

Production and sales report for the six months ended 30 June 2010

Total iron ore production increased by 6% to 10.4Mt in the second quarter from a year earlier and by 15% to 21.9Mt for the six months ended 30 June 2010. This was due mainly to the 30% increase to 3.1Mt production delivered by the Jig plant during the quarter and the 45% increase to 6.4Mt for the six months, as well as an 8% increase to 14.6Mt in performance from the DMS plant for the six months.

Export sales for the second quarter of 2010 of 9.5Mt decreased by 14% from a year earlier. This was due to the record sales achieved of 11.0Mt in 2009 as lost volumes from the first quarter were sold in the second quarter by redirecting volumes to China. Total export sales for the six months of 18.8Mt were 10% higher than the 17.1Mt sold during the same period in 2009. The increase in export sales reflects the strengthening of demand from traditional markets and China.

Six month overview

'000 tonnes	Unaudited Year-to-date		
	30 June 2010	30 June 2009	% change
Production summary			
Iron ore	21 935	19 147	15
– Lump	13 214	11 671	13
– Fines	8 721	7 476	17
Mine production	21 935	19 147	15
– Sishen Mine	21 078	18 032	17
DMS plant	14 655	13 617	8
Jig plant	6 423	4 415	45
– Thabazimbi Mine	857	1 115	(23)
Sales summary			
Total	21 946	19 997	10
– Sishen Mine	21 059	19 098	10
Export sales	18 817	17 074	10
Domestic sales	2 242	2 024	11
– Thabazimbi Mine	887	899	(1)

Quarterly overview

'000 tonnes	Unaudited Quarter ended			Unaudited Quarter ended		
	30 June 2010	30 June 2009	% change	31 March 2010	31 March 2009	% change
Production summary						
Iron ore	10 446	9 824	6	11 489	9 323	23
– Lump	6 312	6 076	4	6 902	5 595	23
– Fines	4 134	3 748	10	4 587	3 728	23
Mine production	10 446	9 824	6	11 489	9 323	23
– Sishen Mine	10 072	9 339	8	11 006	8 693	27
DMS plant	6 977	6 964	–	7 678	6 653	15
Jig plant	3 095	2 375	30	3 328	2 040	63
– Thabazimbi Mine	374	485	(23)	483	630	(23)
Sales summary						
Total	11 014	12 474	(12)	10 932	7 523	45
– Sishen Mine	10 595	12 002	(12)	10 464	7 096	47
Export sales	9 502	11 018	(14)	9 315	6 056	54
Domestic sales	1 093	984	11	1 149	1 040	10
– Thabazimbi Mine	419	472	(11)	468	427	10