 24,837,349 Common Shares, representing a 25.1% interest in the Company.
- (iv) During the year ended August 31, 2022 the Company purchased and cancelled on a private placement basis the outstanding principal balance of \$8 million of the Convertible Notes from affiliates of Company shareholder Franklin Templeton Investments.

#### Key Management Compensation

The remuneration the CEO, CFO and other key management personnel and the directors during the years ended August 31, 2022 to 2020 is as follows:

Year ended	Augu	st 31, 2022	Augus	t 31, 2021	August 31, 2020	
Salaries	\$	899	\$	1,236	\$	916
Severance <sup>(1)</sup>		-		828		-
Directors' fees		289		241		261
Share-based payments – management		1,882		2,556		907
Share-based payments - directors		(465)		617		52
Total	\$	2,605	\$	5,478	\$	2,136

Note:

(1) During fiscal 2021, the Company's former President and CEO resigned from the Company.

#### 6. OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company does not have any special purpose entities nor is it party to any off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### 7. OUTSTANDING SHARE DATA

The Company has an unlimited number of Common Shares authorized for issuance without par value. At August 31, 2022, there were 98,952,372 Common Shares, 3,666,671 incentive stock options and 369,578 restricted share units outstanding.

# 8. RISK FACTORS

The Company is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, each of which could have an adverse effect on results, business prospects or financial position. For a comprehensive list of the risks and uncertainties affecting our business, please refer to the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the 2022 AIF and 2022 40-F, and the documents incorporated by reference therein. The Company's 2022 AIF and 2022 40-F may be found on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on EDGAR at www.sec.gov. Certain risk factors are discussed below in more detail.

#### Impact of COVID-19

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 which is responsible for the disease known as COVID-19 surfaced in Wuhan, China and has spread around the world, with resulting business and social disruption. COVID-19 was declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020. Since March 2020 the pandemic has continued in waves including the Omicron variant which was first detected in South Africa. The speed and extent of the spread of COVID-19, and the duration and intensity of resulting business disruptions and related financial and social impact, remain uncertain. Supply chain disruptions caused by the pandemic have negatively affected global automotive production, resulting in variability for the prices of PGEs.

Effective April 5, 2022, South Africa lifted its National State of Disaster declared in relation to the COVID-19 Pandemic and on June 22, 2022, the Government of South Africa announced that all remaining COVID-19 regulations were repealed. On September 26, 2022 the Canadian government announced that effective October 1, 2022, all remaining travel restrictions had been lifted in Canada.

#### International Conflict

International conflict and other geopolitical tensions and events, including war, military action, terrorism, trade disputes, and international responses thereto have historically led to, and may in the future lead to, uncertainty or volatility in global energy, supply chain and financial markets. Russia's recent invasion of Ukraine has led to sanctions being levied against Russia by the international community and may result in additional sanctions or other international action, any of which may have a destabilizing effect on commodity prices, supply chain and global economies more broadly. Volatility in commodity prices and supply chain disruptions may adversely affect the company's business and financial condition.

The extent and duration of the current Russian-Ukrainian conflict and related international action cannot be accurately predicted at this time and the effects of such conflict may magnify the impact of the other risks identified in this MD&A, including those relating to commodity price volatility and global financial conditions. The situation is rapidly changing and unforeseeable impacts may materialize, and may have an adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### Africa Wide Legal Action

On November 23, 2017, definitive agreements were entered into to dispose of 100% of the share interests in Maseve to Royal Bafokeng Platinum Limited ("**RBPlat**") in the Maseve Sale Transaction valued at approximately \$74.0 million. Maseve owned and operated the Maseve Mine. The Maseve Sale Transaction occurred as a scheme of arrangement (the "**Scheme**") by way of two interdependent stages in accordance with section 115 of the South Africa Companies Act (the "**Companies Act**"). Under the Scheme, Africa Wide, a wholly owned subsidiary of JSE listed Wesizwe Platinum Limited, was required to simultaneously dispose of its 17.1% interest together with the Company's 82.9% interest in Maseve. Stage one, being the sale of certain of Maseve's assets for approximately \$58 million in cash, was completed on April 5, 2018. Stage two, being the sale of 100% of Maseve's issued shares to RBPlat in exchange for RBPlat common shares, was completed on April 26, 2018.

In September 2018, the Company received a summons whereby by Africa Wide instituted legal proceedings in South Africa against PTM RSA, RBPlats and Maseve seeking to set aside the Maseve Sale Transaction. Various statements and discovery documents were filed during calendar 2021 and a trial to hear evidence occurred in the High Court of South Africa October 4 to October 8, 2021. Final legal arguments were heard by the High Court on March 1 and 2, 2022.

On June 14, 2022, the High Court of South Africa delivered judgement dismissing the challenge brought by Africa Wide and ordered Africa Wide to make payment of the defendants' costs. In its ruling, the High Court found that Africa Wide had firstly

failed to make its case on the evidence and secondly that, having failed to challenge the Scheme under the Companies Act, Africa Wide's case was statutorily barred.

On August 1, 2022, the High Court dismissed Africa Wide's application for leave to appeal the June 14, 2022 ruling dismissing the case.

On August 31, 2022, Africa Wide filed a petition to the South African Supreme Court of Appeal, for leave to appeal the June 14, 2022 High Court ruling dismissing their challenge to either the Supreme Court of Appeal, or a full bench of the High Court. The Company and co-defendants filed answering affidavits opposing Africa Wide's petition.

On November 10, 2022 the South Africa Supreme Court of Appeal dismissed Africa Wide's application with costs on the grounds that there was no reasonable prospect of success in an appeal and there was no other compelling reason why an appeal should be heard.

## 9. OUTLOOK

The Company's key business objective is to advance the Waterberg Project to a development and construction decision. Before a construction decision can be undertaken arrangements will be required for project financing and concentrate offtake or processing. The Company and Waterberg JV Co. are assessing commercial alternatives for mine development, concentrate offtake and financing.

The Work Program (described above) will focus on initial road access, water supply, essential site facilities, a first phase accommodation lodge, a site construction power supply from ESKOM and advancement of the Waterberg SLP. Under the Work Program the DFS Update (described above) is also planned, including a review of cut-off grades, mining methods, infrastructure plans, scheduling, concentrate offtake, dry stack tailings, costing and other potential revisions to the project's financial model.

As discussed above, the Company is conducting research and formal studies to evaluate the economic feasibility of establishing a smelter and base metal refinery business, jointly with third-party investors, capable of processing Waterberg concentrate as an alternative to a traditional concentrate offtake arrangement. Discussions with potential participating partners for such a matte furnace are in process. Discussions are also underway with South African parties who may be interested to enter formal concentrate offtake arrangements for the Waterberg Project.

Project financing to meet peak funding requirements for the Waterberg Project as estimated in the Waterberg DFS is currently envisaged to be provided by approximately \$200 million from Waterberg JV Co. shareholder equity, approximately \$300 million from a metal stream arrangement, and approximately \$100 to \$150 million from a secured loan facility. Discussions and negotiations with potential financiers on the foregoing are underway.

The market for PGEs has generally improved over the last several years resulting in higher 4E metal basket prices. Supply chain disruptions resulting from the global COVID pandemic and exacerbated by the Ukraine conflict continue to negatively impact global auto production. Notwithstanding weak auto demand, PGE prices have been supported by geopolitical tensions with the threat of Russian PGE exports being cut or sanctioned, representing a significant supply risk. Resolution of the conflict could remove price support. Visibility on the resolution of supply chain issues is difficult to predict but PGE prices could strengthen in the medium term based on pent up auto demand once auto production normalizes. Major South African PGE producers have recently announced wage settlement agreements. Supply risk due to union strike action at present appears to be unlikely. The projected market penetration of battery electric vehicles in the future could soften the market for palladium in the longer term as demand for internal combustion engines with catalytic converters is potentially reduced. Other metals to be produced at Waterberg, being platinum, rhodium, gold, copper and nickel, are expected to see strong demand and prices in the longer term.

As the world seeks to decarbonize and look for solutions to climate change, the unique properties of PGEs as powerful catalysts are being applied to various technologies as possible solutions for more efficient energy generation. The Company's battery technology initiative through Lion with Amplats represents a new opportunity in the high-profile lithium battery research and innovation field. The investment in Lion creates a potential vertical integration with a broader industrial market development strategy to bring new technologies to market which use palladium and platinum. Research and development efforts by FIU on behalf of Lion continue. Technical results from Lion's research may have application to most lithium-ion battery chemistries and the scope of Lion's research work is being expanded. Senior officers of the Company

and Lion partner Amplats recently spent time together at FIU to review progress by the Lion research team and planning for the possible future commercialization of Lion's technology is under discussion.

The Company will continue to follow government health directives in the months ahead and will make the health and safety of employees a priority. The Company plans to drive ahead with its core business objectives while reducing costs where possible in this period of market uncertainty.

As well as the discussions within this MD&A, the reader is encouraged to also see the Company's disclosure made under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Company's 2022 AIF and separate 2022 40-F.

# **10. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS**

The preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS required management to use estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, as well as income and expenses. The Company's accounting policies are described in Note 2 of the Financial Statements.

#### Determination of ore reserve and mineral resource estimates

The Company estimates its ore reserves and mineral resources based on information compiled by Qualified Persons as defined by NI 43-101. Reserves determined in this way are used in the calculation of depreciation, amortization and impairment charges, and for forecasting the timing of the payment of closure and restoration costs. In assessing the life of a mine for accounting purposes, mineral resources are only taken into account where there is a high degree of confidence of economic extraction. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating ore reserves, and assumptions that are valid at the time of estimation and they may change significantly when new information becomes available. Changes in the forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs or recovery rates may change the economic status of reserves and may, ultimately, result in reserves being restated. Such changes in reserves could impact depreciation and amortization rates, asset carrying values and provisions for closure and restoration costs.

## Assumption of control of Mnombo and Waterberg JV Co. for accounting purposes

The Company has judged that it controls Mnombo for accounting purposes as it owns 49.9% of the outstanding shares of Mnombo and has contributed all material capital to Mnombo since acquiring its 49.9% share. From inception to date, the Company has funded both the Company's and Mnombo's share of expenditures on the Waterberg Project. At May 31, 2022, Mnombo owed the Company approximately \$7.1 million for funding provided. Currently there are no other sources of funding known to be available to Mnombo. If in the future Mnombo is not deemed to be controlled by the Company, the assets and liabilities of Mnombo would be derecognized at their carrying amounts. Amounts recognized in other comprehensive income would be transferred directly to retained earnings. If a retained interest remained after the loss of control, it would be recognized at its fair value on the date of loss of control. Although the Company controls Mnombo for accounting purposes, it does not have omnipotent knowledge of Mnombo's other shareholders activities. Mnombo's 50.01% shareholders are historically disadvantaged South Africans. The Company also determined that it controls Waterberg JV Co. given its control over Mnombo as well as its power over the investee.

#### Assessment of impairment indicators for mineral properties and exploration and evaluation assets

The Company applies judgement to assess whether there are impairment indicators present that give rise to the requirement to conduct an impairment test. Events or changes in circumstances that could trigger an impairment test include; (i) significant adverse changes in the business climate including changes in forecasted future metal prices; (ii) significant changes in the extent or manner in which the asset is being used or its physical condition including significant decreases in mineral reserves; and (iii) significant decreases in the market price of the assets.

## 11. DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Company maintains a set of disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in filings made pursuant to both the SEC and Canadian Securities Administrators requirements are recorded, processed, summarized and reported in the manner specified by the relevant securities laws applicable to the Company. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the applicable securities legislation is

accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The CEO and CFO have evaluated the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as at August 31, 2022 through inquiry review and testing, as well as by drawing upon their own relevant experience. The CEO and the CFO have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as at August 31, 2022.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management has assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as at August 31, 2022. In making its assessment, management has used the criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission to evaluate the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Based on this assessment, management has concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as at that date.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as at August 31, 2022 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is included with the Financial Statements. There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the year ended August 31, 2022 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

# **12. OTHER INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Company for the period ended August 31, 2022, may be found on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on EDGAR at <u>www.sec.gov</u>. Readers are encouraged to review the Financial Statements, together with the notes thereto, as well as the 2022 AIF and 2022 40-F.

Officers

## 13. LIST OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

#### Directors

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