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### **Impala Platinum achieves ISO 14001 certification**

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Impala Platinum Holdings Limited (Implats) announced today that its Impala Platinum Rustenburg operation was granted ISO 14001 certification on 2 June 2003. This is the single largest mining complex in South Africa to be awarded certification, and includes underground operations.

The Rustenburg operations comprise 13 shaft systems and an opencast operation mining some 1 Moz of platinum per annum, and a concentrator and smelter operation, which will process close on 2 Moz per annum. The certification follows an audit, the largest ever undertaken, by the British Standards Institute earlier this year which recommended that the operations be certified.

The ISO accreditation follows the implementation four years ago of an Environmental Management System (EMS) in accordance with the requirements of ISO 14001.

Says Keith Rumble, CEO of Implats, "The implementation and achievement of ISO 14001 is in line with Implats' vision of being a globally competitive resource company. The platinum group metals (PGMs) we produce are used in numerous applications to reduce harmful emissions. Thus, it is only fitting that our own operations are conducted in an environmentally friendly and responsible way, minimizing any impact on the communities surrounding our operations."

"Impala Platinum staff have made an enormous effort to implement the EMS and their hard work and dedication has paid off. Achieving certification gives us a competitive edge, especially when trading abroad. We undertake to continually give of our best to ensure that we retain this certification."

Follow-up audits will take place every six months to ensure continued compliance with and improvement regarding the ISO 14001 standard, and a comprehensive audit will be undertaken again in two years time.