

Production report

Quarterly overview

Total iron ore production increased by 6% in the fourth quarter from a year earlier to 9,6Mt. This was due mainly to the 1,6Mt of production delivered by the Jig plant.

| '000 tonnes | Quarter ended | | | Quarter ended | | |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| | 31 Dec 2008 | 31 Dec 2007 | Change % | 30 Sep 2008 | 30 Sep 2007 | Change % |
| Iron ore | 9 552 | 8 992 | 6 | 10 084 | 7 813 | 29 |
| – Lump | 5 897 | 5 221 | 13 | 5 965 | 4 661 | 28 |
| – Fines | 3 655 | 3 771 | (3) | 4 119 | 3 152 | 31 |
| Mine production | 9 552 | 8 992 | 6 | 10 084 | 7 813 | 29 |
| – Sishen Mine | 8 857 | 8 268 | 7 | 9 394 | 7 210 | 30 |
| DMS plant | 7 028 | 8 095 | (13) | 7 346 | 7 210 | 2 |
| Jig plant | 1 647 | 173 | — | 1 808 | — | — |
| Other | 182 | — | — | 240 | — | — |
| – Thabazimbi Mine | 695 | 724 | (4) | 690 | 603 | 14 |

Yearly overview

Sishen Mine – DMS plant

28,4Mt was produced by the DMS plant for the year, 1,1Mt less than the record production achieved from the plant in 2007. Production was negatively affected due to a reduction in the yield of the plant due to a lower feed grade fed to the plant.

Sishen Mine – Jig plant (*Sishen Expansion Project*)

Production from the Jig plant for the year was 4,7Mt. This production level was lower than anticipated and was impacted by several technical difficulties as well as the late commissioning of the crushing and sample plants and the scaling back on throughput in the fourth quarter. Based on the recent performance from the Jig plant, it is anticipated that an annualised production rate of 13Mt should be achieved during the fourth quarter of 2009. Production may need to be scaled back if stable market demand does not prevail during 2009.

| '000 tonnes | Twelve months ended | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|
| | 31 Dec 2008 | 31 Dec 2007 | Change % |
| Iron ore | 36 699 | 32 401 | 13 |
| – Lump | 22 042 | 19 044 | 16 |
| – Fines | 14 657 | 13 357 | 10 |
| Mine production | 36 699 | 32 401 | 13 |
| – Sishen Mine | 34 039 | 29 728 | 15 |
| DMS plant | 28 395 | 29 555 | (4) |
| Jig plant | 4 747 | 173 | 100 |
| Other | 897 | — | 100 |
| – Thabazimbi Mine | 2 660 | 2 673 | — |