



**Analysts' Visit** 

04 September 2007













### **Agenda**

- Welcome and introduction
- Marula overview
- Merensky project
- Concentrator presentation
- Plant visit
- Departure



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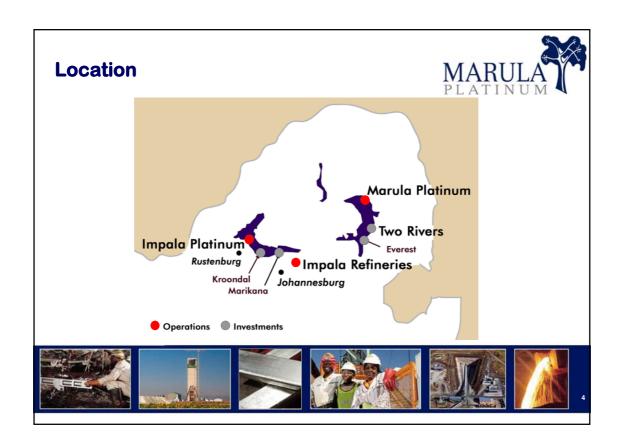


### **Overview of FY2007**



- Improved safety performance
- Tonnes milled up 49% and platinum production up 63% to 65,200 ounces
- 6E Grade at 4.09g/t
- Recoveries increased to 88.5%
- · Unit costs decline as production builds up
- Net profit was 173% above budget
- Healthy margin of 46%
- Conversion to conventional mining on schedule
- Feasibility study on Merensky Reef project under way





### The owners of Marula



Implats	77.5	Technical, managerial, financial and operational expertise
Mmakau Mining	7.5	An established mining entity
Marula Community Trust	7.5	Enables sustainable benefit to flow to community over life of mine and beyond
Tubatse Platinum	7.5	A broad-based HDSA empowerment consortium from local business













Vision 2010

"Marula will be the

<u>Benchmark</u>
in the Eastern Bushveld
Complex"

### **Values**

- Mutual Trust
- Mutual Respect
- Treating Others With Dignity
- Open and Honest Communication
- Team Unity
- Quality Focus





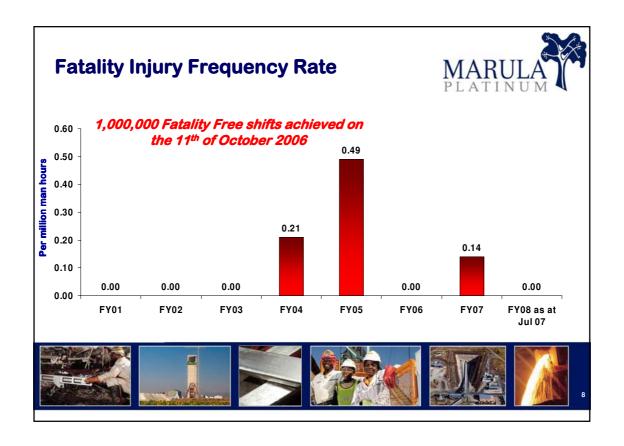


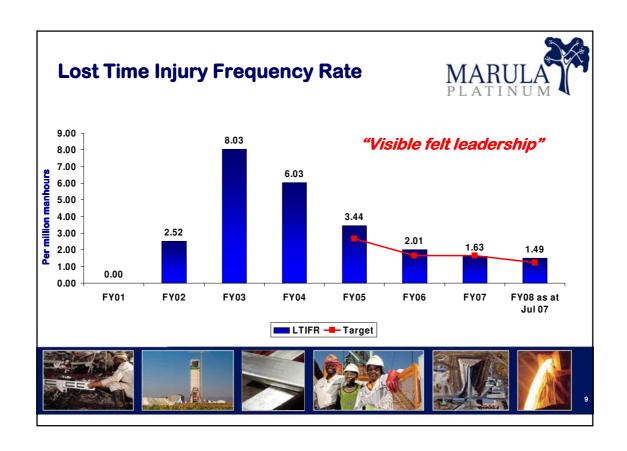


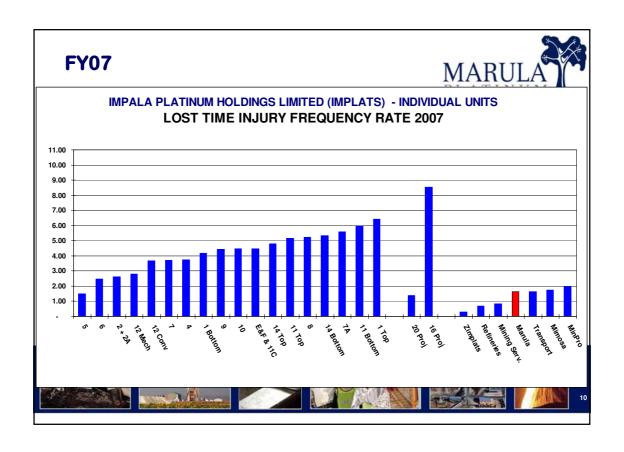




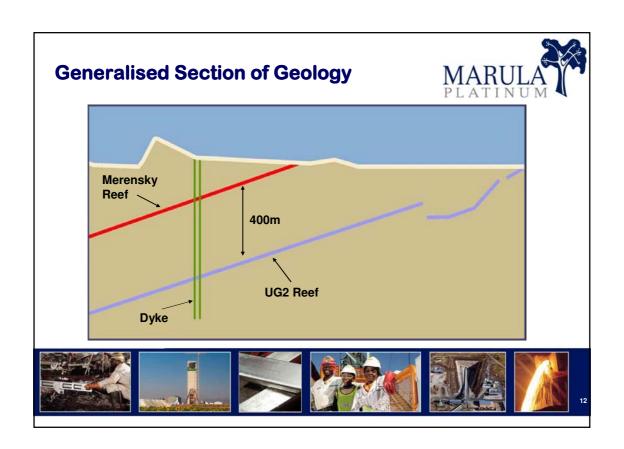














### **Reserves and Resources**



Mineral Reserves as at 30 June 2007

Orebody	Category	Tonnage (millions)	Grade 6E(g/t)	Pt oz (millions)	
UG2	Probable	39.5	5.2	2.5	

### Mineral Resources (exclusive of Reserves) as at 30 June 2007

Orebody	Category	Tonnage (millions)	Grade 6E(g/t)	Pt oz (millions)
Merensky	Indicated	50.2	5.47	4.7
	Inferred	5.2	5.73	0.5
UG2	Indicated	22.0	9.80	2.6
	Inferred	3.5	8.88	0.4
Total		80.9	6.82	8.2

### Metal Splits as at 30 June 2007

	Pt%	Pd%	Rh%	Ru%	Ir%	Au%
UG2	37.10	38.03	8.31	12.12	3.41	1.03
Merensky	53.80	30.40	2.60	5.50	0.90	6.80















### **Why Interim Mining?**



- Sustain a production build-up profile at 130 000 ROM t/month
- Improved short term project viability when compared to the original bord and pillar design
- Development of personnel in conventional mining skills



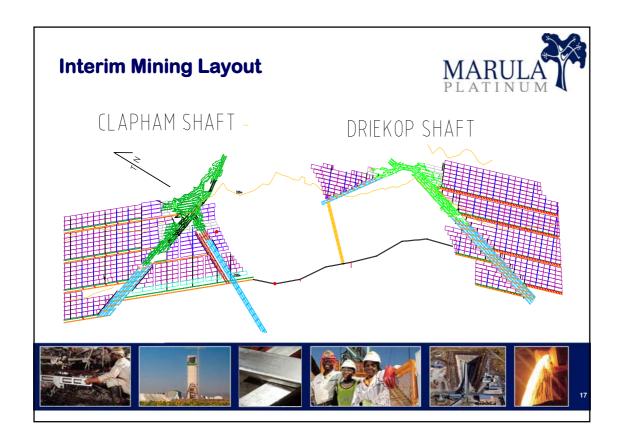


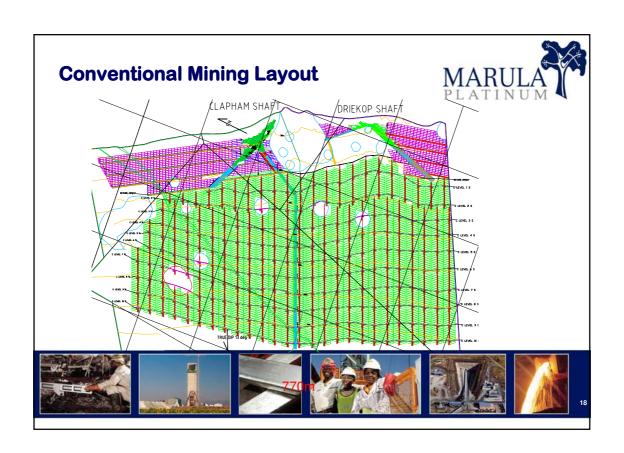


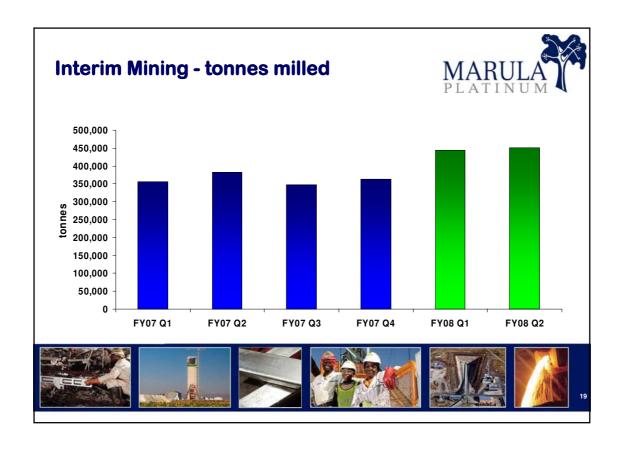


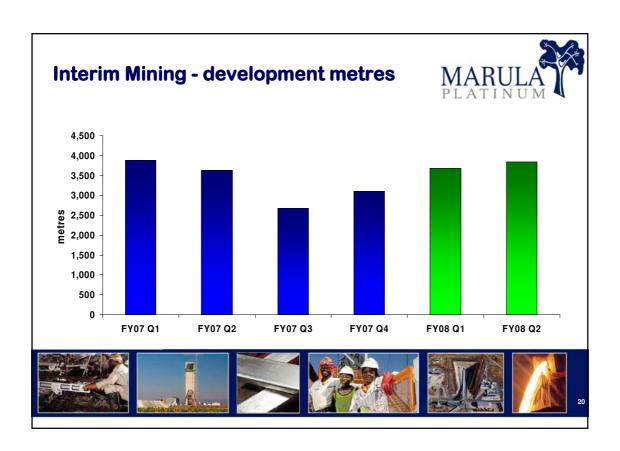


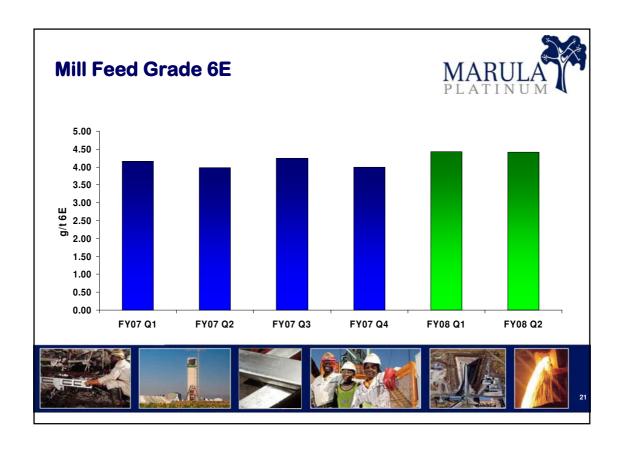


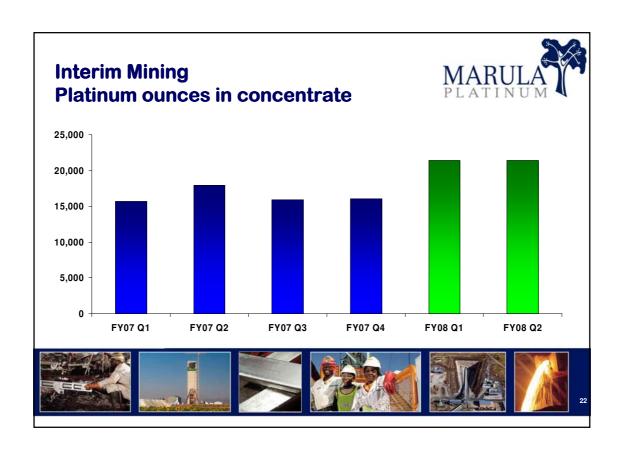


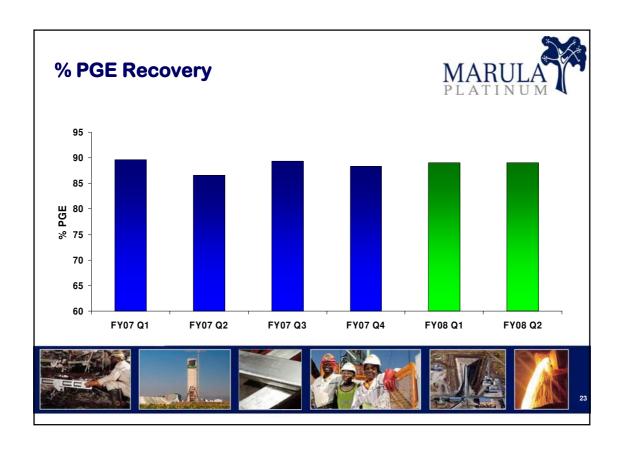


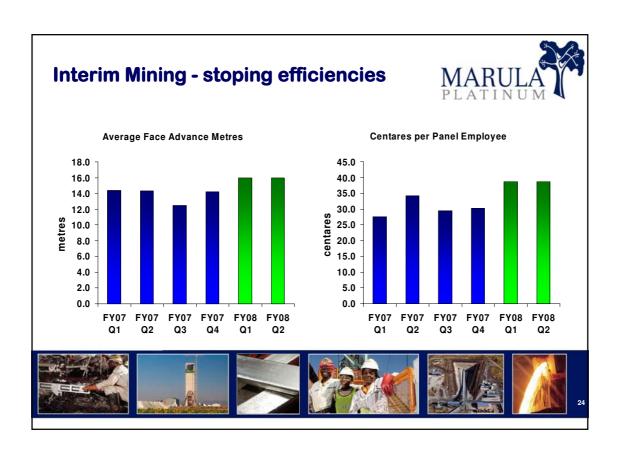


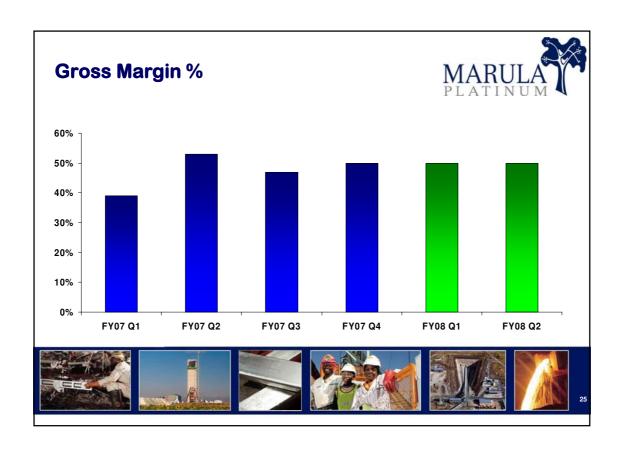






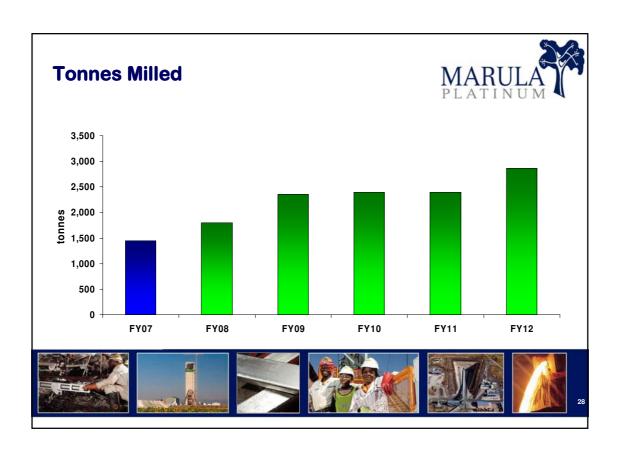


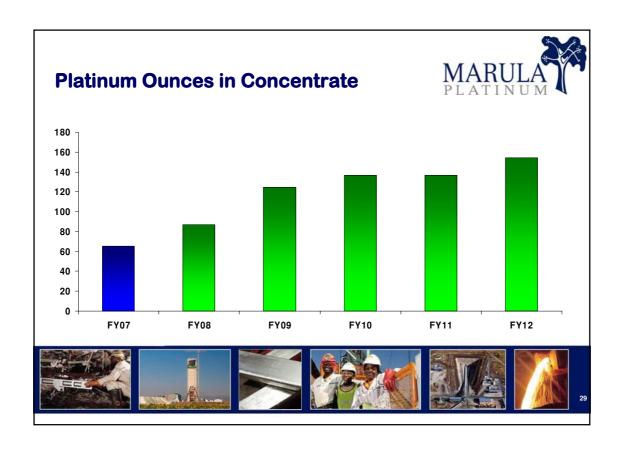




#### **Performance Indicators FY07 vs FY06** Actual Actual Variance FY2007 FY2006 % **Tonnes milled** (000t) 1 450 478 49 972 59 996 Centares 169 724 109 728 55 (m<sup>2</sup>) 13 299 Dev. Metres (operations) 10 393 3 068 28 (m) Mill feed grade 6E (g/t) 4.09 3.92 0.17 4 PGE kilograms in conc. 5 330 3 229 2 101 65 (kg) Platinum ounces in conc. (000oz) 65.2 40.0 25.2 63 **Unit Cost** Cost/tonne milled (R/t) 383 389 2 6 Cost/PGE kg in conc (R/kg) 104 165 117 219 13 054 11 10 Cost/Pt oz in conc (R/oz) 8 515 9 463 948









### **DDT** at Marula

















### **DDT Implementation Progress**



- Implementation started FY06.
- The planned target is 70% of all panels mined
- Currently 60% of all panels are converted
- Roofbolt compliance 65% of all panels
- · Acceptance by drill operators and supervisors positive





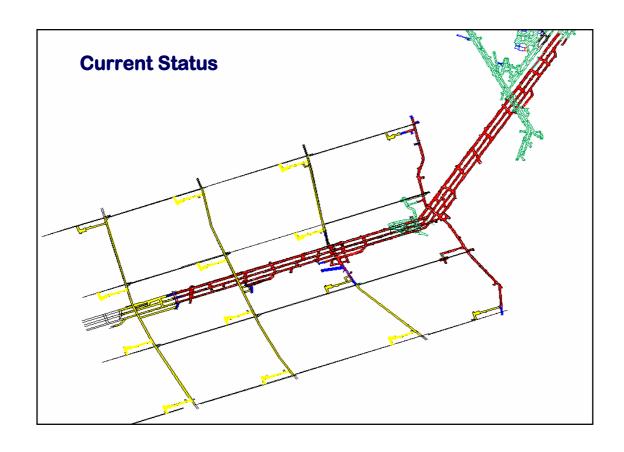


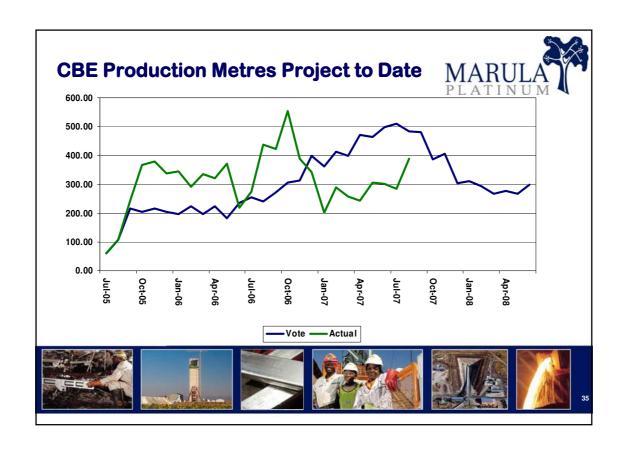












### **Footwall Project**



- Production:
  - The declines is on 80 metres from the shaft bottom. The expected completion date is November 2007
  - Level 1 is developed to the capital limit.
  - Level 2 drive is in progress and has reached the first raise positions on both the north and south side.
  - Level 3 station X-cut is complete and the station development has commenced.
  - Level 4 station X-cut is in progress and are currently 15m from the level position.



### **Footwall Project**



- Construction
  - Installation of the chairlift up to Level 1 is in progress and will be comleted in August 2007
  - · Work has commenced on the installation of the Level 2 Silos
- · Cost as at end of June 2007

Vote R830.6 million
 Spend (R571.2 million)
 Forecast (R259.4 million)

• Projected saving nil





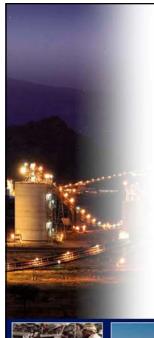








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**SLP** 



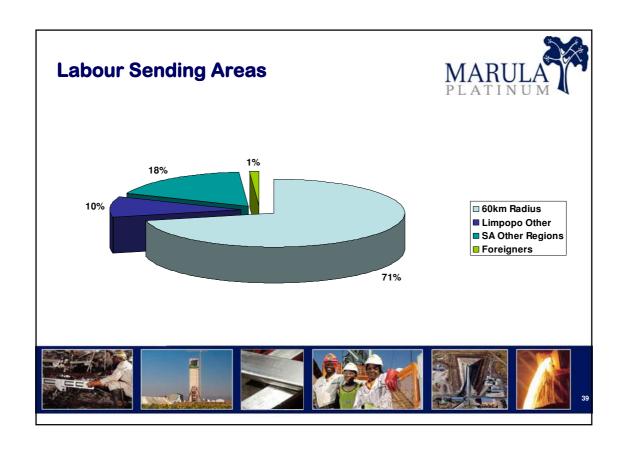


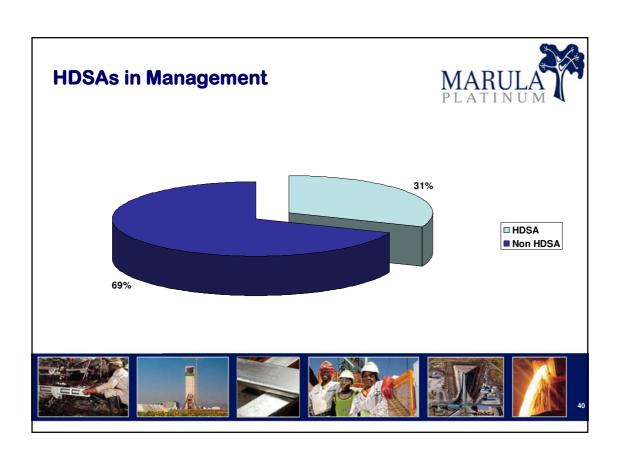


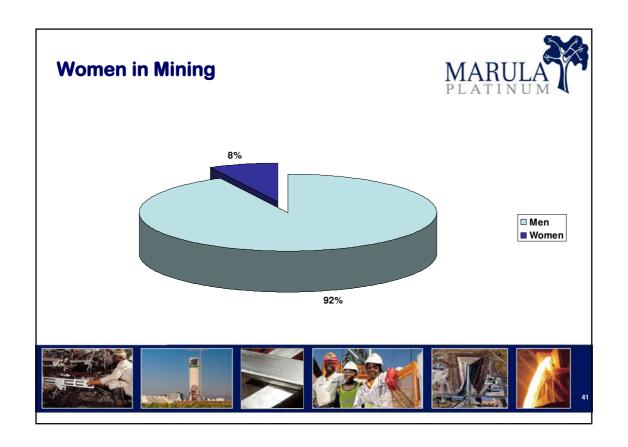


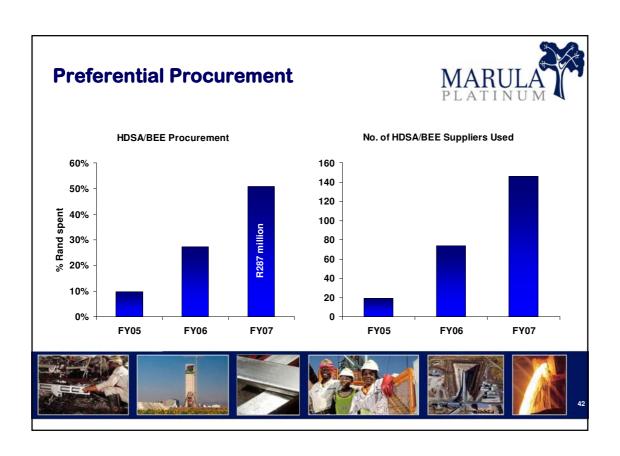




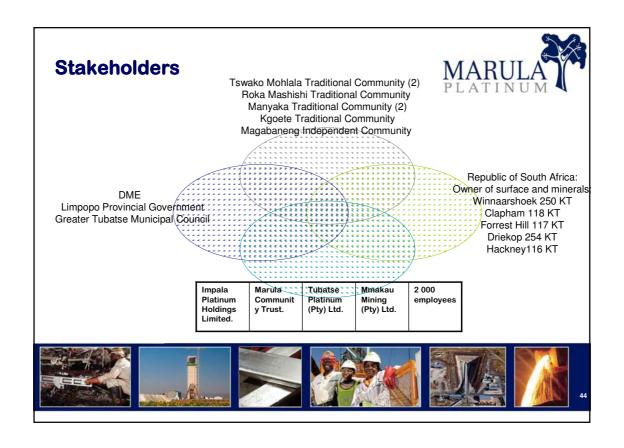












### **Community issues**



- Chrome
- Employment
- Land Rental
- CSI Project Water to schools
- Community Hall
- Empowerment of shaft vendors













## **Local and District Government Involvement**



- Member of the Steelpoort Valley Producers Forum
- Projects:
  - Integrated public transport
  - Spatial Development
  - Waste Management
  - Establishment of PMU in GTM
  - Training and development of GTM managers and junior staff
  - LED Projects approved by Marula, GTM and DME
    - Supply of water and power to households within Ward 8 and 10 on the four farms













# **Local and District Government Involvement (Cont)**



- Member of Joint Water Form (JWF)
- Member of Lebalelo Water Users Association
- Future water distribution:
  - De Hoop Dam Project (DWAF)









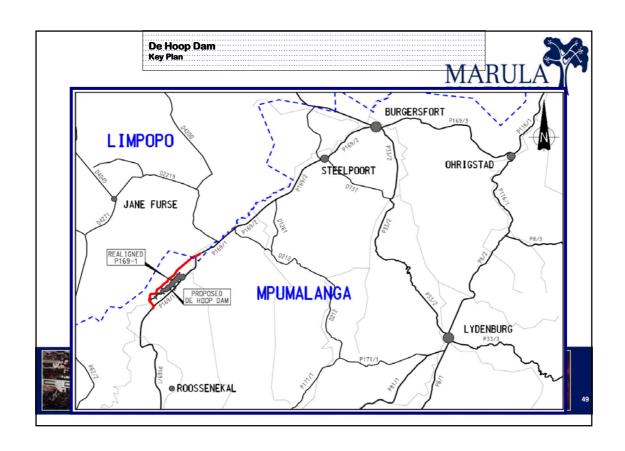


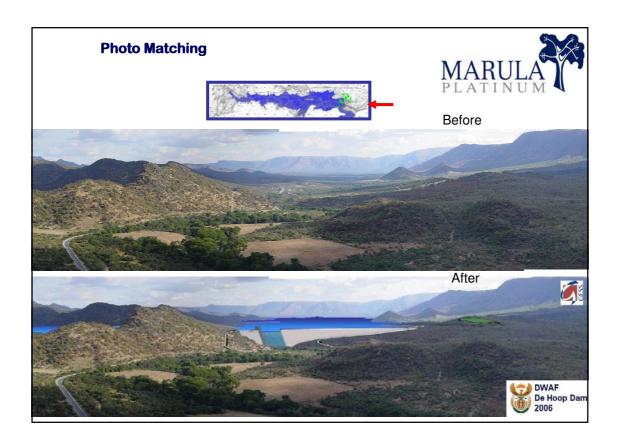


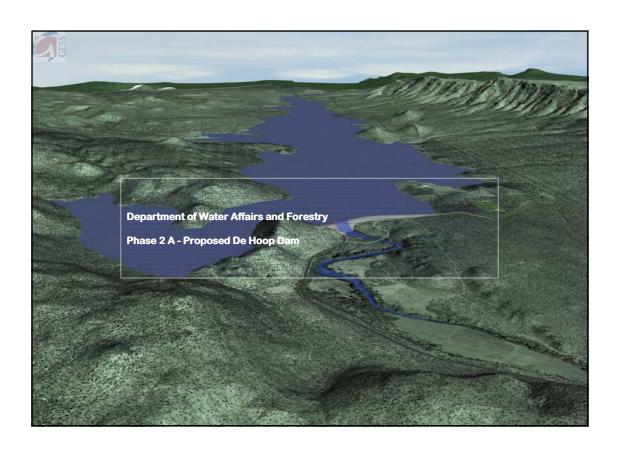
# OLIFANTS RIVER WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (ORWRDP)

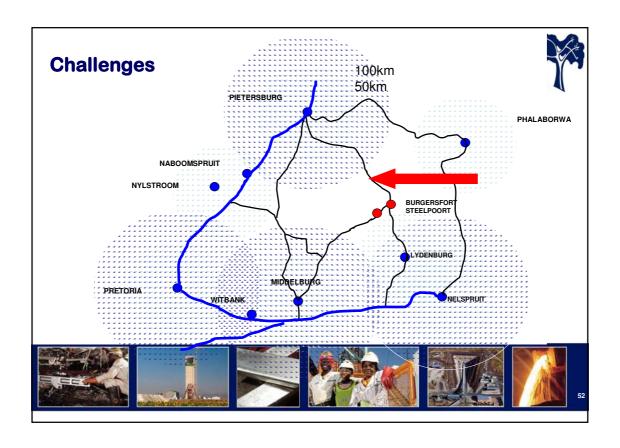












# Challenges Mining flexibility Trackless equipment Skills retention Work ethics Union leadership Community relations Mineral Rights Conversion

Social and labour plan

• Local economic development plan



### **Mineral Processing**



- · Design based on Mintek test work data
- Ball milling selected
- Designed on a modular basis to facilitate future expansion
- Final concentrate transported to Mineral Processes in Rustenburg.
- Present metallurgical recovery at 89%



### **Project Program**



2002 July Mining contractor appointment

August Plant construction started
September Mine development started

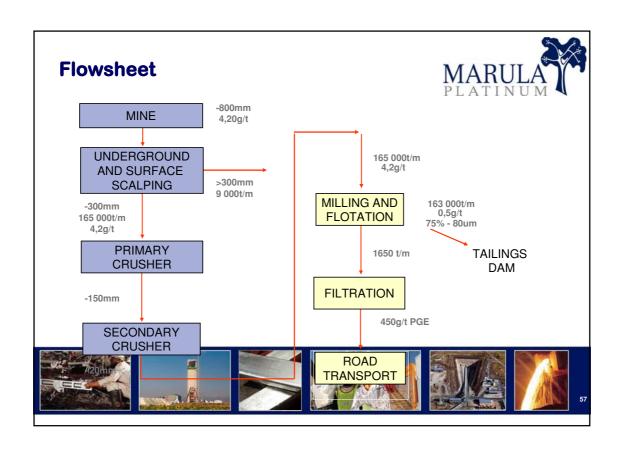
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November Plant cold commissioning starts

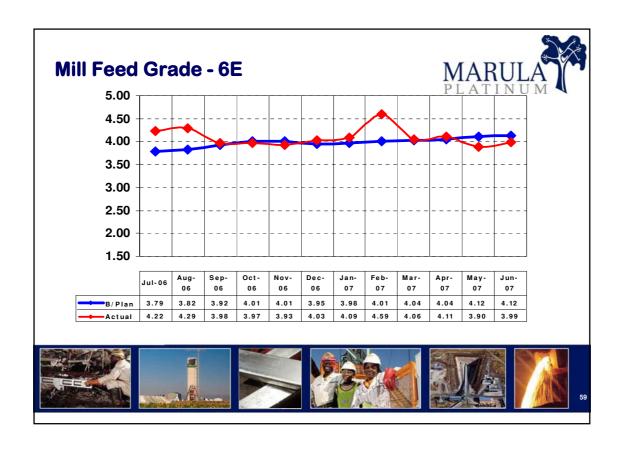
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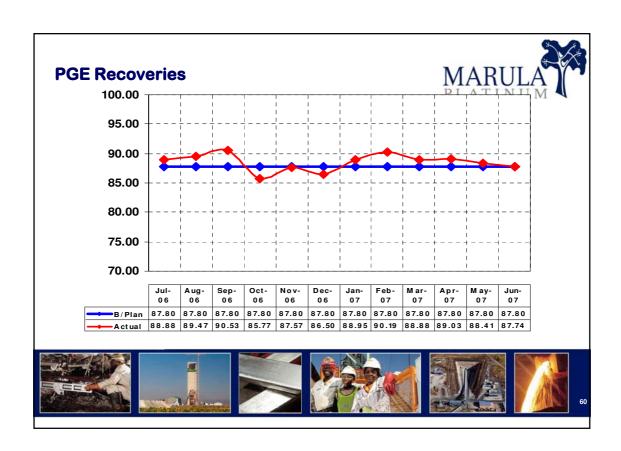
20 February First concentrate shipped

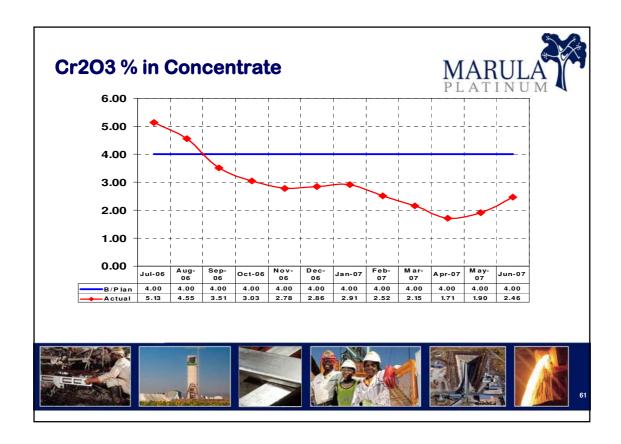




Safety Statistics	N <sub>P</sub>	MARULA		
Description	Actual	Target		
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (L.T.I.F.R.)	3.03	0		
All Injury Free Days	35	365		
Lost Time Injury Free Days	296	365		
Reportable Injury Frequency Rate (RIFR)	0.00	0.00		
Number of Injuries for the Month	0	0		
Number of Incidents for the Month	31	30		
Number of Meerkat, SHEQ Coaching & Ingwenyas	26	20		







### **Plant Evaluation and Optimization**



- The work was initiated in May 2006
- The main objectives:
  - Determine process changes and capital expenditure required to enable treatment of 200 000tpm through the existing plant
  - Optimization of the metallurgical plant



### **Conclusions**



Marula circuit will be able to treat a throughput of 200 000tpm with minimal upgrade changes required.

- Optimization of the cleaner circuit configuration in order to reduce chrome in concentrate and maximise final concentrate grades.
- Optimization of the Larox filter capacities.
- · Confirmation of optimal reagent suite and addition points
- Characterisation of the effect of the rougher concentrate thickeners and attritioners on cleaner circuit performance.
- Characterization of cleaner feed systems including pumps and process controls.
- Circuit modifications re-routing of miss matched streams.
- · Optimization of grinding media alloy.













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## MARULA

### **Plant Complement**

Total 114

Local 80%Women total 28%WIM 21%

HDSA in management 29%















## **Project Phases**



- Scoping study
  - Understanding of the geology
  - Identify applicable mining methods and iterations
  - Include conceptual thoughts on life of Marula (20years+)
- Pre-feasibility study
  - Evaluate three mining options
  - Make recommendation on preferred option
- Feasibility study
  - Do detail design and CBE



### **Pre-feasibility study**



- · Scope of the study
  - Evaluate three mining options
  - Recommend the preferred option
  - Evaluate access options and placement of shafts
  - Develop a process circuit
  - Start the EMPR process
  - · Identify long lead items













### **Pre-feasibility study**



- Three stope designs were generated:
  - Convention mining layout (base case)
  - Hybrid mining layout (option 1)
  - Bord and Pillar layout (option 2)
- Certain items were kept common to each method:
  - Plant
  - · Tailings dam
  - Surface infrastructure
  - Shaft













### **Pre-feasibility study**



- Three production schedules generated
- Three methods put through the Impala Financial model
- Capital cost based on historical date and actual figures
- Working cost derived from actual figures and benchmarked with Impala and similar operations













## **Pre-feasibility study**



- Conclusion:
  - Conventional mining method most applicable to ore body
  - Decline system developed trackless
  - Trackless ore transport system on levels
  - Conveyor transport system in shaft (study)













### **Metallurgical Background**



- Metallurgical Test Work completed
  - Extensive laboratory scale drill-core test work
  - Extensive pilot plant test work ~ 200 ton bulk sample mined from the deposit
- Excellent recoveries achieved in a MF1 circuit
  - 90% (PGM + Au) recovery expected
  - Subject to ongoing grade optimisation test work













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### **Design Criteria**



- Plant design aimed at minimising <u>CAPEX</u> & <u>OPEX</u>
  - <u>CAPEX</u> reduction shared UG2 plant services and infrastructure already in place
  - E&I, water networks, workshops, reagents, tailings
  - OPEX reduction shared operational management
  - · Focus on layouts stretch current UG2 staff
  - · Economies of scale benefits











