

("Sylvania" or "the Company") ASX/AIM (SLV) A.C.N. 091 415 968

# 29 April 2009

# Quarterly Report 31 March 2009

# Highlights

- R44,586,000 revenues -105% increase from previous quarter (Q2: R21,716,000)
  - 24% PGM Basket price increase
  - Positive pipeline revenue adjustment increase of R9, 2 million (Q2 negative revenue adjustment of R14, 5 million)
- Net profit of R14,081,000 (Q2 R21,354,000) sustained profit in difficult times
- PGM cash costs of \$276 per ounce
- Lannex plant commissioned and in production ramp up phase
  - Successful conclusion to the Boynton dispute
  - On target to reach steady state production levels June 09
- Construction and planning of a further three plants in progress

Commenting on the results today Terry McConnachie, Managing Director, of Sylvania said: "I think the revenue and profit figures reported from the quarter shows that we have built Sylvania into a solid business with sustainable margins. The PGM basket price recovery contributed to our financial performance but ensuring our plants are continually optimized and efficient is at the core of our success. The quarter saw the commissioning of our third plant and in April the successful conclusion to the dispute with Boynton. Sylvania is on target to reach steady state production levels by the end of June from Lannex and will forge ahead with the development of the three other tailings plants."



## **OVERVIEW**

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* Unaudited -	Unit	Previous Quarter Dec 2008	Current Quarter March 2009	YTD 9 Months to March 2009
Financials				
Revenue	R'000	21,716	44,586	112,212
Operating Profit BT & exchange variances (100%)	R'000	3,1 80	14,772	32,187
Exchange Variance	R'000	29,344	-1,903	48,354
Impairment of Assets	R'000	-11,170	1,211	-18,037
Net profit BT & Minority Interest	R'000	21,354	4,08	62,503
Ave R/\$ rate	R/\$	9.91	9.93	9.92
Production				
Plant Feed Tons	t	69,848	66,612	212,949
3E and Au	Oz	6,828	6,615	19,738

Group operating profit before tax and minority interest for the quarter was R14,772,000 (Q2 R3,180,000). Extraordinary adjustments of R1,903,000 for exchange losses on funds held in Australia, and a revaluation profit in listed investments of R1,211,000 realised a profit for the quarter amounting to R14,081,000.



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## HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

No incidents reported resulting in a zero lost day injury frequency for the quarter.

## SYLVANIA DUMP OPERATIONS (100%)

Statistical Information

* Unaudited	Unit	Previous Quarter Dec 2008	Current Quarter March 2009	+- % Quarter on Quarter	YTD 9 Months to March 2009
Revenue					
Revenue	R'000	20,240	42,869	112%	107,473
Basket Price	\$/oz	687	850	24%	825
Gross Cash Margin - SDO	%	16%	56%	247%	53%
Capital Expenditure	R'000	67,179	35,279	-47%	160,936
Ave R/\$ rate	R/\$	9.91	9.93	.2%	9.92
SDO Cash Cost					
Per PGM Feed ton	R/t	274	316	-15%	278
Per PGM Feed ton	\$/t	28	32	-14%	28
Per 3E & Au oz	R/oz	2,460	2,741	- 11%	2,565
Per 3E & Au oz	\$/oz	248	276	-11%	258
Production					
Plant Feed	t	137,924	124,585	- 10%	401,510
Feed Head Grade	g/t	2.85	2.79	-2%	2.77
PGM Plant Feed Tons	t	57,251	53,929	-6%	170,265
PGM Plant Grade	g/t	5.94	5.80	-2%	5.63
PGM Plant Recovery	%	58.3%	61.9%	6%	59.9%
Total 3E and Au	Oz	6,382	6,218	-3%	18,455

Revenue increased by 112% quarter on quarter. This reflected a 24% increase in the Basket price of PGM's, and the impact of reconciliation adjustments. Revenues in the current quarter include a positive adjustment of R9,2 million compared to a negative adjustment of R14,5million in the previous quarter..

As a result of the Samancor shut down during the quarter, current risings feed reduced from 40,997 tons to 12,826 tons. This reduction in current risings feed was replaced with additional mining from the dump. The change over from current risings to only dump mining marginally affected feed production.

Dump material is more oxidized than fresh current risings which resulted in a slight reduction in ounces produced during this quarter.

#### Millsell Plant (Operational from June 2007)

The Sylvania Millsell operation has shown steady growth in terms of plant availability and recoveries. The capital invested in improving pump efficiency has had a positive effect on plant availability. The lack of the Samancor current risings which contain 'easy recoverable' PGM's, in January and February (during the Samancor shutdown), negatively affected the business unit's performance but created an opportunity for optimizing the plant whilst feeding only dump material. The 185kW bead mill is currently being tuned and is already showing some improvement in overall PGM recovery. The dumps are being mechanically mined and small scale hydro mining of the core have been initiated towards the end of the quarter and are contributing to PGM production. The Pump Efficiency Improvement project at Millsell was successfully completed during the quarter. This will deliver savings in the Q4 F 2009 due to pumps operating at higher efficiency and lower pump repair costs.

Improvement capital expenditure during the quarter amounted to R1,258,000.

#### Steelpoort (Operational from September 2007)

The Sylvania Steelpoort flotation plant improved to a 98% availability in February. This was mainly due to improved maintenance planning resulting in reduced breakdowns. The operation achieved a new monthly production record in February 2009 of 1,505 Oz. Flotation recoveries improved to 76% in the 3rd quarter. Phase 1 of the slimes dam has been mined and the footprint has been cleared for the extension of the current slimes dam. The head grade of the Phase 2 slimes dam is lower on the outer walls of the dump (1.45g/t) at the start of the mining and this resulted in lower PGM ounces produced in March. The grade improved to 3.2g/t as mining progressed away from the walls towards the centre of the dam. Optimizing of the bead mills remains a focal point to further improve PGM recoveries in the flotation section. The outlying dumps with higher grade feed material will be moved to the Steelpoort plant for processing to ensure more consistent grade.

Improvement capital expenditure for the quarter amounted to R1,854,000.

## **GROWTH PROJECTS**

**Lannex Plant:** The Lannex PGM operation was successfully commissioned during the quarter under review. The plant's ramp-up phase commenced in April and it is planned for the plant to treat designed tonnage by the end of June. Prior to the commissioning of the PGM section the Broken Hill section was commissioned successfully in October 2008.

Total plant construction cost including commitments totaled R135.5 million at the end of the March quarter. Expenditure for the quarter amounted to R15.8 million. Commissioning costs inclusive of strategic stores and first fill is estimated to reach approximately R5 million.

**Doornbosch Plant:** The construction of the new Doornbosch Plant which is a 37,500 ton per month feed plant is progressing well and earth works and civil work are well under way. All long lead items (PGM float cells, mill and flotation equipment) are ready for delivery to site. This plant is being fast tracked to come into production in September 2009. Capital expenditure for the quarter was R350,000.

**Mooinooi Plant:** The Mooinooi project to construct a 37,000 ton chrome recovery and PGM floatation plant is progressing well and once completed, the plant will treat current risings from the Samancor Mooinooi, Elandsdrift and Buffelsfontein Mines as well as other surrounding dumps. Civil works have been completed, with steel structures 40% complete. Long lead items are on site. Commissioning is scheduled for September 2009 some two months later than originally planned, as we have used some of the Mooinooi resources to fast track Doornbosch plant where feed grades are higher. Capital expenditure for the quarter was R,12,983,000.

**Tweefontein Plant:** The Tweefontein plant will be a 37,000 ton feed plant which is planned to treat 10,000 ton current risings from the Tweefontein mine and 27,000 tons of slimes from the Tweefontein void. This project is in the design phase and it is planned to start civil work in May 2009. The current proposal indicates that the plant will be erected by November 2009, with commissioning in December 2009. Total Capital expenditure for quarter amounts to R3 million.

### Chrome Tailings Retreatment Project (CTRP) (25% attributable)

(Managed by AQP)

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* Unaudited	Unit	Previous Quarter Dec 2008	Current Quarter March 2009	+- % Quarter on Quarter	YTD 9 Months to March 2009
Revenue					
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Revenue	R'000	1,475	1,716	16%	4,739
Basket Price	\$/oz	984	859	-13%	1,323
Ave R/\$ rate	R/\$	9.68	9.95	3%	9.13
Site Cash Cost					
Per ROM ton	R/t	119	64	46%	94
Per ROM ton	\$/t	12	6	48%	10
Per PGM oz	R/oz	3,352	2,043	39%	3,111
Per PGM oz	\$/oz	346	205	41%	341
Production					
Plant Feed Tons	t	12,597	12,683	1%	42,684
Grade	g/t	2.27	2.15	-5%	2.50
Recovery	%	48%	44%	-4%	41%
Total 3E and Au	Oz	446	397	-11%	1,284

Cash costs decreased due to cost reductions as well as a reversal of unrealized expense accruals made during prior periods.

Recoveries decreased due to the lower head grade and a breakdown on the Deswick mill, which resulted in the mill being bypassed. The head grade decreased as a result of grade variances within the chromite dump source material.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

#### Boynton Court Decision

Subsequent to the end of the quarter, Boynton Investments (Pty) Ltd, as expected, took the dispute about ownership of the PGM contained in the Lannex Dump to the High Court of SA by way of an urgent application for a court order declaring Boynton as owner or co-owner of the PGM material in the Dump.

After Sylvania filed their opposing papers, Boynton withdrew their application and offered to pay all Sylvania's legal costs.

Boynton's withdrawal has vindicated Sylvania's longstanding view based on sound legal advice, that Boynton has no standing to claim that it is the co-owner of any of the dump material in the Lannex Dump.

#### **Everest North**

#### **Vygenhoek Mining Application**

As was recorded in the previous quarterly report, the application for a mining right to mine for platinum and associated minerals on the farm Vygenhoek in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa was duly submitted to Aquarius Platinum SA for their comments prior to the submission thereof to the South African Department of Minerals and Energy (DME).

Sylvania has set time deadlines but is still awaiting feedback from Aquarius where after the mining application will be lodged with the DME.

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# APPENDIX 5B MINING EXPLORATION ENTITY QUARTERLY REPORT

Name of entity

# SYLVANIA RESOURCES LIMITED

ACN or ARBN 091 415 968 Quarter ended ("current quarter") 31 March 2009

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

			Current quarter	(9 months) \$A'000
Cash f	lows related to op	erating activities	\$A'000	Year to date
1.1	Receipts from p	roduct sales and related debtors	7,321	29,271
.2	Payments for	(a) exploration and evaluation	(31)	(89)
	-	(b) development	(9,481)	(27,769)
		(c) production	(2,965)	(8,524)
		(d) administration	(1,958)	(6,398)
.3	Dividends receiv	ved		
.4	Interest and oth	er items of a similar nature received	612	2,269
.5	Interest and oth	er costs of finance paid		
.6	Income taxes pa	id	(558)	(558)
.7	Other		(12)	(601)
	Net Operating	g Cash Flows	(7,072)	(12,399)
Cash 1 .8	flows related to in Payment for	vesting activities (a) prospects	(711)	(711)
.0	purchases of:	(b) equity investments	(,)	(,)
		(c) other fixed assets	(16)	(52)
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.9	Proceeds from s	ale of: (a) prospects (b) equity investments		
		(c) other fixed assets		
.10	Loans to other e	entities	(4)	(31)
.11	Loans repaid by	other entities	21	43
.12	Other (provide	details if material)		
Net i	nvesting cash flo	200	(710)	(751)
.13		and investing cash flows (carried forward)	(7,782)	(13,150)
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.13	Total operating	and investing cash flows (brought forward)	(7,782)	(13,150)
Cash	flows related to	financing activities		
.14		ssues of shares, options, etc.		
.15	Proceeds from s	ale of forfeited shares		
.16	Proceeds from b	porrowings		
.17	Repayment of bo	orrowings	(54)	(1)
.18	Dividends paid			
.19	Other – capital ı	raising costs		(50)
	Net financing	cash flows	(54)	(51)
let i	ncrease (decrea	se) in cash held	(7,836)	(13,201)
.20		g of quarter/year to date	40,670	43,849
.21		djustments to item 1.20	(370)	1,816
CISIS STORES	Cash at end of		32,464	32,464

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# NON-CASH FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

2.1 Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows

2.2 Details of outlays made by other entities to establish or increase their share in projects in which the reporting entity has an interest

## FINANCING FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.

		Amount available	
		\$A'000	\$A'000
3.1	Loan facilities	-	_
3.2	Credit standby arrangements	_	-

# ESTIMATED CASH OUTFLOWS FOR NEXT QUARTER

		\$A'000
4.1	Exploration and evaluation	1,000
4.2	Development	14,385
Tota	l	15,385

# **RECONCILIATION OF CASH**

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.

		Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Cash on hand and at bank	4,343	7,558
5.2	Deposits at call	28,121	33,112
5.3	Bank overdraft		
5.4	Other (provide details)		
Tota	ll: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)	32,464	40,670

# CHANGES IN INTERESTS IN MINING TENEMENTS

		Tenement reference	Nature of interest (note (2))	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
6.1	Interests in mining tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed				
6.2	Interests in mining tenements acquired or increased *Pending the Minister approval of transfer of rights				

## ISSUED AND QUOTED SECURITIES AT END OF CURRENT QUARTER

Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

		Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 3)	Amount paid up per security (see note 3)
7.1	Preference +securities (description)	_	_		
7.2	Changes during quarter				
1.2	(a) Increases through issues				
	(b) Decreases through returns of				
	capital, buy-backs, redemptions				
7.3	+Ordinary securities	181,662,273	181,662,273	N/A	N/A
7.4	Changes during quarter				
	(a) Increases through issues	700,000	700,000	\$1.63	lssued pursuant to the Sylvania Share Plan
	(b) Decreases through returns of				Share Fian
	capital, buy-backs				
7.5	+Convertible debt securities (description)	-	-		
7.6	Changes during quarter				
	(a) Increases through issues				
	(b) Decreases through securities				
	matured, converted				
				Exercise date	Expiry Date
7.7	<b>Options</b> (description and conversion factor)	500,000	Nil	\$0.50	30 June 2009
		600,000	Nil	\$0.75	30 June 2010
		400,000	Nil	\$2.89	30 June 2011
		600,000	Nil	\$2.67	30 June 2011
		5,633,000	Nil	\$1.63	30 June 2011
7.8	Issued during quarter	2,250,000	Nil	\$1.63	30 June 2011
7.9	Exercised during quarter				
7.10	Expired during quarter				
7.11	Debentures (totals only)	-	_		
7.12	Unsecured notes (totals only)	_			

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms

### **COMPLIANCE STATEMENT**

I This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Law or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 4).

2 This statement does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

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Date: 29 April 2009 Chief Financial Officer

Print name: Louis Carroll

## NOTES

- I This quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity wanting to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes attached to this report.
- 2 The "Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements acquired, exercised or lapsed during the reporting period. If the entity is involved in a joint venture agreement and there are conditions precedent which will change its percentage interest in a mining tenement, it should disclose the change of percentage interest and conditions precedent in the list required for items 6.1 and 6.2.
- 3 Issued and quoted securities The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 7.1 and 7.3 for fully paid securities.
- 4 The definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 1022: Accounting for Extractive Industries and AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report.
- 5 Accounting Standards ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if any) must be complied with.