

## Appendix 4D

### HALF YEAR REPORT

Zimplats Holdings Limited  
ARBN: 463 058  
Australian Stock Exchange code: **ZIM**

Half year ended 31 December 2008  
Results for announcement to the market

			<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
			<b>US\$ 000</b>	<b>US\$ 000</b>
1.	Revenue from ordinary activities	Down 58%	41 102	99 246
2.	(Loss)/ Profit from ordinary activities after tax	Down 188%	(26 003)	29 626
3.	Net profit attributed to equity holders	Down 188%	(26 003)	29 626

- The unaudited directors' and finance reports for the half year to December 2008 have been released and are available on the Zimplats website.
- A total of 93 909 oz 4E was despatched, up 15% on the prior period when metal production and despatches were lower than normal due to a 43 day furnace e-line shut down. Despite the higher sales volume, revenue for the half year amounted to only US\$41 million, down 58% on the previous period. This was a result of the significant fall in metal prices from July 2008 and the resultant pipeline adjustments amounting to US\$32 million.
- Operating costs for the period amounted to US\$70 million, an increase of 21 % on the previous year. Whilst the higher production and sales volumes account for a significant portion of the increase, costs for the period were adversely affected by the increase in fuel prices due to high oil prices, higher electricity tariffs and adjustments to employee wages/salaries to retain skills in a difficult socio-economic environment. There were also costs incurred on termination of open cast contracts when the open pit operations ceased at the end of November 2008.
- The combination of the above factors resulted in a loss before tax of US\$28 million compared to the previous period's profit of US\$42 million. A loss after tax of US\$26 million was incurred compared to a profit of US\$30 million for the previous period.
- The PGM market remains depressed reflecting the troubled state of the world economy, in particular the automotive industry. Without an easing of the world financial crisis, no meaningful recovery in prices is expected in calendar year 2009.
- Despite increased management focus on safety, performance for the half year was disappointing with six lost time injuries. The total number of recorded injuries has however fallen significantly.
- Satisfactory progress has been made on the Ngezi Phase 1 Expansion project. The development of one of the two new underground mines was completed in September 2008 and the mine is expected to reach full production by June 2009. The Ngezi concentrator is scheduled to be commissioned in April 2009 with full production to be achieved by end of June 2009.
- The US\$80 million loan facility secured last year has been fully drawn. However, due to the fall in metal prices, the company is seeking to extend its existing credit facilities.
- A Coalition Government involving the three political parties represented in parliament is due to be established by 13 February 2009. The Zimbabwe economy has largely dollarized. Meanwhile the Government has unveiled a US\$ based national budget for 2009 in line with the dollarization of the economy. Whilst this will be welcomed by most people in the country particularly the working class, there are fears regarding the Government's ability to raise the hard currency to fund the budget. Ultimately, the Government may be forced to implement unfavourable policies on exporters to raise the hard currency that may make it difficult to operate the business viably.

- Shareholders were previously advised that the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) had engaged Alex Stewart International LLC (ASI) to carry out an audit on the operating subsidiary, Zimbabwe Platinum Mines (Private) Limited. In their report ASI highlighted that the operating subsidiary owed the fiscus a substantial amount in unpaid Additional Profits Tax (APT). The company refuted the ASI finding that the company is liable for APT in light of existing agreements between Zimplats and the Government of Zimbabwe, in terms of which, specific undertakings were given that APT would not be payable. The RBZ recently instructed the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority to claim the purported amount for APT from the operating subsidiary. Management regards the issue as work in progress and discussions with the relevant Government authorities are ongoing. Shareholders will be advised accordingly of any material developments.