### **Polyus Gold**

Condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2008 (unaudited)

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

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#### STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PREPARATION AND APPROVAL OF THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with report on the review of condensed consolidated financial statements set out on page 2, is made with a view to distinguishing the respective responsibilities of management and those of the independent auditors in relation to the condensed consolidated financial statements of Open Joint Stock Company "Polyus Gold" and its subsidiaries (the "Group").

Management is responsible for the preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements that present fairly the financial position of the Group at 30 June 2008 and the results of its operations, cash flows and changes in equity for the six months then ended, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

In preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for:

- Selecting suitable accounting principles and applying them consistently;
- Making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Stating whether International Financial Reporting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the condensed consolidated financial statements: and
- Preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business for the foreseeable future.

Management is also responsible for:

- Designing, implementing and maintaining an effective system of internal controls, throughout the Group;
- Maintaining statutory accounting records in compliance with local legislation and accounting standards in the respective jurisdictions in which the Group operates:
- Taking such steps as are reasonably available to them to safeguard the assets of the Group; and
- Detecting and preventing fraud and other irregularities.

The condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2008 were approved on

26 September 2008 by:

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General Director

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Moscow, Russia 26 September 2008



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### REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### To Shareholders of Open Joint Stock Company "Polyus Gold":

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Open Joint Stock Company "Polyus Gold" and subsidiaries (the "Group") as at 30 June 2008 and the related condensed consolidated statements of income, condensed consolidated cash flow statement and condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six months then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and selected explanatory notes. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" ("IAS 34"). Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these condensed consolidated financial statements based on our review.

#### Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity". A review of condensed consolidated financial statements consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

#### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are not prepared in accordance with IAS 34.

#### **Emphasis of matter**

Comparative information for the six months ended 30 June 2007 has been retrospectively adjusted for changes in accounting policies, as further discussed in note 4 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Moscow, Russia 26 September 2008

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## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of US Dollars)

	Notes	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007 (as restated*)
Gold sales		505,730	309,360
Other sales	<u>-</u>	13,179	8,689
Total revenue		518,909	318,049
Cost of gold sales	5	(301,855)	(204,410)
Cost of other sales	-	(13,230)	(7,964)
Gross profit		203,824	105,675
General and administrative expenses	6	(64,954)	(181,042)
Research and exploration expenses		(4,430)	(3,425)
Other income	7	20,587	1,137
Other expenses	7	(7,444)	(16,656)
Finance costs		(2,335)	(2,667)
Net income from investments	8	25,047	34,801
Foreign exchange gain	-	350	6,940
Profit/(loss) before income tax		170,645	(55,237)
Current tax expense		(46,316)	(24,288)
Deferred tax benefit	-	8,110	4,666
Profit/(loss) for the period	=	132,439	(74,859)
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the parent company		132,751	(75,509)
Minority interest	-	(312)	650
	<u>-</u>	132,439	(74,859)
Earnings/(loss) per share			
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period		178,124,637	173,480,967
Basic and diluted (US cents)		75	(44)

<sup>\*</sup> The comparative information for the six months ended 30 June 2007 reflects adjustments made in connection with changes in accounting policies (refer to note 4).

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of US Dollars)

	Notes	30 June 2008	31 December 2007
ASSETS	_		
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	2,049,429	1,783,432
Investments in securities and other financial assets	10	2,864	2,147
Long-term portion of reimbursable value added tax	_	36,975	11,824
	_	2,089,268	1,797,403
Current assets			
Inventories	11	247,007	231,985
Reimbursable value added tax		77,661	108,926
Accounts receivable		16,292	13,477
Advances paid to suppliers	10	35,215	26,204
Investments in securities and other financial assets	10	752,122	1,270,918
Income tax receivable Other current assets	12	5,976	3,398
Cash and cash equivalents	13	41,381 672,110	20,680 226,174
Cash and cash equivalents	13 _	1,847,764	1,901,762
	<del>-</del>	1,047,704	1,901,702
TOTAL ASSETS	=	3,937,032	3,699,165
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Share capital and reserves			
Share capital	14	6,871	6,871
Additional paid-in capital		2,116,655	2,118,165
Treasury shares		(724,927)	(730,450)
Investments revaluation reserve		41,531	36,907
Translation reserve		544,443	420,157
Retained earnings	_	1,418,060	1,337,346
Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent company		3,402,633	3,188,996
Minority interest	_	45,335	47,187
Non-current liabilities	_	3,447,968	3,236,183
Deferred tax liabilities		190,795	183,356
Environmental obligations	_	88,038	81,341
	_	278,833	264,697
Current liabilities		2.550	27.042
Deferred consideration on acquisition of subsidiaries		2,778	37,943
Short-term borrowings		-	20,909
Trade payables		56,713	21,651
Other payables and accrued expenses	14	54,992 22,721	83,932
Dividends payable Minority interest liability	15	19,043	-
Income tax payable	1.3	28,579	12,663
Other taxes payable		25,405	21,187
omer taries payable	<del>-</del>	210,231	198,285
TOTAL LIABILITIES	_	489,064	462,982
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		3,937,032	3,699,165

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of US Dollars)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007
Operating activities		(as restated*)
Profit/(loss) before income tax	170,645	(55,237)
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation and depreciation	55,633	50,620
(Profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(1,951)	5,564
Finance costs	2,335	2,667
Net income from investments	(25,047)	(34,801)
Change in estimate of deferred consideration for acquisition of		
subsidiaries	(15,746)	-
Foreign exchange gain	(350)	(6,940)
Share option plan	-	132,548
Other	(2,801)	18,561
Operating profit before working capital changes	182,718	112,982
Increase in inventories	(3,661)	(36,235)
Increase in advances to suppliers and other receivables	(9,817)	(30,536)
Increase in other current assets and reimbursable value added tax	(13,138)	(6,038)
Increase in trade and other payables	1,884	110,850
Decrease in other taxes payable	(318)	(9,800)
Cash flows from operations	157,668	141,223
Interest paid	(2,527)	(696)
Income tax paid	(27,126)	(27,758)
Net cash generated from operating activities	128,015	112,769
Investing activities		
Increase of ownership in subsidiaries	(22,128)	-
Repayment of deferred consideration on acquisition of subsidiaries	(20,069)	(22,677)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(230,101)	(162,094)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	4,635	4,146
Interest received	19,103	19,472
Purchase of promissory notes and other financial assets	(2,024)	(564,215)
Proceeds from sale of promissory notes and other financial assets	574,506	734,347
Net cash generated from investing activities	323,922	8,979

<sup>\*</sup> The comparative information for the six months ended 30 June 2007 reflects adjustments made in connection with changes in accounting policies (refer to note 4).

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands of US Dollars)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007 (as restated*)
Financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings Repayments of borrowings Repayments of finance lease obligations Proceeds from issuance of Company's shares from treasury stock Dividends paid to minority shareholders of the Group's subsidiary	(19,843) (1,668) 1,334 (658)	525 (1,596) (1,885)
Net cash used in financing activities	(20,835)	(2,956)
Effect of translation to presentation currency	14,834	7,730
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	445,936	126,522
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	226,174	294,197
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	672,110	420,719

<sup>\*</sup> The comparative information for the six months ended 30 June 2007 reflects adjustments made in connection with changes in accounting policies (refer to note 4).

### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

(in thousands of US Dollars)

		Equity attributable to shareholders of the parent company								
	Notes	Share capital	Additional paid-in capital	Treasury shares	Investments revaluation reserve	Translation reserve	Retained earnings	Total	Minority interest	Total
Balance at 31 December 2006		6,871	2,190,661	(995,557)	19,620	259,876	1,320,151	2,801,622	32,647	2,834,269
Increase in fair value of available-for-sale investments Translation of foreign operations Effect of translation to presentation currency		- - -	- - -	- - -	5,365	(13,873) 102,951	- - -	5,365 (13,873) 102,951	696	5,365 (13,873) 103,647
<b>Total income recognised directly in equity – as restated</b> Loss for the period – as restated		<u>.</u> .	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	5,365	89,078	(75,509)	94,443 (75,509)	<b>696</b> 650	95,139 (74,859)
Total recognised income and expense for the period – as restated Dividends to shareholders of the parent company Increase in minority interest due to decrease in share capital of a subsidiary		- - -	- - 	- -	-	<u>-</u> -	( <b>75,509</b> ) (21,722)	(75,509) (21,722)	<b>650</b> - 4,216	(74,859) (21,722) 4,216
Balance at 30 June 2007 – as restated		6,871	2,190,661	(995,557)	24,985	348,954	1,222,920	2,798,834	38,209	2,837,043
Balance at 31 December 2007 Increase in fair value of available-for-sale investments,	10	6,871	2,118,165	(730,450)	36,907	420,157	1,337,346	3,188,996	47,187	3,236,183
net of deferred tax of USD 7,054 thousand Translation of foreign operations Effect of translation to presentation currency		- - 	- - -	- - -	4,624 - -	(59,054) 183,647	- - <u>-</u> -	4,624 (59,054) 183,647	8,023 - 2,276	12,647 (59,054) 185,923
<b>Total income recognised directly in equity</b> Profit for the period		- 	- 	- 	4,624	124,593	132,751	129,217 132,751	<b>10,299</b> (312)	139,516 132,439
Total recognised income and expense for the period Dividends to shareholders of the parent company Dividends to minority shareholders in the Group's subsidiaries Decrease in minority interest due to change of shareholding	14	- - -	- - -	- -	- - -	<u>-</u> - -	<b>132,751</b> (22,258)	132,751 (22,258)	(312) - (658)	132,439 (22,258) (658)
structure of subsidiaries  Decrease in minority interest due to change of shareholding structure of subsidiaries  Decrease in minority interest due to increase in share capital of a subsidiary		-	-	-	-	-	1,108	1,108	(1,108)	- (22.129)
Issuance of shares from treasury stock under share option plan Minoruty interest liability	15	- - 	(1,510)	5,523	- - -	(307)	(17,029) - (13,858)	(17,029) 3,706 (13,858)	(5,099) - (4,974)	(22,128) 3,706 (18,832)
Balance at 30 June 2008		6,871	2,116,655	(724,927)	41,531	544,443	1,418,060	3,402,633	45,335	3,447,968

### SELECTED NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED)

#### 1. GENERAL

#### **Organisation**

Open Joint Stock Company "Polyus Gold" (the "Company") was incorporated in Moscow, Russian Federation, on 17 March 2006. The Company was formed as a result of a spin-off by OJSC "Mining and Metallurgical Company "Norilsk Nickel" ("Norilsk Nickel") of its gold mining business comprising Closed Joint Stock Company "Gold Mining Company Polyus" (CJSC "Polyus") and its subsidiaries. In connection with the spin-off Norilsk Nickel contributed into the Company 100% of CJSC "Polyus" shares and cash in the amount of USD 360,197 thousand (at 17 March 2006 exchange rate).

The principal activities of the Company and its subsidiaries (the "Group") are the extraction, refining and sale of gold. Mining and processing facilities of the Group are located in the Krasnoyarsk, Irkutsk regions and the Sakha Republic of the Russian Federation. The Group also performs research and exploration works, primarily at the Natalka field located in the Magadan region and the Nezhdaninskoe field located in the Sakha Republic.

The principal beneficial shareholders of the Group at 30 June 2008 and 31 December 2007 were Mr. Vladimir Potanin and Mr. Mikhail Prokhorov.

#### 2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of preparation**

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 34 "Interim Financial Reporting", except for effective income tax rate, that was calculated based on actual income tax expense.

The condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the preparation of the annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements as of 31 December 2007.

#### **Accounting policies**

The same accounting policies, presentation and methods of computation are followed in these condensed consolidated financial statements as were applied in the preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007.

Exchange rates used for translation of assets and liabilities denominated in Russian Rouble ("RUR"), functional currency of the Group, into United States of America Dollar ("USD" or "US Dollar"), presentation currency, were as follows (RUR to 1 US Dollar):

	30 June 2008	30 June 2007	31 December 2007
Period-end rates Average rates for the period	23.46	25.82	24.55
	23.94	26.08	25.58

# SELECTED NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of US Dollars)

#### 3. RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain comparative information, presented in the condensed consolidated income statement for the six months ended 30 June 2007 has been reclassified in order to achieve comparability with the presentation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

The effect of the reclassifications is summarised below:

	After reclassifications	Before reclassifications	Difference
Other sales	8,689	-	8,689
Cost of other sales	(7,964)	-	(7,964)
Other income	1,137	-	1,137
Other expenses	(16,656)	-	(16,656)
Other net operating expenses	· · · · · · ·	(9,757)	9,757
Other non-operating expenses	-	(2,061)	2,061
General and administrative expenses	(186,574)	(185,397)	(1,177)
Foreign exchange gain	(6,933)	-	(6,933)
Research and exploration expenses	(4,060)	(1,828)	(2,232)
Net income from investments	34,801	21,483	13,318

## SELECTED NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of US Dollars)

#### 4. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

In 2007, subsidiaries of the Group operating in Cyprus and the British Virgin Islands significantly increased their investing activities which led to economical autonomy of these entities from the Company, and as result the functional currency of these entities changed from RUR to USD. Comparative figures for 2007 include the effect of this change in accounting policy. Assets and liabilities of these subsidiaries were translated into the new functional currency using the exchange rate as at 1 January 2007. The translated amounts for non-monetary items were treated as their new historical cost.

In addition, management of the Group changed its accounting policy for administrative overhead costs directly attributable to exploration and evaluation activities. In accordance with the new policy, such costs, which previously were recognised in the income statement as incurred, are capitalised within exploration and evaluation assets. The reason for the change was to make the accounting policy consistent with the substance of the expenses and the way the Group manages its exploration and evaluation activities. Management believes that the new policy is consistent with common industry practices and will result in more accurate information about expenditures related to the exploration and evaluation activities. The change in accounting policy has been applied retrospectively in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007.

Effect from the changes in accounting policies on the financial results of operation of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2007 is presented below.

	Six months ended 30 June 2007
Increase in foreign exchange gain Decrease in general and administrative expenses Decrease in deferred income tax benefit Decrease in research and exploration expenses	13,873 5,532 (1,480) 635
Net increase in profit for the period	18,560
Net decrease in loss per share	11

### SELECTED NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands of US Dollars)

		Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007 (as restated*)
5.	COST OF GOLD SALES		
	Cash operating costs	246,435	177,318
	On-mine costs	128,733	94,869
	Smelting and concentrating costs	81,474	60,895
	Refining costs	2,019	1,345
	Tax on mining	34,209	20,209
	Amortisation and depreciation of operating assets	52,805	48,457
	Change in provision for land restoration	618	549
	Decrease/(increase) in gold-in-process and refined gold	1,997	(21,914)
	Total	301,855	204,410
6.	GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
	Salaries	31,265	28,051
	Taxes other than mining and income taxes	9,711	5,237
	Professional services	5,938	2,442
	Bank charges	5,699	3,923
	Rent expenses	2,434	139
	Depreciation	2,103	2,163
	Repair and maintenance	810	439
	Communication services	589	565 122.548
	Share option plan Other	6,405	132,548 5,535
	Total	64,954	181,042
7.	OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSES		
	Other income		
	Change in estimate of deferred consideration for acquisition of subsidiaries	15,746	-
	Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,951	-
	Other	2,890	1,137
	Total	20,587	1,137

<sup>\*</sup> The comparative information for the six months ended 30 June 2007 reflects adjustments made in connection with the changes in accounting policies (refer to note 4).

# SELECTED NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of US Dollars)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007 (as restated*)
Other expenses		
Donations Change in allowance for reimbursable value added tax Change in allowance for doubtful debts Change in allowance for obsolescence of inventory Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Loss on disposal of preferred shares of a subsidiary Other	2,257 2,218 (58) (413) - 3,440	1,545 4,007 1,924 5,564 2,976 640
Total	7,444	16,656
8. NET INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
Income from financial assets at fair value through profit and loss Net income from investments in listed companies held for trading	415	4,539
Income from held-to-maturity investments Interest income on promissory notes	2,958	7,384
Income from loans and deposits Income on bank deposits Interest income on loans under repurchase agreements Other	15,088 6,047 539	10,903 11,093 882
Total	25,047	34,801

<sup>\*</sup> The comparative information for the six months ended 30 June 2007 reflects adjustments made in connection with the changes in accounting policies (refer to note 4).

## SELECTED NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of US Dollars)

#### 9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Exploration and evaluation assets	Mining assets	Non- mining assets	Capital construction-in-progress	Total
Cost					
Balance at 31 December 2006	133,930	1,281,171	50,755	168,258	1,634,114
Additions – as restated	52,098	32,386	4,466	67,476	156,426
Transfers Disposals	-	308 (11,607)	(674)	(308) (427)	(12,708)
Disposals Disposed of on disposal of subsidiary	(239)	(765)	(984)	(427) $(1)$	(1,989)
Effect of translation to presentation	(237)	(703)	(201)	(1)	(1,505)
currency	3,212	25,782	1,061	4,045	34,100
Balance at 30 June 2007– as restated	189,001	1,327,275	54,624	239,043	1,809,943
Balance at 31 December 2007	301,238	1,584,243	60,739	193,716	2,139,936
Additions	84,964	34,493	1,141	128,251	248,849
Transfers	-	8,155	-	(8,155)	-
Disposals	-	(3,620)	(497)	(817)	(4,934)
Effect of translation to presentation currency	15,747	74,351	2,833	11,468	104,399
Balance at 30 June 2008	401,949	1,697,622	64,216	324,463	2,488,250
Accumulated amortisation, depreciation and impairment					
Balance at 31 December 2006	(119)	(219,232)	(13,405)	(5,753)	(238,509)
Charge for the period	-	(53,147)	(2,870)		(56,017)
Eliminated on disposals	-	2,901	97	-	2,998
Disposed of on disposal of subsidiary	122	760	713	1	1,596
Effect of translation to presentation	(2)	(4.000)	(202)	(115)	(5.210)
currency	(3)	(4,898)	(303)		(5,319)
Balance at 30 June 2007	<u> </u>	(273,616)	(15,768)	(5,867)	(295,251)
Balance at 31 December 2007	-	(330,678)	(19,655)		(356,504)
Charge for the period	-	(63,174)	(3,508)	-	(66,682)
Eliminated on disposals	-	1,897	353	-	2,250
Effect of translation to presentation currency		(16,621)	(978)	(286)	(17,885)
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Balance at 30 June 2008	<del>-</del>	(408,576)	(23,788)	(6,457)	(438,821)
Net book value					
30 June 2007 – as restated	189,001	1,053,659	38,856	233,176	1,514,692
31 December 2007	301,238	1,253,565	41,084	187,545	1,783,432
30 June 2008	401,949	1,289,046	40,428	318,006	2,049,429

Mining assets at 30 June 2008 included mineral rights of USD 550,440 thousand (31 December 2007: USD 534,451 thousand).

Amortisation and depreciation capitalised during the six months ended 30 June 2008 amounted to USD 11,049 thousand (30 June 2007: USD 5,397 thousand – as restated).

## SELECTED NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (UNAUDITED) (in thousands of US Dollars)

At 30 June 2008, machinery and equipment with a carrying value of the Group's included USD 2,312 thousand (31 December 2007: USD 3,236 thousand) were held under finance lease agreements.

The balances of property, plant and equipment at 30 June 2008 were recorded net of value added tax ("VAT") incurred on acquisition of exploration and evaluation and mining assets of USD 38,678 thousand (31 December 2007: USD 11,824 thousand). This VAT is reimbursable when the respective assets are put into operation. Management of the Group believes that VAT amounts are recoverable in full.

		30 June 2008	31 December 2007
10.	INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS		
	Non-current		
	Loans advanced	2,456	1,731
	Equity investments available-for-sale	400	416
	Other	8	
	Total non-current	2,864	2,147
	Current		
	Available-for-sale investments	419,371	400,483
	Loans under repurchase agreements	231,048	201,719
	Equity investments in listed companies held for trading	59,676	187,628
	Promissory notes receivable	42,027	110,865
	Bank deposits	-	280,648
	Investment deposit in Rosbank	<del>-</del>	89,575
	Total current	752,122	1,270,918

#### Available-for-sale investments, carried at fair value

At 30 June 2008, equity investments available-for-sale mainly represented investment in Rosfund, SPC (Cayman Islands) in the amount of USD 389,371 thousand (31 December 2007: USD 399,060 thousand) and investment in OJSC "Vysochaishy" in the amount of USD 30,000 thousand (31 December 2007: USD nil thousand).

For the six months ended 30 June 2008 decrease in fair value of Rosfund investment in the amount of USD 9,689 thousand (2007: increase of USD 17,287 thousand) and increase in fair value of investment in "OJSC Vysochaishy" in the amount of USD 22,336 (net of deferred tax in the amount of USD 7,054 thousand) were recognised in equity.

#### Loans and receivables, carried at amortised cost

Loans under repurchase agreements, acquired by Rosbank on behalf of the Group under Asset management agreements, have effective interest rates of 5.6% (2007: 9.9%).

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#### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, carried at fair value

Equity investments in listed companies held for trading were acquired by Rosbank, on behalf of the Group, under Asset management agreements. The principal amount invested by the Group of USD 326,124 thousand was not guaranteed by Rosbank.

#### Held-to-maturity investments, carried at amortised cost

Interest rate on promissory notes, purchased from Rosbank, is 6.0% (2007: vary from 6.0% to 10.4%).

#### 11. INVENTORIES

		30 June 2008	31 December 2007
	Gold-in-process at net production cost Refined gold at net production cost	61,780 3,245	62,414 1,606
	Total metal inventories	65,025	64,020
	Stores and materials at cost Less: Allowance for obsolescence	184,081 (2,099)	170,373 (2,408)
	Total	247,007	231,985
12.	OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
	Deferred expenditures Other prepaid taxes	37,253 4,128	13,751 6,929
	Total	41,381	20,680
	Deferred expenditures related to the preparation for the seasonal alluvial mining activities including stripping and excavation costs, general production and specific administration costs.		
13.	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	Bank deposits Current bank accounts - RUR - foreign currencies Cash on accounts under Asset management agreement Other cash and cash equivalents	472,746 107,478 1,998 76,231 13,657	163,005 40,113 690 6,641 15,725
	Total	672,110	226,174

Bank deposits were denominated in USD and represented deposits in third party banks at interest rates of 4.0-9.0% per annum with maturity within three months after the reporting dates.

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#### 14. SHARE CAPITAL

At 30 June 2008, and 31 December 2007, authorised, issued and fully paid share capital of the Company comprised 190,627,747 ordinary shares at par value of RUR 1.

In February 2008, the Group's management exercised options in respect of the share option plan of 95,314 treasury shares of the Company were sold to management for total cash consideration USD 1,334 thousand. This transaction resulted in a decrease of treasury shares by USD 5,523 thousand and decrease of additional paid-in capital by USD 1,510 thousand.

On 26 June 2008, the Company declared a final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2007 in the amount of RUR 2.95 (USD 0.13) per share. The dividend was declared in the amount of USD 22,258 thousand. The amount is net of USD 1,559 thousand attributable to treasury shares.

#### 15. MINORITY INTEREST LIABILITY

In May 2008, a subsidiary of the Group, CJSC "Polyus", completed the purchase of an additional 2.7% of the shares of another subsidiary of the Group OJSC "Matrosov mine" ("Matrosov mine"). As a result of the additional purchase, the percentage of ownership of Matrosov mine by CJSC "Polyus" increased to 97.5%. Under Russian legislation, Polyus has an obligation to make an offer to purchase the remaining shares held by minority shareholders. The Group recognised a liability equal to the fair value of the ultimate cash obligation. A decrease in minority interest in respect of this transaction was recognised in condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity in the amount of USD 4,974 thousand for the six months ended 30 June 2008. The difference between the carrying value of the minority interest derecognised in equity and the fair value of the obligation was recognised in the condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity.

#### 16. RELATED PARTIES

Related parties include shareholders, entities under common ownership and control with the Group and members of key management personnel. The Company and its subsidiaries, in the ordinary course of their business, enter into various sale, purchase and service transactions with related parties.

From 24 April 2008, OJSC "MMC Norilsk Nickel" and it's subsidiaries are no longer considered related parties for the Group.

From 13 February 2008 Rosbank and it's subsidiaries are no longer considered related parties for the Group.

During the six months ended 30 June 2008 and 30 June 2007, the Group entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007
Gold sales		
Rosbank	57,753	264,116
Total	57,753	264,116

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	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007
Purchase of goods and services		
Taimyrskaya Toplivnaya Kompaniya	7,654	5,487
Norilsk Nickel Insurance Company "Soglasie"	6,407 1,853	24,946 587
Rosbank	-	3,614
Yeniseyskoe Rechnoe Parohodstvo Kraus-M	- -	1,273 3
Total	15,914	35,910
Income from investments		
Rosbank	567	513
Total	567	513
Outstanding balances with related parties	30 June 2008	31 December 2007
Cash and cash equivalents		2007
Rosbank	N/A	86,414
Total	N/A	86,414
Investments in securities and other financial assets		
Rosbank	N/A_	89,575
Total	<u>N/A</u>	89,575
Accounts receivable		
Insurance Company "Soglasie"	95	6
Norilsk Nickel Rosbank	N/A N/A	67 46
Taimyrskaya Toplivnaya Kompaniya	N/A	16
Total	95	135
Advances paid to suppliers		
Insurance Company "Soglasie" Veniogyskog Rochnog Barchodotyo	48	30 85
Yeniseyskoe Rechnoe Parohodstvo		
Total	48	115

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	30 June 2008	31 December 2007
Trade payables		
Norilsk Nickel Taimyrskaya Toplivnaya Kompaniya	N/A N/A	3,525 371
Total	<u>-</u>	3,896
Other payables		
Insurance Company "Soglasie" Norilsk Nickel	10 N/A	17 2,573
Total	10	2,590
The amounts outstanding are unsecured and expected to be settled in cash. No expense has been recognised in the reporting period for bad or doubtful debts in respect of amounts owed by related parties.		
parties.	Six months	Six months
	ended 30 June 2008	ended 30 June 2007
Compensation of key management personnel		
Short-term employee benefits Share-based payment	5,807	5,947 132,548
Total	5,807	138,495

#### 17. CONTINGENCIES

#### Litigation and tax contingencies

With regards to matters where practice concerning payment of taxes is unclear, management estimated possible tax exposure at 30 June 2008 of approximately USD 10,030 thousand (31 December 2007: USD 347 thousand).

#### 18. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

In the third quarter of 2008, the Company paid dividends for the 2007 financial year. The total amount of paid dividends was USD 22,476 thousand (at 30 June 2008 exchange rate). The amount is net of USD 1,334 thousand attributable to treasury shares.

In July 2008, the Company sold 350,000 ordinary shares of "OJSC Vysochaishy" for cash consideration of USD 30,000 thousand.

In July 2008, a subsidiary of the Company purchased 100% of CJSC "Kuranakhzoloto" for total cash consideration of USD 50,000 thousand.

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#### 19. INVESTMENTS IN SIGNIFICANT SUBSIDIARIES

	Shares held		Effective 9	Effective % held <sup>1</sup>		
Subsidiaries	Country of incorporation	Nature of business	30 June 2008	31 December 2007	30 June 2008	31 December 2007
CJSC "Gold Mining Company Polyus"	Russian Federation	Mining	419	419	100.0	100.0
OJSC "Aldanzoloto GRK"	Russian Federation	Mining	114,155,000,000	113,441,640,810	100.0	99.7
OJSC "Lenzoloto"	Russian Federation	Market agent	952,532	952,532	64.1	64.1
LLC "Lenskaya Zolotorudnaya Company"	Russian Federation	Market agent	, -	-	100.0	100.0
CJSC "ZDK Lenzoloto"	Russian Federation	Mining	513,237,103	482,431,903	66.2	64.1
CJSC "Lensib"	Russian Federation	Mining	610	610	40.4	39.1
CJSC "Svetliy"	Russian Federation	Mining	840	840	55.6	53.8
CJSC "Marakan"	Russian Federation	Mining	840	840	55.6	53.8
CJSC "Nadezhdinskoe"	Russian Federation	Mining	840	840	55.6	53.8
CJSC "Dalnaya Taiga"	Russian Federation	Mining	820	820	54.3	52.6
CJSC "Sevzoto"	Russian Federation	Mining	650	650	43.1	41.7
CJSC "Charazoto"	Russian Federation	Mining	640	640	42.4	41.0
CJSC "GRK Sukhoy Log"	Russian Federation	Mining	540	540	100.0	100.0
OJSC "Matrosov Mine"	Russian Federation	Mining (development stage)	576,891	560,862	97.5	94.8
CJSC "Tonoda"	Russian Federation	Mining (development stage)	14,100	14,100	100.0	100.0
OJSC "Pervenets"	Russian Federation	Mining (development stage)	100	100	100.0	100.0
OJSC "South-Verkhoyansk Mining Company"	Russian Federation	Mining (development stage)	704,986	704,986	100.0	100.0
OJSC "Yakut Mining Company"	Russian Federation	Mining (development stage)	735,000	735,000	100.0	100.0
LLC "GRK BarGold"	Russian Federation	Mining (development stage)	-	-	100.0	94.8
CJSC "Vitimenergo"	Russian Federation	Electricity production	225,764	225,764	100.0	100.0
LLC "Lengeo"	Russian Federation	Geological research	-	-	100.0	100.0
LLC "MGRP"	Russian Federation	Geological research	-	-	100.0	94.8
LLC "KGRP"	Russian Federation	Geological research	-	-	100.0	100.0
LLC "AGRP"	Russian Federation	Geological research	-	-	100.0	100.0
LLC "YaGRP"	Russian Federation	Geological research	-	-	100.0	100.0
LLC "IGRP"	Russian Federation	Geological research	-	-	100.0	100.0
OJSC "Polyus Geologorazvedka"	Russian Federation	Geological research	6,000,000	6,000,000	100.0	100.0
Polyus Exploration Ltd.	British Virgin Islands	Geological research	18,069,503	16,250	100.0	100.0
Jenington International Inc.	British Virgin Islands	Market agent	1,000,000	1,000,000	100.0	100.0
Polyus Investments Ltd.	Cyprus	Market agent	1,000	1,000	100.0	100.0
LLC "Pervoye GRP" <sup>2</sup>	Russian Federation	Geological research	-	-	100.0	-
OJSC "Korporatsiya Razvitiya Vostochnoy Yakutii" <sup>2</sup>	Russian Federation	Other	749	-	74.9	-

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm I}$  Effective % held by the Company, including holdings by other subsidiaries of the Group  $^{\rm 2}$  Established by the Group in 2008