

● Shaft sinking contract awarded

Wesizwe has advanced another significant step in the development of its Bakubung Platinum Mine (formerly known as the Frischgewaagd Ledig project) when it awarded the shaft sinking contract to Aveng Grinaker-LTA Mining in March.

The tender process began in September 2011 and the R1.64 billion contract was awarded to Aveng Grinaker-LTA following a thorough technical and commercial adjudication process.

Wesizwe's CEO, Mr Jianke Gao, said: "In selecting the successful contractor, the adjudication team considered the commercial offer, the contractor's technical expertise and experience, as well as a number of other important factors which included the company's ownership structures; systems and resources; and its safety, health and environment track record.

"This is undoubtedly the most significant milestone in the delivery of a world-class underground PGM mine and we are pleased that we are now able to move forward with the sinking of the shafts. Following a rigorous evaluation process, Aveng Grinaker-LTA has demonstrated the capacity and experience necessary to deliver the shaft sinking scope for the Bakubung Platinum Mine and we look forward to working with them."

The finer details of the contract are being negotiated with Aveng Grinaker-LTA and they are expected to move onto site as soon as possible. Preparatory work for the start of shaft sinking will be completed in August 2012, with the pre-sink on the ventilation shaft scheduled to start in June 2012. Both the main and ventilation shafts are scheduled for commissioning in October 2018.



● Wesizwe releases provisional annual results

The Group recorded a loss before tax of R372 million (2010 – profit of R304 million). These results take account of operating costs of R69 million (vs R87 million in 2010), net financial income of R45 million (compared with R394 million in 2010) and the cost related to equity financing amounting to R347 million (2010 – R3 million).

The basic loss per share for the period was 26.58 cents per share, compared to basic earnings per share of 40.87 cents for the corresponding period in 2010. The headline loss per share was 25.28 cents compared to the 2010 headline loss per share of 9.78 cents.

Project expenditure in the 2011 financial year related predominantly to the fees for the engineering, procurement and construction management (EPCM) contract as well as other consultants employed in the early works phase. Also included were the costs for the project validation review; formal tender processes; and the civils and earthworks being done on site in preparation for shaft sinking. Capital commitments relating to mine development amounted to R305 million at year end.

The project has been reviewed in detail to validate the mine design, capital budget estimate (CBE) and life of mine financial projections. The current CBE of R7.9 billion is only marginally higher than the previous inflation adjusted estimate and ongoing improvement is likely to be derived from the redesign and continuous improvements on the mine development plans.

To see more detail on the financial results, please visit our website: www.wesizwe.com

Market information (as at end March 2012) JSE Share Code: WEZ

Shares in issue	1,627,827,058
Closing price	R1.39
Market Cap	R2,262,679,610

Wesizwe achieves another safety milestone

With a safety target of zero harm, the team at the Bakubung Platinum Mine have achieved another commendable safety milestone.

Having operated from 2004 to 2010 with only one lost-time injury (LTI), the unwavering focus of both management and employees on safety has continued into the early stages of mine development which began in 2010. On 17 February 2012, the Company achieved 500 LTI-free days.



The safety event at Wesizwe's regional office in February was not only an opportunity to celebrate a major safety milestone but also to recommit to the target of zero harm throughout mine construction and commissioning

As the company enters the mine construction phase it becomes even more important to ensure that safety systems are aligned with internationally recognised safety standards and that the principles of safe behaviour are fully embedded in the workplace.



Wesizwe CEO, Jianke Gao (far left) watches as employees celebrate their safety achievement with a traditional South African braai

Meet Wesizwe's Corporate Affairs Executive: Hamlet Morule

If there is anyone who understands the importance of effective stakeholder engagement it is Hamlet Morule, Wesizwe's new Corporate Affairs Executive.

Hamlet joined Wesizwe in January 2012 from the IT industry where he held senior positions with global brands, Microsoft and IBM. Before joining the corporate environment, Hamlet had an illustrious career with the first democratic government of South Africa for close to 14 years, six of which were as a Deputy Director General in the Free State and North West provinces.

Hamlet is passionate about effective stakeholder engagement and has set as his priority an accelerated engagement programme for the year ahead. In his words: "The overall intent of our investor relations programme is to provide the appropriate information to shareholders, financial analysts and potential investors so that the company builds a resilient shareholder base and attracts liquidity at fair value. Equally important will be to support business goals by ensuring that we are recognised as a responsible corporate citizen committed to partnering with government at all levels as well as community-based organisations in innovative programmes that contribute to socio-economic priorities at a local, regional and national level."



● Stakeholder Engagement Forum

On 29 February 2012 Wesizwe executives hosted the second Stakeholder Engagement Forum in the small village of Ledig which hosts the company's Bakubung Platinum Mine.



Attended by around 100 people – representatives from the local municipality, the Department of Environmental Affairs, local NGOs, the taxi association, local business people, local church associations and members of the community, amongst others – the meeting was intended to update stakeholders on progress with mine development and to provide a platform for them to raise any concerns or queries.

Wesizwe's new Corporate Affairs Executive, Hamlet Morule, said the purpose of the Forum is to "ensure effective engagement with all the stakeholders for the greater good of the community in the area within which Wesizwe operates".

A primary concern for stakeholders, particularly local community members, remains job creation throughout the mine construction and commissioning phase. Wesizwe executives once again committed to providing as many job opportunities to the local community as possible and detailed how the company will use information gathered from the recent skills audit to effectively manage the company's human resource requirements as mine development progresses. The company reported that at the end of January 38% of the employees working on the project are from the community, exceeding the 20% target defined in the mine's social and labour plan.

Local businesses were keen to know how they could participate in mine development and Wesizwe's Sustainable Development Executive, Kgomotso Tshaka, shared the company's plans to develop small and medium enterprises over the next few years so that they could provide services and supplies to the developing Bakubung Platinum Mine.

Kgomotso also detailed some of the company's plans to contribute to social development in the immediate area. These include a School Infrastructure Project and a sustainable solution to the long-standing challenge of the provision of fresh water to the Ledig community.

PTM visit to Wesizwe's Bakubung Platinum Mine

Cape Town once again hosted the continent's largest annual mining conference in February. As part of the usual flurry of activities undertaken by mining companies around the Mining Indaba, Wesizwe's neighbour and partner, Platinum Group Metals (PTM), brought a group of existing and prospective North American and European shareholders to visit the Western Limb of the Bushveld Igneous Complex.

Besides visiting the Maseve project (in which Wesizwe holds a 26% stake), the group also visited the Wesizwe site for an update on the development of the Bakubung Platinum Mine from management. Wesizwe's project was of particular interest to PTM shareholders because of discussions between the two companies to explore potential opportunities for collaboration on infrastructure development and social investment.

