



The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
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is organising the

Third International Platinum Conference

'PLATINUM IN TRANSFORMATION'



6-9 October 2008
Sun City, South Africa

Global demand for platinum rose by 1.2 per cent to 6.78 million ounces in 2006, supported by an increase in the use of this metal for auto catalysis and a range of industrial applications. This growth more than offset a decline in new metal purchased by the jewellery sector. Supplies of platinum also climbed in 2006, rising at a slightly faster rate than demand, to reach a total of 6.79 million ounces. South African production expanded to 5.29 million ounces, boosted by production from the new mines Everest and Two Rivers Platinum on the Eastern Limb, and strong performances from established producers.

In 2005 the mining of platinum group metals in South Africa generated a revenue of R38,5 billion or 27% of the total earned by primary minerals. The industry also

employed 35% of the mining workforce in South Africa.

In recent years the platinum mining industry has seen substantial transformation with the introduction of more mining companies, including a number of new enterprises, and the takeover of some of the smaller companies; bigger and better BEE deals and the awarding of New Order Mining Rights; the strong emphasis placed on safety in the workplace; extensive exploration programmes and associated feasibility studies; improved metallurgical recoveries; the adoption of environmentally-sound operating practices; and last, but not least, a massive increase in mechanised mining. The purpose of this conference is to share these advances with all those determined to make the mining and production of PGMs a safer and more profitable activity.

First Announcement and Call for Papers

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Call for Papers

TOPICS

These include:

- Exploration and orebody delineation
- Project valuation and funding
- Current and future mine design and layout
- Current and future mining operations
- Mineral processing, smelting, and refining
- New technologies for mining and processing
- Mining Charter and legislation
- Platinum marketing, uses and applications
- Environment and sustainability

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Conference is being organised by the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, and individuals are invited to submit papers for the Conference. Titles and short abstracts (no more than 500 words) on any relevant subject should be submitted in **English** before **15 February 2008** to Julie Dixon, Conference Co-ordinator, via e-mail: julie@saimm.co.za

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KEY DATES

15 February 2008 Submission of abstracts

29 February 2008 Provisional acceptance of abstracts

31 March 2008 Second circular with provisional programme

31 May 2008 Submission of papers

6-8 October 2008 Conference

9 October 2008 Technical visits



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- I am interested in attending the Conference
- I expect to be accompanied by my partner
- I may be interested in participating in a technical visit
- I intend to submit an abstract of a proposed paper

Title of paper:

Personal Details: Name

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