



ASX PRELIMINARY FINAL REPORT

Appendix 4E

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This report covers the consolidated entity of Zimplats Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries (together the 'Group').
The report is presented in United States dollars (US\$).

Results for announcement to the market

Reporting period: 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 (FY2018)
Previous reporting period: 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 (FY2017)

			2018 US\$ 000	2017 US\$ 000
1.	Revenue	 14%	582 544	512 549
2.	Profit before income tax	 64%	165 956	101 313
3.	Income tax expense	 (193%)	(163 316)	(55 775)
4.	Profit for the year attributable to members	 (94%)	2 640	45 538
5.	Dividend per share (cents)		60.39	-

Net tangible asset backing

		2018	2017
Net tangible assets per security	 0.3%	US\$9.25	US\$9.22

Note: FY in this report refers to the financial year for the Group which ends on 30 June.

Commentary on results

Finance

- Revenue for the year increased by 14% from US\$512.5 million in FY2017 to US\$582.5 million despite the 2% decrease in 4E sales volumes from 555 892 ounces to 542 085 ounces. This was due to the increase in the average prices received for palladium, nickel, rhodium and copper which resulted in a 17% increase in gross revenue per platinum ounce from US\$1 868 to US\$2 184.
- Cost of sales marginally increased from US\$367.1 million in FY2017 to US\$368 million.
- Gross profit margins improved from 28% in FY2017 to 37% in the current year driven by the improvement in average metal prices achieved.
- Operating cash costs per platinum ounce increased by 5% from US\$1 225 in FY2017 to US\$1 290 in FY2018 due to a 4% decrease in platinum produced (including metal in concentrate sold), increase in employee benefit expenses and increase in prices of consumables.
- The Group was awarded a 2.5% export incentive on export proceeds received in Zimbabwe pursuant to the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) export incentive scheme. As a result, income of US\$13.6 million (FY2017: US\$14 million) was recognised in the income statement.

- The Group realised US\$10.4 million (FY2017: US\$20.8 million) from the disposal of treasury bills. In March 2018, the operating subsidiary received a treasury bill with a nominal value of US\$11.3 million and a maturity date of 24 November 2020 from the Government of Zimbabwe in settlement for interest on the historic US\$34 million owed by the RBZ. The treasury bill was disposed of during the year for a consideration of US\$10.4 million. The principal amount of US\$34 million was settled in the prior year through the issuance of treasury bills with a nominal value of US\$34 million which were disposed of for a consideration of US\$20.8 million in the same year.

As a result of these factors, profit before income tax for the year increased from US\$101.3 million in FY2017 to US\$166 million.

- The income tax expense increased from US\$55.8 million in FY2017 to US\$163.3 million driven mainly by a US\$98.1 million deferred tax charge. The deferred tax charge for the current year was significantly higher than the prior year because of the change of the operating subsidiary's status from being a special mining lease (SML) holder to a mining lease (ML) holder. A deferred tax charge of approximately US\$95.4 million was recognised in FY2018 arising from the change in income tax rate of 15.45% under the SML tax regime to 25.75% under the ML tax regime (inclusive of AIDS levy).
- Current income tax and additional profits tax increased by a net total of US\$13 million, mainly due to improved profitability offset by a US\$8.2 million benefit from adjustments in respect of prior years' computations.
- Consequently, profit for the year decreased from US\$45.5 million in FY2017 to US\$2.6 million.
- Net cash generated from operating activities increased from US\$56.1 million in FY2017 to US\$195 million driven by the improved profitability.
- At year-end, the Group had bank borrowings amounting to US\$85 million (2017: US\$109 million) and a cash balance of US\$119 million (2017: US\$70.3 million).

Dividend

- The board of directors declared a dividend of US\$65 million (equating to 60.39 US cents per share).
- The ex-dividend and record dates for the dividend are 6 and 7 September 2018 respectively.

Safety, Health and Environment

- As at 30 June 2018, the Group had accumulated 8.8 million fatality free shifts.
- The Group achieved a record lost-time injury frequency rate (LTIFR) of 0.19 during the year compared to 0.21 in the prior year. Regrettably, the total number of injuries increased by 33% from six in FY2017 to eight in FY2018 resulting in the total injury frequency rate (TIFR) deteriorating by 27% from 0.41 to 0.52. The Group remains committed to the 'zero harm' goal and will strive to achieve this through the ongoing implementation of both people and technology centred strategic safety initiatives approved by the board.
- The Group's integrated wellness programme, covering both physical and mental health, worked well during the year. Employee wellness and behaviour continues to be key to safe production in the workplace and achievement of the Group's 'zero harm' goal. External consultants were hired to assist with HIV and AIDS counselling, mental health issues, family relationships and alcohol and drug abuse. There was also a very strong focus on life-style changes as a way of managing non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, cancer and diabetes.
- Occupational health monitoring for the year focused on occupational lung diseases (mainly pneumoconiosis), noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL) and lower back pain. Recommendations from an ergonomics survey carried out in the prior year are being implemented.

- There were no major issues of environmental non-compliance reported from the internal and external audits during the year.
- The Group maintained its certification to environmental management systems under the revised standard (ISO14001:2015).
- Rehabilitation of the closed open-pits continued as planned in the year. The rehabilitation of the tailings storage facilities progressed well in the year with 2.15 hectares revegetated.

Operations

- Both mining and milling operations performed well during the year producing 6.8 million tonnes (FY2017: 7 million tonnes) and 6.6 million tonnes (FY2017: 6.7 million tonnes) respectively. The prior year benefitted from an additional nine operating days following the change in reporting date from 21 June to 30 June.
- Concentrates smelted decreased from 132 228 tonnes in FY2017 to 120 068 tonnes in FY2018 due to a smelter shutdown for 45 days (including power ramp-up) for a planned furnace sidewall reline.
- Production of platinum in converter matte decreased by 8% from 262 871 ounces in FY2017 to 241 458 ounces in FY2018 in line with the decrease in the furnace throughput and pipeline stock movements.
- Four elements (platinum, palladium, rhodium and gold) (4E) metal production (including sales in concentrates) for the year decreased by 4% from 568 634 ounces in FY2017 to 546 915 ounces in FY2018.
- The concentrates stockpiled during the furnace shutdown were exported during the year, realising a further 29 259 ounces of platinum.
- Total platinum ounces produced and sold in FY2018 decreased from 281 069 ounces and 274 364 ounces in FY2017 to 270 717 ounces and 266 720 ounces respectively.
- The Group successfully ramped up production at Bimha Mine to its design capacity in April 2018. This resulted in the closure of the South Pit Mine which was commissioned to close the production gap created by the collapse of Bimha Mine in 2014. Production from Ngwarati and Rukodzi mines was also scaled down to their respective design capacities during the year following the attainment of design production at Bimha Mine.
- The ground monitoring systems continued to signal stable conditions at all underground mines. The general conditions in the new Bimha Mine footprint have also remained stable, while insignificant closure incidents were recorded in the old abandoned footprint.

Capital Projects

- The Group spent a total of US\$135.3 million on capital projects during the year, compared to US\$63.3 million in FY2017. US\$131 million was spent on stay in business projects during the year, 121% higher than the US\$59.3 million spent in the prior year. US\$4 million was spent on expansion projects during the year, which was in line with the prior year.
- Bimha Mine, which is undergoing redevelopment achieved design production capacity in April 2018 as planned. The commissioning of the north crusher and ore conveyancing system is scheduled for the first quarter of FY2019, while the commissioning of the south crusher and ore conveyancing system is scheduled for the fourth quarter of FY2019. A total of US\$29.9 million was spent on this project during the year bringing project expenditure as at 30 June 2018 to US\$66.2 million against a budget of US\$101 million. A total of US\$14.4 million was committed at year end.

- A total of US\$31.2 million was spent on the replacement of trackless mining machinery, including ancillary support equipment, in line with the Group's current replacement policy.
- Development of Mupani Mine to replace Rukodzi and Ngwarati mines which deplete in FY2022 and FY2025 respectively, is ahead of schedule. A total of US\$28.7 million was spent on this project during the year bringing the total expenditure to US\$37.8 million. The mine is scheduled to reach full production of 2.2Mtpa in August 2025 at an estimated total project cost of US\$264 million.
- The Phase 2 expansion projects continued focusing on the upgrading of the dust abatement system at the Ngezi Concentrator and outstanding work on the sewer outflow handling. US\$4 million was incurred during the year bringing the total actual project expenditure as at 30 June 2018 to US\$458 million against an authorised budget of US\$491.9 million.

**PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Notes	2018 US\$ 000	2017 US\$ 000
Revenue	4	582 544	512 549
Cost of sales	5	(368 036)	(367 065)
Gross profit		214 508	145 484
Administrative expenses	6	(46 144)	(46 274)
Selling and distribution expenses		(4 363)	(4 887)
Royalty and commission expense		(15 200)	(12 692)
Other operating expenses	7	(4 610)	(8 967)
Other operating income	8	24 618	36 646
Operating profit		168 809	109 310
Finance income		2 353	851
Finance cost		(5 206)	(8 848)
Profit before income tax		165 956	101 313
Income tax expense		(163 316)	(55 775)
Profit for the year		2 640	45 538
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		-	-
Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss:		-	-
- Gain on re-measurement of available-for-sale financial assets		527	7 804
- Reclassification of changes in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets to profit or loss		(527)	(7 804)
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		2 640	45 538
Attributable to:			
Owners of Zimplats Holdings Limited		2 640	45 538
Non-controlling interest		-	-
		2 640	45 538
Earnings per share for profit attributable to the ordinary equity holders of Zimplats Holdings Limited:			
Basic earnings per share (cents)		2	42
Diluted earnings per share (cents)		2	42

**PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2018**

		2018	2017
	Notes	US\$ 000	US\$ 000
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	1 086 705	1 016 647
Trade and other receivables	10	1 915	2 457
		1 088 620	1 019 104
Current assets			
Inventories		62 785	54 036
Prepayments	11	49 901	97 690
Trade and other receivables	10	180 091	162 583
Cash and balances with banks		118 981	70 334
		411 758	384 643
Total assets		1 500 378	1 403 747
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Share capital and reserves			
Share capital		10 763	10 763
Share premium		89 166	89 166
Retained earnings		895 370	892 730
		995 299	992 659
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	12	42 500	85 000
Share-based compensation		361	1 795
Deferred income taxes		243 372	145 183
Environmental rehabilitation provision		22 387	27 832
		308 620	259 810
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	81 018	73 203
Current income tax liabilities		72 241	53 664
Borrowings	12	42 500	24 003
Share-based compensation		700	408
		196 459	151 278
Total equity and liabilities		1 500 378	1 403 747

PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Share capital US\$ 000	Share premium US\$ 000	Retained earnings US\$ 000	Total US\$ 000
Balance as at 1 July 2017	10 763	89 166	892 730	992 659
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	2 640	2 640
Profit for the year	-	-	2 640	2 640
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2018	10 763	89 166	895 370	995 299
Balance as at 1 July 2016	10 763	89 166	847 192	947 121
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	45 538	45 538
Profit for the year	-	-	45 538	45 538
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2017	10 763	89 166	892 730	992 659

**PRELIMINARY CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Notes	2018 US\$ 000	2017 US\$ 000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Operating profit		168 809	109 310
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	9	65 450	75 943
Provision for obsolete inventories		1 233	203
Provision for share-based compensation		(200)	412
Foreign exchange losses	7	203	936
(Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	7&8	(63)	6
Other receivables written off	7	14	778
Treasury bill received in lieu of interest	8	(9 824)	-
Reversal of impairment of a long-term receivable	8	-	(12 996)
Gain on re-measurement of available-for-sale financial assets	8	(527)	(7 804)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Increase in inventories		(9 982)	(6 818)
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments	11	47 789	(38 202)
Increase in trade and other receivables	10	(16 980)	(31 108)
Increase in trade and other payables	13	7 612	14 708
Net cash generated from operations		253 534	105 368
Finance costs paid		(7 658)	(7 194)
Share-based compensation payments		(942)	(310)
Payments for environmental rehabilitation		(3 407)	(780)
Income taxes and withholding tax paid		(46 550)	(40 985)
Net cash generated from operating activities		194 977	56 099
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	9	(135 281)	(63 321)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment		250	249
Proceeds from disposal of treasury bills	8	10 351	20 800
Finance income		2 353	845
Net cash utilised in investing activities		(122 327)	(41 427)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		72 650	14 672
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		46 334	31 665
Exchange losses on cash and cash equivalents		(3)	(3)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		118 981	46 334
Represented by:			
Cash and balances with banks		118 981	70 334
Revolving facility	12	-	(24 000)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		118 981	46 334

NOTES TO THE PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES, ESTIMATION METHODS AND MEASUREMENT BASES

The Group prepares its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year and half year accounts.

2. DETAILS OF CONTROLLED ENTITIES

There are no entities over which control has been gained or lost during the year. In prior year, Zimbabwe Platinum Mines (Private) Limited, the Group's operating subsidiary, issued a 10% equity stake to the Zimplats Employee Share Ownership Trust, which holds the shares for the benefit of the participating employees.

3. JOINT VENTURES

There are no associates or joint venture entities.

4. REVENUE

The Group derives its revenue from the following metal products:

	2018 US\$ 000	2017 US\$ 000
Platinum	223 334	239 390
Palladium	200 398	161 232
Gold	34 585	32 251
Rhodium	42 962	20 346
Nickel	53 318	38 708
Copper	19 240	15 339
Iridium	5 124	4 024
Ruthenium	2 512	588
Silver	246	254
Cobalt	825	417
	<u>582 544</u>	<u>512 549</u>

5. COST OF SALES

Mining operations

	203 645	203 801
Employee benefit expenses	54 840	48 514
Materials and other mining costs	141 333	147 895
Utilities	7 472	7 392

Concentrating and smelting operations

	101 015	96 028
Employee benefit expenses	14 958	14 500
Materials and consumables	51 737	49 033
Utilities	34 320	32 495
Depreciation charge for operating assets	64 540	74 643
Increase in ore, concentrate and matte stocks	(1 164)	(7 407)
	<u>368 036</u>	<u>367 065</u>

NOTES TO THE PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

	2018	2017
	US\$ 000	US\$ 000
6. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Employee benefit expenses	25 081	25 549
Insurance	5 016	4 800
Information, communication and technology	4 272	4 292
Corporate costs	6 131	6 926
Corporate social responsibility costs	3 308	2 235
Depreciation	1 048	1 300
Consulting fees	502	303
Non-executive directors' fees	388	396
Independent auditors' remuneration	234	289
Operating lease expenses	164	184
	<u>46 144</u>	<u>46 274</u>
7. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES		
Tax penalties and interest charges	4 393	7 233
Foreign exchange losses	203	936
Other receivables written off	14	778
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	6
Other expenses	-	14
	<u>4 610</u>	<u>8 967</u>
8. OTHER OPERATING INCOME		
Export incentive (a)	13 566	13 973
Treasury bill received in lieu of interest (b)	9 824	-
Reversal of impairment of a long-term receivable (c)	-	12 996
Gain on re-measurement of available-for-sale financial assets (a)/(c)	527	7 804
Insurance claim	-	559
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	63	-
Other income	638	1 314
	<u>24 618</u>	<u>36 646</u>

(a) The Group is entitled to a 2.5% export incentive on the export proceeds received in Zimbabwe pursuant to the RBZ export incentive scheme. Export incentive is accrued when the Group has received export proceeds in Zimbabwe.

(b) In March 2018, the Government of Zimbabwe issued to the Group's main operating subsidiary a treasury bill with a nominal value of US\$11.3 million and a maturity date of 24 November 2020 in settlement for interest on the historic US\$34 million owed by the RBZ to the operating subsidiary. The treasury bill was designated as an available-for-sale financial asset and was initially recognised at a fair value of US\$9.8 million at a discount rate of 5%. The Group subsequently disposed of the treasury bill for a consideration of US\$10.4 million which was received during the year, realising a gain on re-measurement of US\$0.5 million.

(c) In 2017, the Government of Zimbabwe issued to the Group's operating subsidiary, treasury bills with a total nominal value of US\$34 million in settlement of the principal amount owed by the RBZ to the operating subsidiary. The treasury bills were designated as available-for-sale financial assets and were initially recognised at a fair value of US\$13 million at a discount rate of 27.5% resulting in a reversal of impairment of US\$13 million being recognised in the income statement. The Group subsequently disposed of the treasury bills for a consideration of US\$20.8 million, which was received during the year realising a gain on re-measurement of US\$7.8 million.

NOTES TO THE PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	2018	2017
	US\$ 000	US\$ 000
Opening net book amount	1 016 647	1 024 233
Additions	130 976	68 612
Borrowing costs capitalised	4 719	-
Disposals	(39 770)	(63 247)
Accumulated depreciation on disposals	39 583	62 992
Depreciation charge	(65 450)	(75 943)
Closing net book amount	<u>1 086 705</u>	<u>1 016 647</u>
In the statement of cash flows, purchase of property, plant and equipment comprises:		
Additions	130 976	68 612
Environmental rehabilitation asset adjustment	4 305	(5 291)
	<u>135 281</u>	<u>63 321</u>
10. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade receivables due from related parties	161 642	148 187
Value added tax receivable	12 614	10 813
Export incentive	1 123	1 547
Other receivables	6 627	4 493
	<u>182 006</u>	<u>165 040</u>
Current assets	180 091	162 583
Non-current assets	1 915	2 457
	<u>182 006</u>	<u>165 040</u>
11. PREPAYMENTS		
Deposits on property, plant and equipment	37 714	51 936
Consumables and other operating expenditure	7 914	31 422
Insurance premiums	4 273	2 309
Zimbabwe Electricity Transmission and Distribution Company	-	12 023
	<u>49 901</u>	<u>97 690</u>

NOTES TO THE PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

12. BORROWINGS

	2018 US\$ 000	2017 US\$ 000
Non-current		
Bank borrowings	42 500	85 000
	<u>42 500</u>	<u>85 000</u>
Current		
Revolving facility	-	24 000
Bank borrowings	42 500	3
	<u>42 500</u>	<u>24 003</u>
Total borrowings	<u>85 000</u>	<u>109 003</u>

The movement in borrowings is as follows;

At the beginning of the year	109 003	109 000
Interest accrued	7 658	7 195
Decrease in revolving facility	(24 000)	-
Repayments	(7 658)	(7 194)
Capital	-	-
Interest	(7 658)	(7 194)
Movement in interest included in trade and other payables	(3)	2
At the end of the year	<u>85 000</u>	<u>109 003</u>

The exposure of the Group's borrowings to interest rate changes and the contractual repricing dates at the end of the reporting period are as follows:

	2018 US\$ 000	2017 US\$ 000
On demand and up to 6 months	-	24 000
6 months to 1 year	42 500	3
1 year to 2 years	42 500	42 500
2 years to 5 years	-	42 500
	<u>85 000</u>	<u>109 003</u>

NOTES TO THE PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

13.	TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2018 US\$ 000	2017 US\$ 000
	Trade payables	42 653	30 372
	Leave pay provision	7 023	6 296
	Royalty and Minerals Marketing Corporation of Zimbabwe commission payable	2 058	3 428
	Amounts due to related parties	8 313	7 230
	Accruals	17 431	24 384
	Other payables	3 540	1 493
		<u>81 018</u>	<u>73 203</u>

Trade payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are assumed to be the same as their fair values due to their short-term nature.

The payables are denominated in different currencies as follows:

United States dollars	69 909	65 077
South African rand	9 979	7 885
Euro	1 119	206
Other	11	35
	<u>81 018</u>	<u>73 203</u>

Movements in the statement of cash flows comprise:

Payables per the statement of financial position	7 815	14 920
Foreign currency exchange adjustment	(203)	(933)
Interest payable movement	-	2
Settlement discounts	-	6
Tax penalties and interest charges	-	713
	<u>7 612</u>	<u>14 708</u>

14. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

Dividend

Post year-end, the board of directors declared a dividend of US\$65 million (equating to 60.39 US cents per share). The ex-dividend and record dates for the dividend are 6 and 7 September 2018 respectively.

Offtake Agreement

The offtake agreement between the Group's operating subsidiary and Impala Refining Services Limited ("IRS"), remained in place during FY2018. With effect from 1 July 2018, to give effect to an internal restructuring within the Impala Platinum Holdings Limited ("Implats") Group, IRS ceded and assigned all of its rights, title and interest in, and delegated its obligations under the offtake agreement to Impala Platinum Limited ("Impala"), a fellow Implats subsidiary. Following the restructure, the offtake agreement will continue on the same terms and conditions and Impala will continue to discharge the obligations that were previously discharged by IRS under and in terms of the offtake agreement. The cession and assignment of the offtake agreement from IRS to Impala will not impact the performance of the agreement.

15. AUDIT STATUS

This report is based on financial statements which are in the process of being audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe).