Polyus Gold

IFRS financial statements for the 12 months ended 31 December 2008

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The major factors influencing 2008 financial results

- Increase in the weighted-average gold selling price by 23.6% in 2008;
- Deterioration of global macroeconomic and financial conditions;
- Considerable RUB/USD exchange rate movements and significant RUB depreciation in the second half of the year (2007 closing rate 24.55, 2008 closing rate 29.38);
- Growing commodities prices and as a result an increase of materials, units and fuel expenses. Average prices for oil increased 36.1% and steel – 43.3%;
- Impairment of investments in securities.



Summary of performance results (related to financial statements)

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USD'000	2008	2007 (restated*)	2006 (restated)
Gold sales	1,062,331	849,023	734,559
Other sales	24,987	18,096	18,127
Cost of gold sales	(558,118)	(449,216)	(426,527)
Cost of other sales	(25,061)	(25,866)	(18,816)
Gross profit, including:	504,139	392,037	307,343
Gross profit on gold sales	504,213	399,807	308,032
Gross profit margin	46%	45%	41%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(134,960)	(261,776)	(79,678)
Profit before tax	122,471	177,107	1,228,391
Pretax margin	11%	20%	163%
Income tax expense	(62,110)	(85,299)	(73,080)
Net profit for the year	60,361	91,808	1,155,311
Net profit attributable to shareholders of the parent company	51,507	85,809	1,155,725
Minority interest	8,854	5,999	(414)
Net profit margin	6%	11%	154%
Earnings per share	0.29	0.49	0.75

^{*} In 2008, management of the Group changed its accounting policy for stripping costs. Under the new accounting policy, expenditure for stripping costs incurred during the production phase to remove waste ore is deferred and charged to cost of gold sales on the basis of the average life-of-mine stripping ratio. The cost of excess stripping is capitalised as deferred stripping costs. Management believes that deferring stripping costs incurred during the production stage of its open-pit operations will better reflect the matching of the costs against the related economic benefits.



Summary of performance results (related to non-GAAP measures)

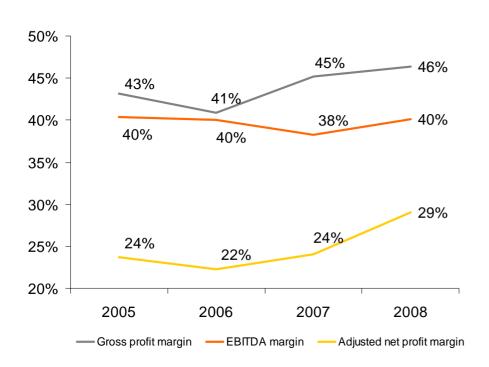
USD'000	2008	2007 (restated)	2006 (restated)	
Operating profit *	347,164	113,715	208,077	
Operating profit margin	32%	13%	28%	
Adjusted net profit**	316,204	208,459	168,029	
Adjusted net profit margin	29%	24%	22%	
EBITDA**	436,470	331,154	300,686	
EBITDA margin	40%	38%	40%	

^{*} Operating profit is calculated as Gross profit, less Selling, general and administrative expenses, research and exploration expenses and other expenses, net

^{**} Refer to Management report for calculation of EBITDA and adjusted net profit

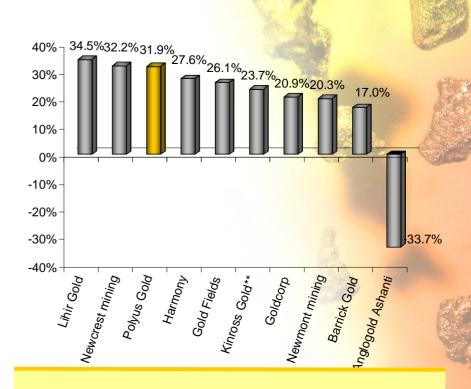
Profitability analysis

Polyus Gold key margins*, %



Positive dynamics in gold selling prices since 2004 on the one hand, and relatively low level of production costs on the other, lead to gradual improvement in profitability indicators.

Peer comparison, operating margin, %



Among global leaders in terms of operating margin.

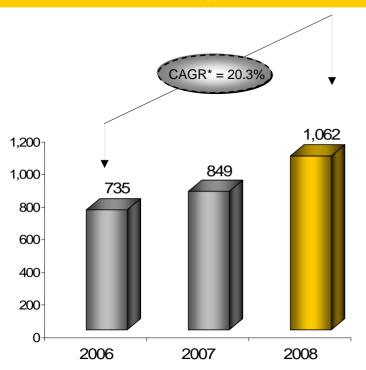
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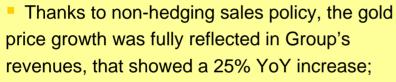
^{**} Kinross operating profit is adjusted for goodwill impairment charges.



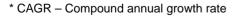
Revenue and EBITDA are on historical high levels

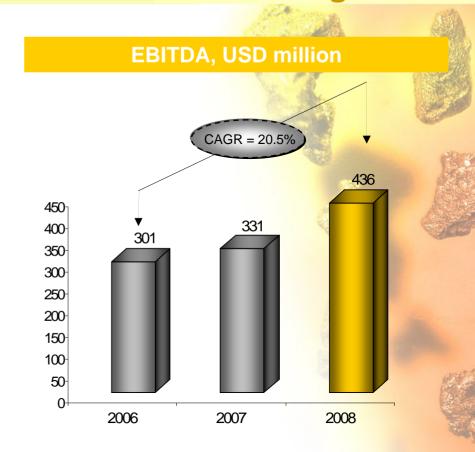
Sales revenue, USD million





2-year CAGR amounted to 20.3%



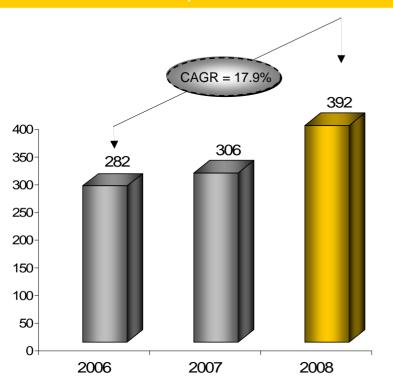


EBITDA showed a 32% YoY growth, with a 2year CAGR of 20.5%



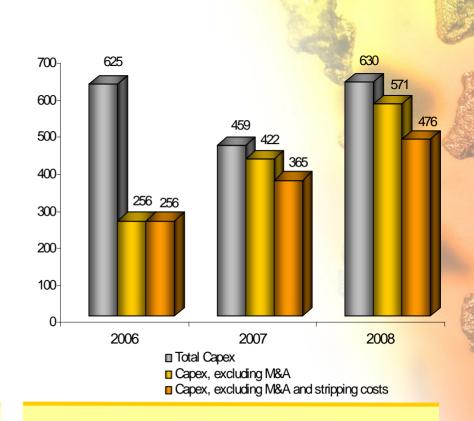
Reasonable growth of expenses

TCC, USD/oz



- TCC were retained at a level of 392 USD/oz;
- A 17.9% 2-year CAGR is competitive amid the growing cost pressure in the industry

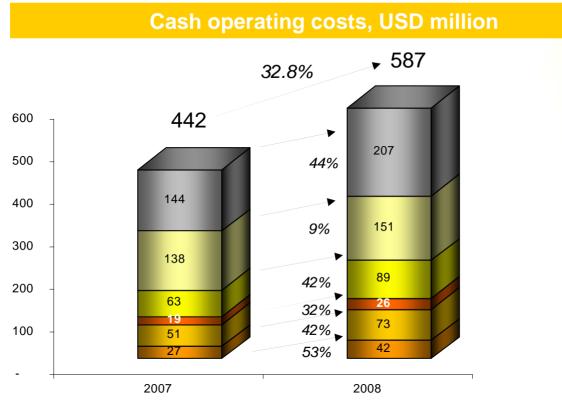
CapEx, USD million



 Significant capital expenditure to support extensive capacity growth



Cash operating costs breakdown



■ Labour

- Materials and spares
- □ Fuel
- Power
- Tax on mining
- Other

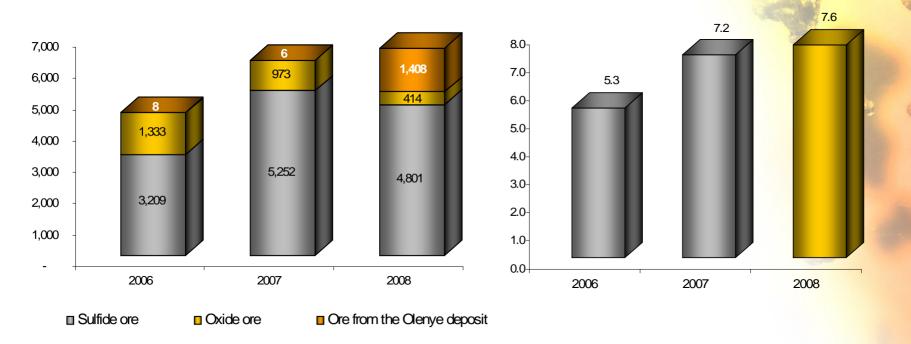
Main contributors to the growth of costs:

- **Labour expenses.** The 44% increase mainly comes from the Krasnoyarsk business unit, where a bonus for successful achievement of operational targets was accrued;
- Materials and spares. The increase in ore processing coupled with the growth of prices on materials and spares consumed, lead to a 9% increase in the costs of materials and spares;
- **Fuel.** The cost of fuel grew 42% due to increase in prices;
- **Tax on mining.** The 42% increase is related to the gold price growth.

TCC growth analysis: example of Olimpiada mine

Ore processed, k tonnes

Tonnes of ore required to produce 1 oz of gold



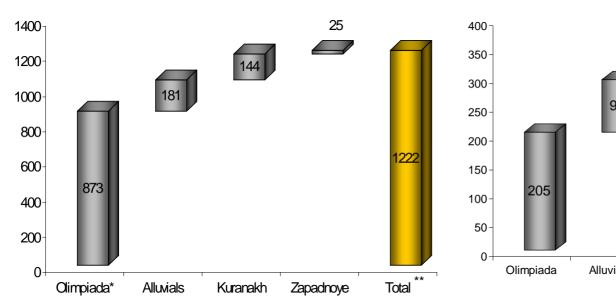
As a result of Olimpiada mine transition to the processing of sulfide ores and ores from the Olenye deposit, the volume of ore required for production of 1 oz of gold is increasing.

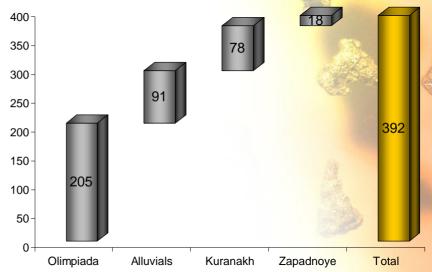


2008 Production and TCC breakdown by production units

2008 Production, m oz

Production units contribution*** into Group's TCC per 1 oz, USD





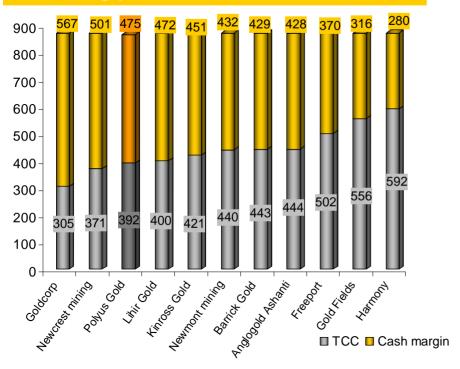
Despite the conversion to the processing of sulfide ores, TCC at Olimpiada mine were kept at the lower end in the global industry, resulting in the competitive group average of USD 392 per oz.

^{*} Sales of Olimpiada equaled to 877 k oz.

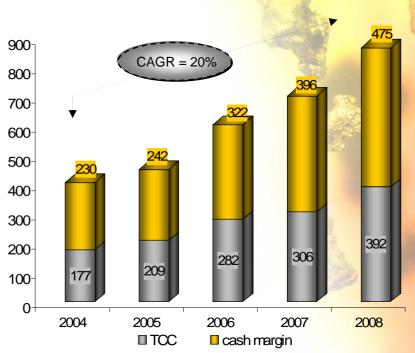
^{**} Totals may not add due to independent rounding.

Expanding Cash Margin

TCC and cash margin* of world's leading producers in 2008, USD/oz



Polyus Gold TCC and cash margin in 2004-2008. USD/oz



Remaining a low-cost producer globally and one of the leaders in terms of cash margin. Growing gold price coupled with efficient cost control resulted in a 20% 4-year CAGR of the cash margin.

^{*} Calculated using the average London PM fixing price of 872 USD/oz



Cash sources and cash expenditure and impairment during the year

