



# Operating and Financial Results

for the six months and year ended 31 December 2015



## Introduction

This announcement is the responsibility of the directors of the company. The information disclosed is only a summary and does not contain full or complete details. Any investment decisions should be based on the consideration of the full results announcement. Sibanye Gold's full results announcement has been released on SENS and is available on the company's website [www.sibanyegold.co.za](http://www.sibanyegold.co.za). The full results announcement is available for inspection at the company's registered office and the offices of our sponsors during normal business hours and is available at no charge. Alternatively, copies of the full announcement may be requested from the company's investor relations department.

## A PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICAN MINING COMPANY

**WESTONARIA 25 February 2016:** Sibanye Gold Limited ("Sibanye") (JSE: SGL & NYSE: SBGL) is pleased to report operating and financial results for the six months ended 31 December 2015, and reviewed condensed consolidated preliminary financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

### Salient features for the twelve months ended 31 December 2015

Final dividend, number 3, of 90 cents per share (ZAR) declared, resulting in a total dividend of 100 cents per share (ZAR) for the year ended 31 December 2015. Approximately R916 million in cash returned to shareholders.

### Salient features for the six months ended 31 December 2015

- Operating profit was maintained at R4.0 billion (US\$298 million) compared with the six months ended 31 December 2014
- Gold production of 25,571kg (822,100oz), maintained its increasing trend throughout the year
- The All-in sustaining cost ("AISC") margin increased to 16% from 13% for the six months ended 31 December 2014
- An all-time low fatal injury frequency rate of 0.06 per million man hours for the year was recorded for the Group
- Net debt of R1.4 billion (US\$88 million) at 31 December 2015 reduced from R1.7 billion (US\$137 million) at 30 June 2015
- Gold Mineral Reserves for the Group increased by 9% to 31.0Moz as at 31 December 2015

United States Dollars					Key Statistics			South African Rand				
Year		Six months ended						Six months ended			Year	
Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2014	Jun 2015	Dec 2015				Dec 2015	Jun 2015	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2014
1,589.3	<b>1,536.0</b>	877.4	713.9	<b>822.1</b>	000'oz	Gold produced	kg	<b>25,571</b>	22,204	27,289	<b>47,775</b>	49,432
18,235	<b>19,861</b>	10,452	9,732	<b>10,129</b>	000ton	Ore milled	000ton	<b>10,129</b>	9,732	10,452	<b>19,861</b>	18,235
1,267	<b>1,160</b>	1,243	1,207	<b>1,115</b>	\$/oz	Revenue	R/kg	<b>487,736</b>	461,426	437,979	<b>475,508</b>	440,615
73	<b>65</b>	70	68	<b>61</b>	\$/ton	Operating cost	R/ton	<b>839</b>	810	763	<b>825</b>	785
690.3	<b>497.0</b>	363.7	199.0	<b>298.0</b>	\$m	Operating profit	Rm	<b>3,971.0</b>	2,366.0	3,981.0	<b>6,337.0</b>	7,469.1
34	<b>28</b>	33	23	<b>32</b>	%	Operating margin	%	<b>32</b>	23	33	<b>28</b>	34
849	<b>848</b>	847	935	<b>775</b>	\$/oz	Total cash cost	R/kg	<b>339,017</b>	357,508	298,520	<b>347,613</b>	295,246
1,071	<b>1,031</b>	1,069	1,137	<b>941</b>	\$/oz	AISC	R/kg	<b>411,795</b>	434,769	376,687	<b>422,472</b>	372,492
15	<b>11</b>	13	4	<b>16</b>	%	AISC margin	%	<b>16</b>	4	13	<b>11</b>	15
143.3	<b>56.2</b>	93.4	15.1	<b>41.1</b>	\$m	Basic earnings	Rm	<b>537.1</b>	179.8	1,018.8	<b>716.9</b>	1,551.5
130.9	<b>52.9</b>	69.7	14.3	<b>38.6</b>	\$m	Headline earnings	Rm	<b>505.0</b>	169.6	765.3	<b>674.6</b>	1,417.5
208.7	<b>95.7</b>	107.4	20.5	<b>75.2</b>	\$m	Normalised earnings	Rm	<b>976.5</b>	243.3	1,185.4	<b>1,219.8</b>	2,258.4
25	<b>10</b>	12	2	<b>8</b>	cps	Normalised earnings	cps	<b>107</b>	27	132	<b>134</b>	270
0.19	<b>0.18</b>	0.19	0.24	<b>0.18</b>		Net debt to EBITDA		<b>0.21</b>	0.26	0.20	<b>0.21</b>	0.20

## STATEMENT BY NEAL FRONEMAN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SIBANYE GOLD

"Consistent with the improving trends throughout the year, Sibanye's operating performance for the second half of the year ended 31 December 2015 was significantly better than the first half, with production increasing by 15% and All-in sustaining cost ("AISC") 4% lower. Importantly, production of 12,799kg (411,500oz) for the December 2015 quarter was similar to that reported for the September 2015 quarter and was in line with guidance. Operating cost of R813/ton (US\$57/ton) and AISC of R402,797/kg (US\$882/oz) were both significantly lower than for the September 2015 quarter and compare favourably with Sibanye's global gold peers, placing it amongst the lowest cost producers in the industry.

Gold production for the year ended 31 December 2015 of 47,775kg (1.54Moz) was 3% lower than for the year ended 31 December 2014, reflecting the impact of the poor March 2015 quarter and the effects of Eskom load shedding in the June 2015 quarter. Total cash cost ("TCC") of R347,613/kg (US\$848/oz) and AISC of R422,472/kg (US\$1,031/oz) are also in line with previous guidance in rand terms, but significantly lower than previous guidance in dollar terms. The average gold price received for the year ended 31 December 2015 was R475,508/kg (US\$1,160/oz) resulting in a TCC margin of 27% and an AISC margin of 11%.

It was pleasing to note the overwhelming support from shareholders for the proposed acquisitions of the Rustenburg operations from Anglo American Platinum Limited and Aquarius Platinum Limited at the respective general meetings held during January 2016. The conclusion of the transactions remains subject to the fulfilment of the final outstanding conditions precedent including, *inter alia*:

- The approval of both transactions by the Competition authorities of the Republic of South Africa; and
- The granting of consent in terms of section 11 of the MPRDA for the sale of the Rustenburg Mining Right and the Prospecting Right to Sibanye.

Sibanye remains confident that the Aquarius transaction will be concluded before the end of April 2016 and the Rustenburg transaction during the second half of the year, allowing significant future value to be realised from these world class platinum assets.

Group Mineral Reserves increased for the third consecutive year, with gold Mineral Reserves increasing by 9% to 31.0Moz from 28.4Moz declared at 31 December 2014 (for further detail please refer to the SENS announcement released on 24 February 2016 or on: [www.sibanyegold.co.za](http://www.sibanyegold.co.za)). This was achieved despite depletion of 1.6Moz from mining activities during 2015 and reflects the continued positive impact of prior operational restructuring and the increased technical focus at the operations, as well as R3.6 billion of capital investment in organic projects approved by the Board in 2015.

Uranium Mineral Reserves for the Group also increased by 11% to 113.8Mlb, with a maiden Mineral Reserve declared at Beatrix's Beisa Project.

### Outlook

The operational issues that affected performance in 2015 are unlikely to be repeated. Gold production for the year ending 31 December 2016 is forecast to increase to approximately 50,000kg (1.61Moz), with TCC forecast at approximately R355,000/kg and AISC at approximately R425,000/kg. The recent sharp depreciation of the rand to over R16.00/US\$, means that costs in dollar terms are likely to be significantly lower than in 2015; assuming an average exchange rate of R15.00/US\$ for 2016, TCC is forecast at US\$735/oz and AISC at US\$880/oz. All-in cost is forecast to be R440,000/kg (US\$915/oz), due inter alia, to the initiation of the Kloof and Driefontein below infrastructure projects and the development of the Burnstone mine which were approved in 2015. Total capital expenditure for 2016 is planned at R3.9 billion (US\$265 million).

Due to the weaker rand, and a recovery in the dollar gold price, the rand gold price year to date is on average approximately R100,000/kg higher than in 2015. Whilst we provide no forecast of the future gold price, should this gold price persist throughout 2016, the Group TCC margin will increase to approximately 38% and the AISC margin to approximately 25%."

25 February 2016  
N. Froneman  
Chief Executive Officer

For a comprehensive statement, please see the company's website: [www.sibanyegold.co.za](http://www.sibanyegold.co.za)

**Stock data for the six months ended 31 December 2015**

Number of shares in issue		<b>JSE Limited – (SGL)</b>	
– at 31 December 2015	916,140,552	Price range per ordinary share	ZAR13.66 to ZAR25.06
– weighted average	914,770,500	Average daily volume	3,363,291
Free Float	100%	<b>NYSE – (SBGL); one ADR represents four ordinary shares</b>	
ADR Ratio	1:4	Price range per ADR	US\$4.21 to US\$7.27
Bloomberg/Reuters	SGLS / SGLJ.J	Average daily volume	1,223,341

**Dividend declaration**

The Sibanye Board approved a final dividend, number 3, of 90 cents per share (ZAR) (gross) resulting in a total dividend of 100 cents per share (ZAR) (gross) for the year ended 31 December 2015.

Sibanye's dividend policy is to return at least 25% to 35% of normalised earnings to shareholders and after due consideration of future requirements the dividend may be increased beyond these levels. Normalised earnings are defined as: basic earnings excluding gains and losses on foreign exchange differences and financial instruments, non-recurring items and share of results of equity-accounted investees. After due consideration of the Group cash position and future requirements, the Board has increased the final dividend to 90 cents per share (ZAR).

The final dividend is subject to the Dividends Withholding Tax. In accordance with paragraphs 11.17 (a) (i) and 11.17 (c) of the JSE Listings Requirements the following additional information is disclosed:

- The dividend has been declared out of income reserves;
- The local Dividends Withholding Tax rate is 15% (fifteen per centum);
- The gross local dividend amount is 90 cents per ordinary share (ZAR) for shareholders exempt from the Dividends Tax;

- Dividend Withholding Tax of 15% will be applicable to this dividend;
- The net local dividend amount is 76.5000 cents (85% of 90 cents ZAR) per ordinary share (ZAR) for shareholders liable to pay the Dividends Withholding Tax;
- Sibanye currently has 916,140,552 ordinary shares in issue;
- Sibanye's income tax reference number is 9431 292 151; and
- Sibanye's Auditors are KPMG Inc. and the individual auditor is Jacques Erasmus.

Shareholders are advised of the following dates in respect of the final dividend:

- Final dividend number 3: 90 cents per share (ZAR)
- Last date to trade cum dividend: Friday, 11 March 2016
- Sterling and US dollar conversion date: Monday, 14 March 2016
- Shares commence trading ex-dividend: Monday, 14 March 2016
- Record date: Friday, 18 March 2016
- Payment of dividend: Tuesday, 22 March 2016

Please note that share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday, 14 March 2016, and Friday, 18 March 2016, both dates inclusive.

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