Commentary

Implats is committed to rigorous stakeholder engagement as we navigate the changeable socio-economic environment in South Africa and Zimbabwe and pursue the proposed acquisition of a majority stake in RBPlat.

Guidance

Implats' planned production in FY2023 remains within the boundaries of previously provided key guidance parameters. While some allowance has been made for the likely impact of load curtailment on South African mining volumes and Group refined production, the severity of capacity constraints at Eskom remains a key risk to the near-term outlook. Broad-based inflationary pressures on energy and consumables were exacerbated by rand depreciation and the translation of the cost and capital base of both Zimplats and Impala Canada. A revised currency forecast has resulted in negative revisions to the unit cost outlook for the year.

Group 6E refined production in FY2023 is estimated to be between 3.0 and 3.15 million ounces. Group operating costs are forecast to be between R18 500 and R19 500 per 6E ounce on a stock-adjusted basis (from R18 200 and R19 200 per ounce). Group capital expenditure is forecast to be between R11.5 and R12.5 billion, including growth capital, of between R2.3 and R2.8 billion. This guidance assumes exchange rates of R17.00/US$ and C$1.26/US$ respectively (from R16.00/US$ and C$1.26/US$).

Directorate

Ms Mametja Moshe and Mr Billy Mawasha were appointed as independent non-executive directors with effect from 1 July 2022 and 1 September 2022, respectively. After 10 years of service, Mr Alastair Macfarlane's planned retirement as independent non-executive director took effect on conclusion of the board of directors' annual general meeting, on 12 October 2022.

Post the end of the period, we were saddened to report that Mr Peter William Davey, an independent non-executive director, passed away in February 2023 after a short illness. Mr Bernard Swanepoel was appointed as the lead independent director of the board on 21 February 2023.

The financial information on which this prospect and outlook statement is based has not been reviewed or reported on by Implats' external auditors.

Declaration of dividend

Shareholders are advised that the board has resolved to declare an interim cash dividend of 420 cents per ordinary share amounting to R3.6 billion at the date of declaration for the half year ended 31 December 2022. Based on the sustained profitability and strong free cash generation during the period, and after taking into consideration the liquidity requirements of the Group's mandatory offer for RBPlat, the board has approved a dividend of 30% of free cash flow, pre-growth capital, in line with the approved dividend policy. The dividend has been declared from retained earnings.

Implats has 852 729 255 ordinary shares in issue and the Company's tax reference number is 9700178719. The cash dividend will be subject to a 20% dividend withholding tax for shareholders who are not exempt from, or do not qualify for, a reduced rate of withholding tax. Therefore, the net dividend amount is 336 cents per ordinary share for shareholders liable to pay the dividend withholding tax and 420 cents per ordinary share for shareholders exempt from dividend withholding tax. Shareholders are advised to complete the requisite declaration form to make the Company aware of their tax status.

The salient dates are as follows:

Declaration date	Thursday, 2 March 2023
Last day for trading to be eligible for cash dividend	Monday, 20 March 2023
Trading ex-dividend commences	Wednesday, 22 March 2023
Record date	Friday, 24 March 2023
Dividend payment date	Monday, 27 March 2023

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 22 March 2023 and Friday, 24 March 2023, both days inclusive.