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## Welcome



This has been a month of ups and downs for Wesizwe Platinum. On the positive front, the group was delighted to be recognised by the 2014 IRAS Sustainability Data Transparency Index (SDTI) report, which saw Wesizwe make a huge leap into the top 12 list of mining companies assessed. The index measures the quality of integrated sustainability reporting in the country, and Wesizwe scored 66.2% for its assessment, in comparison with the metals and mining sector industry average of 48.93%. The result places Wesizwe 27th overall in the 300+ list of companies assessed throughout the country, a major improvement from last year's 82nd place ranking for the group.

On the negative front, the Bakubung Platinum Mine announced its first ever fatality at the project, when one of the contractors was fatally injured during the shaft sinking process at the mine. This unfortunate and rare incident comes only a few weeks after the mine commemorated the special milestone reached of 500,000 fatality-free shifts. The incident serves as a reminder of the need to be continually vigilant and committed to inculcating a work environment that is focused on health and safety at all times.

As always, we hope you enjoy reading this latest edition of Investor News and we look forward to bringing you interesting news, project updates and corporate information each month.

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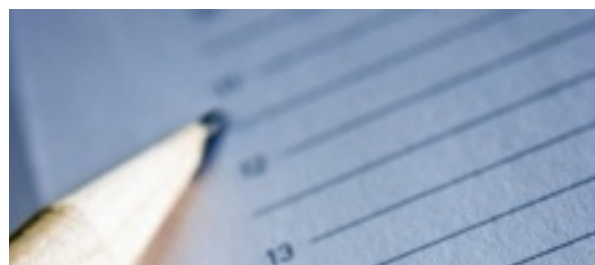
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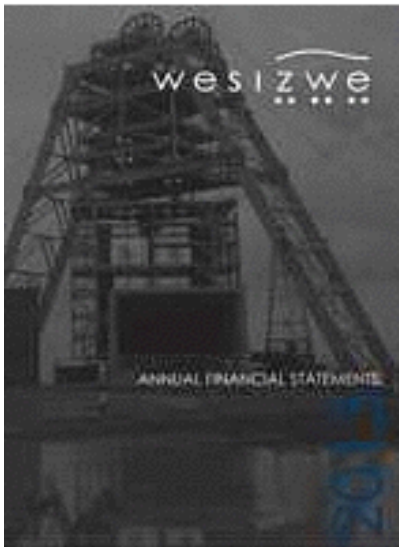
# Wesizwe Platinum Recognised for its Sustainability Reporting

This year's 2014 IRAS Sustainability Data Transparency Index (SDTI) report has just been published and Wesizwe Platinum has made a huge leap into the top 12 list of the mining companies assessed, for the quality of its integrated sustainability reporting, out of a total number of 45. The overall SDTI ranking for companies assessed in the metals and mining sector was 48.93%. Wesizwe Platinum scored 66.2% for its assessment. It places Wesizwe 27th overall in the 300+ list of companies assessed throughout the country and across all sectors in this year's Index, a great improvement from position 82 in the last financial year assessment.

Commenting on Wesizwe Platinum's ranking in this year's IRAS SDTI 2014, Mr Hamlet Morule, Executive: Corporate Affairs and Investor Relations, said: "This is a remarkable achievement for Wesizwe Platinum in terms of its integrated reporting process. As a new junior mining company in South Africa, we strive to implement best practice approaches in all aspects of our work. This prestigious ranking demonstrates the commitment across the company to striving for the highest levels of transparency and professionalism in our reporting".

IRAS maintains a database of South African reports and reviews 311 companies as part of its research work for the preparation of the annual IRAS Sustainability Data Transparency Index. Over the past six years, IRAS has researched the effectiveness of corporate sustainability reporting in South Africa, providing an invaluable guidebook for effective reporting.

The King III Code of Corporate Governance and the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) have established a heads-up for companies attempting to identify the future of their business in the context of an ever-changing social, economic and environmental landscape. Among many other governance recommendations, King III encourages companies to produce meaningful integrated annual reports using the guidance set out by the GRI Guidelines, while the IIRC recommends a total of 15 different reporting principles. In doing so, new benchmarks for transparency have been set that exceed what stakeholders have come to expect.



*Wesizwe Platinum's Integrated  
Report for 2013*

# Wesizwe Platinum at the Joburg Indaba

*Earlier this month, Wesizwe Platinum had the opportunity to once again support the Joburg Mining Indaba, both as a corporate sponsor and also on the speaker podium - here are just some of the highlights from the group's participation at this year's event .....*

The prestigious Joburg Mining Indaba, held on 8 and 9 October in the unusual but beautiful surroundings of the Inanda Polo Club in Johannesburg, provided an ideal setting for Wesizwe to showcase the company and its flagship Bakubung Platinum Mine project. As a Silver Sponsor for the second year in a row, Wesizwe had the opportunity to participate in the event as an exhibitor and on the speaker podium.



One of the highlights of the programme was a new feature of the event, called the Lion's Lair - in-depth discussions with a panel of mining industry experts and business leaders, tackling a host of critically important topics. Wesizwe Platinum's Chief Operating Officer, Paul Smith, was one of the participants in the much anticipated panel discussion on the subject of 'The Capital Crisis and How to Overcome It'. He answered questions from the MC and members of the capacity audience, together with fellow panellists Niel Pretorius, the CEO of DRD Gold, James Campbell, CEO of Rockwell Diamonds, David Twist of African Mineral Exploration and Development, and Hugh Callaghan, the Managing Director of Submex Investments Limited.



The two-day conference and exhibition provided the opportunity for lots of industry debate, networking, brand positioning and media discussions. Wesizwe's exhibition stand welcomed visitors and members of the media throughout the two days, with the team from the regional office on hand to answer questions and provide information. The event is one of the highlights in the mining industry calendar and provided good exposure for the Wesizwe brand.



*Wesizwe Platinum at the  
Joburg Indaba 2014*

# Bakubung Platinum Mine announces its first fatality at the project site

*On 17 October, the management team at the Bakubung Platinum Mine, near Rustenburg in the North West Province, announced the sad news of the first-ever fatality on the project.*

The incident occurred when one of the contractors employed as a Jumbo Operator was fatally injured during the shaft sinking process at the mine. From a preliminary investigation carried out immediately following the accident, the cause appears to have been a metal object which fell approximately 22 metres down the mine shaft, striking the contractor who was working at the bottom of the mine shaft.

At the time of the incident, the fatally injured contractor had been part of a team completing cleaning processes, loading broken rock at the bottom of the shaft and in the process of slinging a Jumbo Drill Rig. Work on the shaft sinking operations on the main and ventilation shafts at the Bakubung Platinum Mine site was temporarily stopped pending the outcome of the full investigation to determine the root causes of the incident, and the subsequent presentation to the Department of Mineral Resources.

The fatally injured contractor was 35 years old, a resident of Lesotho and had 11 years of service with the contracting company, working at the Bakubung Platinum Mine for the past 1 year and 11 months. He was a family man and leaves a wife and two children. Condolences have been sent by the management team of the Bakubung Platinum Mine on behalf of Wesizwe Platinum to the family of the deceased.



*The Bakubung Platinum Mine near Rustenburg in the North West Province*

# From the CEO's Desk

## Safety is a business imperative for Wesizwe

The unfortunate first-ever fatality recorded earlier this month at Wesizwe Platinum's Bakubung Platinum Mine project serves as a pertinent reminder to everyone involved in the group that the issue of safety can never be taken for granted. This unfortunate and rare incident occurred only a few weeks after the Bakubung Platinum Mine commemorated the special milestone reached of 500,000 fatality-free shifts at the site.



*Mr Jianke Gao, Chief Executive Officer of Wesizwe Platinum*

Whilst bringing a major new mine into operation, Wesizwe is committed to maintaining the highest levels of health and safety, which will always remain our first priority. The group's Health and Safety Policy supports the principle of zero harm to all stakeholders, including employees and our host communities. At the same time, we are committed to ensuring compliance with a wide range of legislation concerning mining and employment conditions in South Africa.

At the end of the day, the health and safety of everyone involved in the BPM project, whether they are contractors or direct employees of Wesizwe Platinum, is of the utmost importance. As a group, we will continue to inculcate a working environment that is continually focused on safety, first and foremost, providing the education, training and support required to ensure that all those working at the Bakubung Platinum Mine site remain safe.

Going forward, we hope to continue to record the highest levels of safety on our flagship project and to provide a caring and safety conscious environment for all our employees and contractors in which they can work and thrive.

## Media Round-Up news highlights from the month

### Wesizwe stories trending this month

The period under review was another busy one for Wesizwe. Unfortunately, it coincided with the first recorded fatality at the Bakubung Platinum Mine and the subsequent negative coverage as a result, although coverage was limited to social media. On a more positive note, the period under review also coincided with the release of a number of media

releases and the company's participation in the high profile Joburg Indaba, where Wesizwe's COO was a panelist in the discussions and the company was a sponsor. With the exception of the mine fatality story, all other stories were predominantly positive in tone and coverage.

### Media Tracking

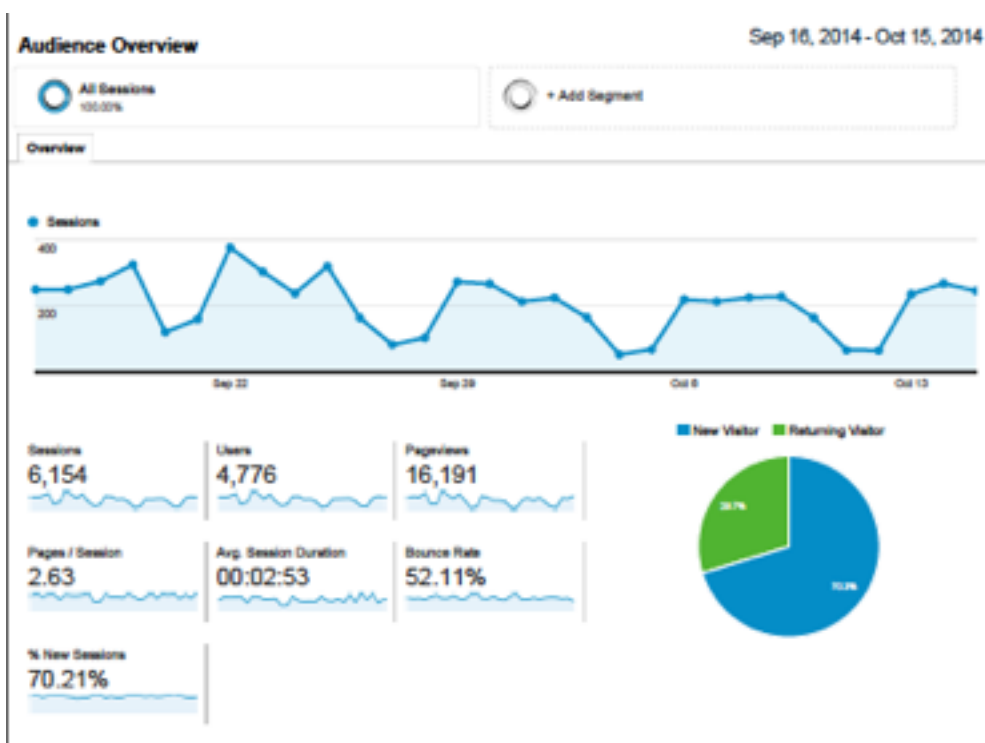
Out of the articles tracked by ClipTrackMedia from 23 September up until midday

on 20 October, a total of 80 articles/interviews appeared featuring Wesizwe. The stories were all positive in tone with the exception of the mine fatality story (26 social media mentions) and one small mention in a generic industry story. The other major trending article emanated from the interview given to the Business Day by Paul Smith following the Joburg Indaba event, with 13 mentions in the mainstream media). ■

## Wesizwe Digital Update

### Website visitors and trends

During the period 16 August to 15 September, the Wesizwe website recorded 6154 unique visitors, 4324 of which were new visitors to the site. 16,191 pages were viewed on the site this month. Visitors were predominantly interested in the Bakubung Platinum Mine project and its latest milestones, careers, media and investor news.





# Calendar

## Industry event highlights for 2014

### Junior Mining and Exploration Summit, 4-6 November, Johannesburg

Annual junior mining industry conference and expo gathering with over 300 industry representatives

### SBG Securities Metals and Mining Conference, 11-12 November, Cape Town

National mining and metals industry conference for SBG clients and corporates

## YOUR FEEDBACK

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