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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 20-F

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

# SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of event requiring this shell company report....

For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 000-49888

RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Not Applicable

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

JERSEY, CHANNEL ISLANDS

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

La Motte Chambers, La Motte Street, St. Helier, Jersey JE1 1BJ, Channel Islands

(Address of principal executive offices)

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of each class Name of each exchange on which registered Ordinary Shares, par value US \$0.05 per Share\* Nasdaq Global Select Market American Depositary Shares each represented by one Ordinary Share

\* Not for trading, but only in connection with the listing of American Depositary Shares on the Nasdaq Global Select Market pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

None

(Title of Class)

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

None

(Title of Class)

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of the period covered by the Annual Report.

As of December 31, 2007, the Registrant had outstanding 76,148,034 ordinary shares, par value \$0.05 per share.

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

If the report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes

No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP International

Financial Reporting Standards as issued

Other

by the International Accounting Standards Board

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange

Act).

Yes No

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#### GLOSSARY OF MINING TECHNICAL TERMS

The following explanations are not intended as technical definitions, but rather are intended to assist the reader in understanding some of the terms as used in this Annual Report.

Aureole:

A zone of altered country rock around an igneous intrusion.

bcm: Bank cubic meter, a volumetric mining measure,

equivalent to a cubic meter.

Birrimian: Geological time era, about 2.1 billion years

ago.

Carbonate: A mineral salt typically found in quartz veins and as a product of hydrothermal alteration of sedimentary rock.

Clastic: Rocks built up of fragments of pre-existing rocks which have been produced by the processes of weathering and erosion.

Cut-off grade: The lowest grade of material that can be mined and processed considering all applicable costs, without incurring a loss or gaining a profit.

Development: Activities required to prepare for mining activities and maintain a planned production level.

Dilution:

Mixing of ore grade material with non-ore grade/waste material in the mining process.

Discordant:

Structurally unconformable.

Disseminated: A term used to describe fine particles of

ore or other minerals dispersed through the enclosing rock.

Dyke: A sheet-like body of igneous rock which is

discordant to bedding or foliation.

EEP: Exclusive exploration permit.

EP:

Exploration permit.

Exploration: Activities associated with ascertaining the existence, location, extent or quality of mineralized material, including economic and technical evaluations of

mineralized material.

Fault: A fracture or a zone of fractures within a body of

rock.

Feldspar: An alumino-silicate mineral.

Fold: A flexure of planar structures within the rocks.

Foliation:

A term used to describe planar arrangements of minerals or mineral bands within rocks.

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Footwall: The underlying side of a fault, orebody or

stope.

Fragmentation: The breakage of rock during blasting in which explosive energy fractures the solid mass into pieces; the distribution of rock particle sizes after blasting.

g/t: Gram of gold per metric tonne.

Gabbro:

A dark granular igneous rock composed essentially of labradorite and augite.

Gold

reserves: The gold contained within proven and probable reserves on the basis of recoverable material (reported as mill delivered tonnes and head grade).

Gold sales: Represents the sales of gold at spot and the gains/losses on hedge contracts which have been delivered into at the designated maturity date. It excludes gains/losses which have been rolled forward to match future sales. This adjustment is considered appropriate because no cash is received/paid in respect of such contracts.

Grade: The quantity of metal per unit mass of ore expressed as a percentage or, for gold, as grams of gold per tonne of ore.

Greenstone: A field term used to describe any

weakly metamorphosed rock.

Greywacke: A dark gray, coarse grained, indurated sedimentary rock consisting essentially of quartz, feldspar, and fragments of other rock types.

Head

grade: The grade of the ore as delivered to the metallurgical plant.

Hydrothermal: Pertaining to the action of hot aqueous

solutions on rocks.

Igneous: A rock or mineral that solidified from molten

or partially molten material.

In situ: In place or within unbroken rock or still in the

ground.

Kriging: An interpolation method that minimizes the estimation error in the determination of reserves.

Landsat:

Spectral images of the Earth's surface.

Leaching: Dissolution of gold from the crushed and milled material, including reclaimed slime, for absorption and concentration on to the activated carbon.

Lower

proterozoic: Era of geological time between 2.5 billion and 1.8 billion years before the present.

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Measures: Conversion factors from metric units to US

units are provided below:

Metric Unit US Equivalent 1 tonne = 1 t =

1.10231 tons 1 gram = 1 g = 0.03215 ounces 1 gram per tonne = 1 g/t = 0.02917 ounces per ton 1 kilogram per tonne = 1 kg/t = 29.16642 ounces per ton 1 kilometer = 1 km = 0.621371 miles 1 meter = 1 m = 3.28084 feet 1 centimeter = 1 cm = 0.3937 inches 1 millimeter = 1 mm = 0.03937 inches 1 square kilometer = 1 sq km = 0.3861 square miles

Metamorphism: A change in the structure or constitution of a rock due to natural agencies, such as pressure and heat.

delivered tonnes: A quantity, expressed in tonnes, of ore delivered to the metallurgical plant.

Milling/mill: The comminution of the ore, although the term has come to cover the broad range of machinery inside the treatment plant where the gold is separated from the ore.

Mineable: That portion of a mineralized deposit for which extraction is technically and economically feasible.

Mineralization: The presence of a target mineral in a

mass of host rock.

Mineralized material: A mineralized body which has been delineated by appropriately spaced drilling and/or underground sampling to support a sufficient tonnage and average grade of metals to warrant further exploration.

A deposit of mineralized material does not qualify as a reserve until a comprehensive evaluation based upon unit cost, grade, recoveries, and other material factors conclude legal and economic feasibility.

Moz: Million troy ounces.

Mt:

Million metric tonnes.

Open pit: Mining in which the ore is extracted from a pit. The geometry of the pit may vary with the characteristics of the orebody.

Orebody:

A continuous, well-defined mass of material containing sufficient minerals of economic value to make extraction economically feasible.

Orogenic: Of or related to mountain building, such as when a belt of the Earth's crust is compressed by lateral forces to form a chain of mountains.

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Ounce: One troy ounce, which equals 31.1035 grams.

Oxide Ore:

Soft, weathered rock that is oxidized.

Payshoot: A defined zone of economically viable

mineralization.

Portal: An entrance to a tunnel or mine.

Probable

reserves: Reserves for which quantity and grade and/or quality are computed from information similar to that used for proven reserves, but the sites for inspection, sampling, and measurement are farther apart or are otherwise less adequately spaced. The degree of assurance, although lower than that for proven reserves, is high enough to assume continuity between points of observation.

Prospect: An area of land with insufficient data available on the mineralization to determine if it is economically recoverable, but warranting further investigation.

Prospecting license or permits: An area for which permission to explore has been granted.

PL:

Prospecting License.

PLR: Prospecting License (reconnaissance).

Proven

reserves: Reserves for which quantity is computed from dimensions revealed in outcrops, trenches, workings or drill holes; grade and/or quality are computed from the results of detailed sampling; and the sites for inspection, sampling and measurement are spaced so closely and the geologic character is so well defined that size, shape, depth and mineral content of reserves are well-established.

Pyrite: A brassy-colored mineral of iron sulfide

(compound of iron and sulfur).

Quartz: A mineral compound of silicon and oxygen.

Quartzite:

Metamorphic rock with interlocking quartz grains displaying a mosaic texture.

Refining:

The final stage of metal production in which final impurities are removed from the molten metal by introducing air and fluxes. The impurities are removed as gases or slag.

Regolith: Weathered products of fresh rock, such as soil,

alluvium, colluvium, sands, and hardened oxidized materials.

Rehabilitation: The process of restoring mined land to a

condition approximating its original state.

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Reserve: That part of a mineral deposit which could be

economically and legally extracted or produced at the time of the reserve determination.

Reverse

circulation (RC) drilling: A drilling method.

Rotary Air Blast (RAB) drilling: A drilling method.

Sampling:

Taking small pieces of rock at intervals along exposed mineralization for assay (to determine the mineral content).

Sedimentary: Pertaining to or containing sediment. Used in reference to rocks which are derived from weathering and are deposited by natural agents, such as air, water and ice.

Shear zone: An elongated area of structural deformation.

Silica: A

naturally occurring dioxide of silicon.

Sinistral: Of, pertaining to, or on the left side.

Stockpile:

A store of unprocessed ore.

Stripping: The process of removing overburden to

expose ore.

Stripping ratio: Ratio of waste material to ore material in an open pit mine.

Sulfide:

A mineral characterized by the linkages of sulfur with a metal or semi-metal, such as pyrite or iron sulfide. Also a zone in which sulfide minerals occur.

Tailings: Finely ground rock from which valuable

minerals have been extracted by milling.

Tonalite: A type of igneous rock.

Tonnage:

Quantities where the ton or tonne is an appropriate unit of measure. Typically used to measure reserves of gold-bearing material in situ or quantities of ore and waste material mined, transported or milled.

Tonne:

One tonne is equal to 1,000 kilograms (also known as a "metric" ton).

Total cash costs: Total cash costs, as defined in the Gold

Institute standard, include mine production, transport and refinery costs, general and administrative costs, movement in production inventories and ore stockpiles, transfers to and from deferred stripping where relevant and royalties.

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Trend: The arrangement of a group of ore deposits or a

geological feature or zone of similar grade occurring in a linear pattern.

Waste: Rock mined with an insufficient gold content

to justify processing.

Weathered: Rock broken down by erosion.

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Statements in this Annual Report concerning our business outlook or future economic performance; anticipated revenues, expenses or other financial items; and statements concerning assumptions made or expectations as to any future events, conditions, performance or other matters, are "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined under the United States federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in such statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those set forth under "Item 3. Key Information — D. Risk Factors" in this Annual Report as well as those discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

We are incorporated under the laws of Jersey, Channel Islands with the majority of our operations located in West Africa. Our books of account are maintained in US dollars and our annual and interim financial statements are prepared on a historical cost basis in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, or IFRS. IFRS differs in significant respects from generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or US GAAP. This Annual Report includes our audited consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS. We have also included in this Annual Report the audited financial information for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 of Société des Mines de Morila SA, or Morila SA. The financial information included in this Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with IFRS and, except where otherwise indicated, is presented in US dollars. For a definition of cash costs, please see "Item 3. Key Information — A. Selected Financial Data".

Unless the context otherwise requires, "us", "we", "our", or words of similar import, refer to Randgold Resources Limited and its subsidiaries and affiliated companies.

#### PART I

Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers

Not applicable.

Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable

Not applicable.

Item 3. Key Information

A.

### SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected historical consolidated financial data have been derived from, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed information and financial statements, including our audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005 and as at December 31, 2007 and 2006, which appear elsewhere in this Annual Report. The historical consolidated financial data as at December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this Annual Report, as adjusted for the accounting changes relating to stripping costs under IFRS.

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The financial data have been prepared in accordance with IFRS, unless otherwise noted.

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Year Ended
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December 31. 2007 Year Ended December 31. 2006 Year Ended December 31. 2005 Year Ended December 31, 2004 Year Ended December 31.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA: 2003

Amounts in accordance with IFRS

\$ 73,330 \$ 109.573 Revenues \$ 282,805 258,304 \$ 151,502 Profit from 63,539 49,437 7,227 Net profit attributable to equity shareholders operations# 71,616 43,474 42,041 47,564 45,507 13,707 42,578 Basic earnings per share (\$) 0.60 0.70 0.74 0.23 0.71 0.74 Fully diluted earnings per share (\$) 0.60 0.69 0.23 0.74 Weighted average number of shares used in computation of basic earnings per share (2) 69,588,983 68,391,792 61,701,782 58,870,632 57,441,360 \* Weighted average number of shares used in computation of fully diluted earnings per share (2) 70,271,915 69,331,035 63,828,996 59,996,257 57,603,364 \* Other data Total cash costs (\$ per ounce) (1) 356 296 201 208 111

# Profit from operations is calculated as profit before income tax under IFRS, excluding finance income, finance costs and profit on sale of Syama. \* Reflects adjustments resulting from the sub-division of shares.

At

December 31.

2007 At

December 31,

2006 At

December 31,

2005 At

December 31,

2004 At

December 31, 2003 BALANCE SHEET AMOUNTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH IFRS Total assets \$ 780,719 \$ 214,736 Long-term loans 25,666 49,538 512,164 \$ 462,349 \$ 253,577 2,773 40,718 6,832 Share capital 3,809 3,440 3,404 2,961 2,926 Share premium 450,814 102,342 130,836 213,653 208,582 200,244 Accumulated profit/(loss) 213,567 178,400 85,329 (69,391)(28,378 Other reserves (59,430)(41,000)(14,347)(7,403) Shareholders' 598,799 167,389 336,063 301,822 176,285

1. Total cash cost and total cash cost per ounce are non-GAAP measures. We have calculated total cash costs and total cash costs per ounce using guidance issued by the Gold Institute. The Gold Institute was a non profit industry association comprised of leading gold producers, refiners, bullion suppliers and manufacturers. This institute has now been incorporated into the National Mining Association. The guidance was first issued in 1996 and revised in

November 1999. Total cash costs, as defined in the Gold Institute's guidance, include mine production, transport and refinery costs, general and administrative costs, movement in production inventories and ore stockpiles, transfers to and from deferred stripping where relevant, and royalties. Under the company's accounting policies, there are no transfers to and from deferred stripping. Total cash costs per ounce are calculated by dividing total cash costs, as determined using the Gold Institute guidance, by gold ounces produced for the periods presented. We have calculated total cash costs and total cash costs per ounce on a consistent basis for all periods presented. Total cash costs and total cash costs per ounce should not be considered by investors as an alternative to net profit attributable to shareholders, as an alternative to other IFRS measures or an indicator of our performance. The data does not have a meaning prescribed by IFRS and therefore amounts presented may not be comparable to data presented by gold producers who do not follow the guidance provided by the Gold Institute. In particular depreciation and amortization would be included in a measure of total costs of producing gold under IFRS, but are not included in total cash costs under the guidance provided by the Gold Institute. Furthermore, while the Gold Institute has provided a definition for the calculation of total cash costs and total cash costs per ounce, the calculation of these numbers may vary from company to company and may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. However, we believe that total cash costs per ounce is a useful indicator to investors and management of a mining company's performance as it provides an indication of a company's profitability and efficiency, the trends in cash costs as the

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company's operations mature, and a benchmark of performance to allow for comparison against other companies. Within this Annual Report our discussion and analysis is focused on the "total cash cost" measure as defined by the Gold Institute.

The following table lists the costs of producing gold, determined in accordance with IFRS, and reconciles this GAAP measure to total cash costs as defined by the Gold Institute's guidance, as a non-GAAP measure, for each of the periods set forth below:

Costs Year Ended December 31, 2007 Year Ended December 31. 2006 Year Ended December 31. 2005 Year Ended December 31. 2004 Year Ended December 31, 2003 Mine production costs \$ 136,312 \$ 115,217 \$ 66,612 \$ 37,468 \$ 26,195 Depreciation and 13,638 amortization 20,987 22,844 11,910 8,738 10,269 Other mining and processing costs 13,006 6,809 6,108 Transport and refinery costs 711 360 233 408 Royalties 7,438 1,595 5,304 18,307 16,979 10,273 7,648 Movement in production inventory and ore stockpiles (5.115) Total cost of producing gold determined in accordance with (7,425)(13,373)(18,744)**IFRS** 179,305 155,384 77,849 51.127 45,513 Less: Non-cash costs included in total cost of Depreciation and amortization (11.910)producing gold: (20,987)(22,844)(10,269) Total cash costs using the Gold Institute's guidance 132,540 65,939 (8,738)158,318 35,244 Ounces produced \* 444,573 448,242 317,596 Total production 42,389 328,428 204,194 cost per ounce under IFRS 201 403 237 250 143 Total cash cost per ounce 356 296 208 111 \* 40% share of Morila and 100% share of Loulo.

2. Effective June 11, 2004, we undertook a split of our ordinary shares, which increased our issued share capital from 29,273,685 to 58,547,370 ordinary shares. In connection with this share split our ordinary shareholders of record on June 11, 2004 received two ordinary shares, par value \$0.05 per share, for every one ordinary share, par value \$0.10 per share, they held. See "Item 4. Information on the Company — A. History and Development of the Company".

#### B. CAPITALIZATION AND INDEBTEDNESS

Not applicable.

#### C. REASONS FOR THE OFFER AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Not applicable.

### D. RISK FACTORS

In addition to the other information included in this Annual Report, you should carefully consider the following factors, which individually or in combination could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. There may be additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us, or that we currently see as immaterial, which may also harm our business. If any of the risks or uncertainties described below or any such additional risks and uncertainties actually occur, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. In this case, the trading price of our ordinary shares and American Depositary Shares could decline and you might lose all or part of your investment.

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### Risks Relating to Our Operations

The profitability of our operations, and the cash flows generated by our operations, are affected by changes in the market price for gold which in the past has fluctuated widely.

Substantially all of our revenues and cash flows have come from the sale of gold. Historically, the market price for gold has fluctuated widely and has been affected by numerous factors, over which we have no control, including:

demand for gold for industrial uses and for use in jewelry;

regional political and economic trends;

US dollar, the currency in which gold prices generally are quoted, and of other currencies;

expectations regarding the rate of inflation;

international or

• the strength of the

• the

• financial market

• interest rates;

· speculative

#### activities:

actual or expected purchases and sales of gold bullion holdings by central banks or other large gold bullion holders or dealers;

hedging activities by gold producers; and

• the production and

cost levels for gold in major gold-producing nations.

The volatility of gold prices is illustrated in the following table, which shows the annual high, low and average of the afternoon London Bullion Market fixing price of gold in US dollars for the past ten years.

|                          |     |          |          |     |     |          | Price | Per Ou | nce (\$) Year | High | Low |
|--------------------------|-----|----------|----------|-----|-----|----------|-------|--------|---------------|------|-----|
| Average 1996             | 415 | 367      | 388 1997 | 367 | 283 | 331 1998 | 313   | 273    | 294 1999      | 326  | 253 |
| 279 2000                 | 313 | 264      | 279 2001 | 293 | 256 | 271 2002 | 349   | 278    | 310 2003      | 416  | 320 |
| 363 2004                 | 454 | 375      | 409 2005 | 537 | 411 | 444 2006 | 725   | 525    | 604 2007      | 841  | 608 |
| 695 2008 (through April) |     | 1011 846 | 92       | 22  |     |          |       |        |               |      |     |

In addition, the current demand for, and supply of, gold affects the price of gold, but not necessarily in the same manner as current demand and supply affect the prices of other commodities. Historically, gold has tended to retain its value in relative terms against basic goods in times of inflation and monetary crisis. As a result, central banks, financial institutions, and individuals hold large amounts of gold as a store of value, and production in any given year constitutes a very small portion of the total potential supply of gold. Since the potential supply of gold is large relative to mine production in any given year, normal variations in current production will not necessarily have a significant effect on the supply of gold or its price.

If gold prices should fall below and remain below our cost of production for any sustained period we may experience losses, and if gold prices should fall below our cash costs of production we may be forced to curtail or suspend some or all of our mining operations. In addition, we would also have to

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assess the economic impact of low gold prices on our ability to recover from any losses we may incur during that period and on our ability to maintain adequate reserves. Our total cash cost of production per ounce of gold sold was \$356 in the year ended December 31, 2007, \$296 in the year ended December 31, 2006, and \$201 in the year ended December 31, 2005. We expect that Morila's cash costs per ounce will rise as the life of the mine advances as a result of expected declining grade, which will adversely affect our profitability in the absence of any mitigating factors. The high grades expected from the underground mining will, in the absence of any other cost increases, have a positive impact on unit costs.

Our mining operations may yield less gold under actual production conditions than indicated by our gold reserve figures, which are estimates based on a number of assumptions, including assumptions as to mining and recovery factors, production costs and the price of gold.

The ore reserve estimates contained in this Annual Report are estimates of the mill delivered quantity and grade of gold in our deposits and stockpiles. They represent the amount of gold that we believe can be mined, processed and sold at prices sufficient to recover our estimated total cash costs of production, remaining investment and anticipated additional capital expenditures. Our ore reserves are estimated based upon many factors, including:

• the results

of exploratory drilling and an ongoing sampling of the orebodies;

past experience

with mining properties;

gold price; andoperating

costs.

Because our ore reserve estimates are calculated based on current estimates of future production costs and gold prices, they should not be interpreted as assurances of the economic life of our gold deposits or the profitability of our future operations.

Reserve estimates may require revisions based on actual production experience. Further, a sustained decline in the market price of gold may render the recovery of ore reserves containing relatively lower grades of gold mineralization uneconomical and ultimately result in a restatement of reserves. The failure of the reserves to meet our recovery expectations may have a materially adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

The profitability of operations and the cash flows generated by these operations are significantly affected by the fluctuations in the price, cost and supply of inputs.

Fuel, power and consumables, including diesel, steel, chemical reagents, explosives and tires, form a relatively large part of the operating costs of any mining company. The cost of these consumables is impacted, to a greater or lesser extent, by fluctuations in the price of oil, exchange rates and a shortage of supplies.

Such fluctuations have a significant impact upon the operating costs and capital expenditure estimates and, in the absence of other economic fluctuations, could result in significant changes in the total expenditure estimates for mining projects, new and existing, and could even render certain projects non-viable. In addition, while our revenue is derived from the sale of gold in US dollars, a significant portion of our input costs are incurred in currencies other than the dollar. Accordingly, any appreciation in such other currencies could adversely affect our results of operations.

Our business may be harmed if the Government of Mali fails to repay Value Added Tax, or TVA, owing to Morila.

Our mining companies operating in Mali are exonerated by their Establishment Conventions from paying TVA for the three years following first commercial production. After that, TVA is payable and reimbursable. TVA is only reclaimable insofar as it is expended in the production of income.

A key aspect in TVA recovery is managing the completion of the Government of Mali's audit of the taxpayer's payments, at which time the Government of Mali recognizes a liability. To date, the Government of Mali has not completed its audit of Morila for the second and third quarters of 2007 and the first quarter of 2008.

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Morila has concluded a reimbursement protocol with the Government of Mali for all TVA owing to June 2005 and is in negotiation to conclude a further protocol to bring this up to date. At December 31, 2007, the TVA owed by the Government of Mali to Morila stood at \$37.8 million, which amount has increased by \$5.3 million to \$43.1 million at April 30, 2008.

If Morila is unable to recover these funds, then its results of operations and financial position would be adversely affected, as would its ability to pay dividends to its shareholders. Accordingly, our business, cash flows and financial condition will be adversely affected if anticipated dividends are not paid.

Our business may be harmed if the Government of Mali fails to repay fuel duties owing to Morila and Loulo.

Up to November 2005, Morila was responsible for paying to diesel suppliers the customs duties which are then paid to the Government of Mali. Our operations at Morila and Loulo can claim reimbursement of these duties from the Government of Mali on presentation of a certificate from Société Générale de Surveillance. During the third quarter 2003, the Government of Mali began to reduce payments to all the mines in Mali due to irregularities involving certain small exploration companies. The Government of Mali has since given full exoneration from fuel duties to the mining industry so that fuel duties are no longer payable. However, significant amounts of previously paid duties remain outstanding. Our share of the amounts owing to Morila was \$4 million on December 31, 2007 and \$5.6 million on December 31, 2006. Amounts owing to Loulo were \$0.7 million on December 31, 2007 and \$4.1 million on December 31, 2006.

If Morila is unable to recover these amounts, then its results of operations and financial position would be adversely affected, as would its ability to pay dividends to its shareholders. Accordingly, our business, cash flows and financial condition will be adversely affected if anticipated dividends are not paid.

We have invested in debt instruments for which the market has become substantially illiquid.

As of December 31, 2007, we had approximately \$294 million of cash and cash equivalents. In addition, we had approximately \$49 million of available for sale financial assets. The available for sale financial assets consists of auction rate securities, or ARS. ARS are securities that are structured with short-term interest rate reset dates of generally less than 35 days, but with contractual maturities that can be well in excess of ten years. At the end of each reset period, which occurs every seven to thirty-five days, investors can sell or continue to hold the securities at par. In the third quarter of fiscal year 2007, certain auction rate securities with a cost value of \$49 million failed at an auction due to the sudden and unusual deterioration in the global credit and capital markets, and have since experienced multiple failed auctions. Consequently, the funds associated with these investments will not be accessible until a successful auction occurs, a buyer is found outside of the auction process or the underlying securities have matured.

The ARS investments held by the company all had AAA credit ratings from at least two rating agencies at the time of purchase and as at December 31, 2007. In April, 2008, and subsequent to that date, certain ARS investments were downgraded below AAA by different ratings agencies. Currently, \$33 million of ARS investments maintain an AAA rating by at least one ratings agency, and all remain 'investment grade' rated by at least one ratings agency. To date, we continue to receive interest on all of the investments.

Historically, given the liquidity created by the auctions, ARS were presented as cash and cash equivalents on our balance sheet. Given the failed auctions, the company's ARS are illiquid until there is a successful auction for them. Accordingly, the entire amount of such remaining ARS has been reclassified as available-for-sale financial assets. Although we believe that the negative conditions in the credit markets is temporary, and consequently we have not

impaired these investments, continued uncertainties in the credit and capital markets may result in the ARS being impaired, which could adversely impact our financial condition, current asset position and reported earnings.

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We may not be able to recover certain funds from MDM Ferroman (Pty) Limited.

In August 2004, we entered into a fixed lump sum turnkey contract for \$63 million for the design, supply, construction and commissioning of the Loulo processing plant and infrastructure with MDM Ferroman (Pty) Ltd, or MDM. At the end of 2005, after making advances and additional payments to MDM totaling \$26 million in excess of the contract, we determined that MDM was unable to perform its obligations under the MDM Contract, at which time we enforced a contractual remedy which allowed us to act as our own general contractor and to complete the remaining work on the Loulo project that was required under the MDM Contract.

We believe that we are entitled to recover certain amounts from MDM, including advances of \$12.1 million (December 31, 2006: \$12.1 million) included in receivables. Of this latter amount, \$7 million is secured by performance bonds and the remainder is secured by various personal guarantees and other assets.

As part of our efforts to recoup the monies owed to us, MDM was put into liquidation on February 1, 2006. This resulted in a South African Companies Act Section 417 investigation into the business and financial activities of MDM, its affiliated companies and their directors. The investigation was completed and summons has been issued against those MDM creditors deemed as preferential creditors. These legal proceedings are continuing with pleadings having been closed and court dates been set in the South African courts.

Our ability to recover in full the \$12.1 million included in receivables is dependent on the amounts which can be recovered from the performance bonds, personal guarantees and other assets provided as security. Any shortfall is expected to be recovered from any free residue accruing to the insolvent estate. The aggregate amount which will ultimately be recovered cannot presently be determined. The financial statements do not reflect any additional provision that may be required if the \$12.1 million cannot be recovered in full. Our results of operations may be adversely affected if we are unable to recover the amounts advanced by us to MDM. Any part of the \$12.1 million included in accounts receivable which cannot in fact be recovered will need to be charged as an expense.

The ultimate outcome of this claim cannot presently be determined and there is significant uncertainty surrounding the amount that will ultimately be recovered.

We may incur losses or lose opportunities for gains as a result of our use of our derivative instruments to protect us against low gold prices.

We use derivative instruments to protect the selling price of some of our anticipated gold production at Loulo. The intended effect of our derivative transactions is to lock in a fixed sale price for some of our future gold production to provide some protection against a subsequent fall in gold prices. No such protection is in place for our production at Morila.

Derivative transactions can result in a reduction in revenue if the instrument price is less than the market price at the time the hedged sales are recognized. Moreover, our decision to enter into a given instrument is based upon market assumptions. If these assumptions are not met, significant losses or lost opportunities for significant gains may result. In all, the use of these instruments may result in significant losses which will prevent us from realizing the positive impact of any subsequent increase in the price of gold on the portion of production covered by the instrument.

Our underground project at Loulo, developing two mines at Yalea and Gara, is subject to all of the risks associated with underground mining.

Development of the underground mine at Yalea commenced in December 2006 and first ore was mined in April 2008. Full production is expected at the end of 2008. At Gara, development is expected to start in January 2009 and first production is expected at the end of 2009. These planned mines represent our entry into the business of underground mining. In connection with the development of the underground mines, we must build the necessary infrastructure, the costs of which are substantial. The underground mines may experience unexpected problems and delays during their

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development and construction. Delays in the commencement of gold production could occur and the development costs could be larger than expected, which could affect our results of operations and profitability.

The business of underground mining by its nature involves significant risks and hazards. In particular, as the development commences the operation could be subject to:

rockbursts;

• seismic events;

• underground fires;

cave-ins

or falls of ground;

or toxic chemicals;

discharges of gases

• flooding;

• accidents; and

other

conditions resulting from drilling, blasting and the removal of material from an underground mine.

We are at risk of experiencing any and all of these hazards. The occurrence of any of these hazards could delay the development of the mine, production, increase cash operating costs and result in additional financial liability for us.

Our Success May Depend on Our Social and Environmental Performance

Our ability to operate successfully in communities will likely depend on our ability to develop, operate and close mines in a manner that is consistent with the health and safety of our employees, the protection of the environment, and the creation of long-term economic and social opportunities in the communities in which we operate. We seek to promote improvements in health and safety, environmental performance and community relations. However, our ability to operate could be adversely impacted by accidents or events detrimental (or perceived to be detrimental) to the health and safety of our employees, the environment or the communities in which we operate.

Actual cash costs of production, production results and economic returns may differ significantly from those anticipated by our feasibility studies for new development projects, including Tongon.

It can take a number of years from initial feasibility studies until development is completed and, during that time, the economic feasibility of production may change. In addition, there are a number of uncertainties inherent in the development and construction of any new mine, including:

availability and timing of necessary environmental and governmental permits;

necessary to construct mining and processing facilities, which can be considerable;

cost of skilled labor, power, water and other materials;

transportation and other infrastructure, particularly in remote locations; and

• the

• the timing and cost

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• the accessibility of

• the availability of

funds to finance construction and development activities.

At our Tongon project in Côte d'Ivoire, our board has approved the development of the new mine based on the strength of a feasibility study. An initial draft of the proposed mining convention has been submitted to the Côte d'Ivoire's Ministry of Mines and Energy and we expected to sign the convention during the course of 2008. Construction of the mine is scheduled to start at the end of 2008 with first gold production scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2010. We cannot provide any assurance that the project will ultimately result in a new commercial mining operation, or that a new commercial mining operation will be successful.

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We conduct mining, development and exploration activities in countries with developing economies and are subject to the risks of political and economic instability associated with these countries.

We currently conduct mining, development and exploration activities in countries with developing economies. These countries and other emerging markets in which we may conduct operations have, from time to time, experienced economic or political instability. It is difficult to predict the future political, social and economic direction of the countries in which we operate, and the impact government decisions may have on our business. Any political or economic instability in the countries in which we currently operate could have a material and adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

The countries of Mali, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire have, since independence, experienced some form of political upheaval with varying forms of changes of government taking place. Côte d'Ivoire has experienced several years of political chaos, including an attempted coup d'etat. The political situation in that country is normalizing and national elections have been set for November 2008.

Goods are supplied to our operations in Mali through Ghana, Burkina Faso and Senegal, which routings have to date, functioned satisfactorily. Our operations at Morila have been adversely affected by the higher transportation costs for diesel that now has to be delivered via Senegal. Any present or future policy changes in the countries in which we operate may in some way have a significant effect on our operations and interests.

The mining laws of Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Ghana and Tanzania stipulate that should an economic orebody be discovered on a property subject to an exploration permit, a permit that allows processing operations to be undertaken must be issued to the holder. Except for Tanzania, legislation in these countries currently provides for the relevant government to acquire a free ownership interest, normally of at least 10%, in any mining project. For example, the Malian government holds a 20% interest in Morila SA and Somilo SA, and cannot be diluted below 10%, as a result of this type of legislation. The requirements of the various governments as to the foreign ownership and control of mining companies may change in a manner which adversely affects us.

Under our joint venture agreement with AngloGold Ashanti Limited, or AngloGold Ashanti, we jointly manage Morila Limited, and any disputes with AngloGold Ashanti over the management of Morila Limited could adversely affect our business.

We jointly control Morila Limited with AngloGold Ashanti under a joint venture agreement. Since February 15, 2008, we have been responsible for the day-to-day operations of Morila, subject to the overall management control of the Morila Limited board. Substantially all major management decisions, including approval of a budget for Morila, must be approved by the Morila Limited board. We and AngloGold Ashanti retain equal control over the board, with neither party holding a deciding vote. If a dispute arises between us and AngloGold Ashanti with respect to the management of Morila Limited and we are unable to amicably resolve the dispute, we may have to participate in arbitration or other proceeding to resolve the dispute, which could materially and adversely affect our business.

Our results of operations are being adversely affected by increases in fuel prices, and we would be adversely affected by disruptions in the supply of fuel.

Our results are significantly affected by the price and availability of fuel, which are in turn affected by a number of factors beyond our control. Fuel prices are volatile and increased significantly in 2007, and remain very high by historical standards. In 2007, the cost of fuel comprised approximately 27% of our operating costs and the annual price increase of our landed fuel was 34%.

Historically, fuel costs have been subject to wide price fluctuations based on geopolitical factors and supply and demand. While we do not currently anticipate a significant reduction in fuel availability, factors beyond our control make it impossible to predict the future availability of fuel. If there are additional outbreaks of hostilities or other conflicts in oil producing areas or elsewhere, or a reduction in refining capacity (due to weather events, for example), or governmental limits on the

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production or sale of fuel, or restrictions on the transport of fuel, there could be reductions in the supply of fuel and significant increases in the cost of fuel.

We are not parties to any agreements that protect us against price increases or guarantee the availability of fuel. Major reductions in the availability of fuel or significant increases in its cost, or a continuation of current high prices for a significant period of time, would have a material adverse impact on us.

The use of mining contractors at certain of our operations may expose it to delays or suspensions in mining activities.

Mining contractors are used at Loulo and Morila to mine and deliver ore to processing plants. Consequently, at these mines, we do not own all of the mining equipment and may face disruption of operations and incur costs and liabilities in the event that any of the mining contractors at these mines has financial difficulties, or should there be a dispute in renegotiating a mining contract, or a delay in replacing an existing contractor.

We may be required to seek funding from third parties or enter into joint development arrangements to finance the development of our properties and the timely exploration of our mineral rights, which funding or development arrangements may not be available on acceptable terms, or at all.

In some countries, if we do not conduct any mineral exploration on our mineral holdings or make the required payments in lieu of completing mineral exploration, these mineral holdings will lapse and we will lose all interest that we have in these mineral rights.

We may not pay dividends to shareholders in the near future.

We paid our second dividend to ordinary shareholders in March 2008. It is our policy to pay dividends if profits and funds are available for that purpose. Whether or not funds are available depends on a variety of factors. We cannot guarantee that dividends will be paid in the future.

If we are unable to attract and retain key personnel our business may be harmed.

Our ability to bring additional mineral properties into production and explore our extensive portfolio of mineral rights will depend, in large part, upon the skills and efforts of a small group of management and technical personnel, including D. Mark Bristow, our Chief Executive Officer. If we are not successful in retaining or attracting highly qualified individuals in key management positions our business may be harmed. The loss of any of our key personnel could adversely impact our ability to execute our business plan.

Our insurance coverage may prove inadequate to satisfy future claims against us.

We may become subject to liabilities, including liabilities for pollution or other hazards, against which we have not insured adequately or at all or cannot insure. Our insurance policies contain exclusions and limitations on coverage. Our current insurance policies provide worldwide indemnity of £50 million in relation to legal liability incurred as a result of death, injury, disease of persons and/or loss of or damage to property. Main exclusions under this insurance policy, which relates to our industry, include war, nuclear risks, silicosis, asbestosis or other fibrosis of the lungs or diseases of the respiratory system with regard to employees, and gradual pollution. In addition, our insurance policies may not continue to be available at economically acceptable premiums. As a result, in the future our insurance coverage may not cover the extent of claims against us.

It may be difficult for you to affect service of process and enforce legal judgments against us or our affiliates.

We are incorporated in Jersey, Channel Islands and a majority of our directors and senior executives are not residents of the United States. Virtually all of our assets and the assets of those persons are located outside the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for you to effect

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service of process within the United States upon those persons or us. Furthermore, the United States and Jersey currently do not have a treaty providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments (other than arbitration awards) in civil and commercial matters. Consequently, it may not be possible for you to enforce a final judgment for payment rendered by any federal or state court in the United States based on civil liability, whether or not predicated solely upon United States Federal securities laws against those persons or us.

In order to enforce any judgment rendered by any Federal or state court in the United States in Jersey, proceedings must be initiated by way of common law action before a court of competent jurisdiction in Jersey. The entry of an enforcement order by a court in Jersey is conditional upon the following:

the court

which pronounced the judgment has jurisdiction to entertain the case according to the principles recognized by Jersey law with reference to the jurisdiction of the foreign courts;

• the judgment is

final and conclusive — it cannot be altered by the courts which pronounced it;

• there is payable

pursuant to a judgment a sum of money, not being a sum payable in respect of tax or other charges of a like nature or in respect of a fine or other penalty;

• the judgment has

not been prescribed;

• the courts of the

foreign country have jurisdiction in the circumstances of the case;

• the judgment was

not obtained by fraud; and

• the recognition and

enforcement of the judgment is not contrary to public policy in Jersey, including observance of the rules of natural justice which require that documents in the United States proceeding were properly served on the defendant and that the defendant was given the right to be heard and represented by counsel in a free and fair trial before an impartial tribunal.

Furthermore, it is doubtful whether you could bring an original action based on United States Federal securities laws in a Jersey court.

We are subject to significant corporate regulation as a public company and failure to comply with all applicable regulations could subject us to liability or negatively affect our share price.

As a publicly traded company, we are subject to a significant body of regulation. While we have developed and instituted a corporate compliance program based on what we believe are the current best practices in corporate governance and continue to update this program in response to newly implemented or changing regulatory requirements, we cannot provide assurance that we are or will be in compliance with all potentially applicable corporate regulations. For example, we cannot provide assurance that in the future our management will not find a material weakness in connection with its annual review of our internal control over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404 of the US Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. If we fail to comply with any of these regulations, we could be subject to a range of regulatory actions, fines or other sanctions or litigation. If we must disclose any material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting, our share price could decline.

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Risks Relating to Our Industry

The exploration of mineral properties is highly speculative in nature, involves substantial expenditures, and is frequently unproductive.

Exploration for gold is highly speculative in nature. Our future growth and profitability will depend, in part, on our ability to identify and acquire additional mineral rights, and on the costs and results of our continued exploration and development programs. Many exploration programs, including some of ours, do not result in the discovery of mineralization and any mineralization discovered may not be of sufficient quantity or quality to be profitably mined. Our mineral exploration rights may not contain commercially exploitable reserves of gold. Uncertainties as to the metallurgical recovery of any gold discovered may not warrant mining on the basis of available technology. Our operations are subject to all of the operating hazards and risks normally incident to exploring for and developing mineral properties, such as:

encountering unusual or unexpected formations;

environmental

pollution;

personal injury and flooding; and

· decrease in reserves

due to a lower gold price.

If we discover a viable deposit, it usually takes several years from the initial phases of exploration until production is possible. During this time, the economic feasibility of production may change.

Moreover, we will use the evaluation work of professional geologists, geophysicists, and engineers for estimates in determining whether to commence or continue mining. These estimates generally rely on scientific and economic assumptions, which in some instances may not be correct, and could result in the expenditure of substantial amounts of money on a deposit before it can be determined whether or not the deposit contains economically recoverable mineralization. As a result of these uncertainties, we may not successfully acquire additional mineral rights, or identify new proven and probable reserves in sufficient quantities to justify commercial operations in any of our properties.

If management determines that capitalized costs associated with any of our gold interests are not likely to be recovered, we would recognize an impairment provision against the amounts capitalized for that interest. All of these factors may result in losses in relation to amounts spent which are found not to be recoverable.

Title to our mineral properties may be challenged which may prevent or severely curtail our use of the affected properties.

Title to our properties may be challenged or impugned, and title insurance is generally not available. Each sovereign state is the sole authority able to grant mineral property rights, and our ability to ensure that we have obtained secure title to individual mineral properties or mining concessions may be severely constrained. Our mineral properties may be subject to prior unregistered agreements, transfers or claims, and title may be affected by, among other things, undetected defects. In addition, we may be unable to operate our properties as permitted or to enforce our rights with respect to our properties.

Our ability to obtain desirable mineral exploration projects in the future may be adversely affected by competition from other exploration companies.

In conducting our exploration activities, we compete with other mining companies in connection with the search for and acquisition of properties producing or possessing the potential to produce gold. Existing or future competition in the mining industry could materially and adversely affect our prospects for mineral exploration and success in the future.

Our operations are subject to extensive governmental and environmental regulations, which could cause us to incur costs that adversely affect our results of operations.

Our mining facilities and operations are subject to substantial government laws and regulations, concerning mine safety, land use and environmental protection. We must comply with requirements

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regarding exploration operations, public safety, employee health and safety, use of explosives, air quality, water pollution, noxious odor, noise and dust controls, reclamation, solid waste, hazardous waste and wildlife as well as laws protecting the rights of other property owners and the public.

Any failure on our part to be in compliance with these laws, regulations, and requirements with respect to our properties could result in us being subject to substantial penalties, fees and expenses, significant delays in our operations or even the complete shutdown of our operations. We provide for estimated environmental rehabilitation costs when the related environmental disturbance takes place. Estimates of rehabilitation costs are subject to revision as a result of future changes in regulations and cost estimates. The costs associated with compliance with government regulations may ultimately be material and adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

If our environmental and other governmental permits are not renewed or additional conditions are imposed on our permits, our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected.

Generally, compliance with environmental and other government regulations requires us to obtain permits issued by governmental agencies. Some permits require periodic renewal or review of their conditions. We cannot predict whether we will be able to renew these permits or whether material changes in permit conditions will be imposed. Non-renewal of a permit may cause us to discontinue the operations requiring the permit, and the imposition of additional conditions on a permit may cause us to incur additional compliance costs, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

Labor disruptions could have an adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

Our operations in West Africa are highly unionized, and strikes are legal in the countries in which we operate. Therefore, our operations are at risk of having work interrupted for indefinite periods due to industrial action by employee collectives, such as strikes. Should long disruptions take place on our operations, the results from our operations and their financial condition could be materially and adversely affected.

AIDS poses risks to us in terms of productivity and costs.

The incidence of AIDS in Mali and Côte d'Ivoire, which has been forecasted to increase over the next decade, poses risks to us in terms of potentially reduced productivity and increased medical and insurance costs. The exact extent to which our workforce is infected is not known at present. The prevalence of AIDS could become significant. Significant increases in the incidence of AIDS infection and AIDS-related diseases among members of our workforce in the future could adversely impact our operations and financial condition.

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Item 4. Information on the Company

#### A. HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPANY

Randgold Resources Limited was incorporated under the laws of Jersey, Channel Islands in August 1995, to engage in the exploration and development of gold deposits in Sub-Saharan Africa. Our principal executive offices are located at La Motte Chambers, La Motte Street, St. Helier, Jersey, JE1 1BJ, Channel Islands and our telephone number is (011 44) 1534 735-333. Our agent in the United States is CT Corporation System, 111 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10011.

We discovered the Morila deposit during December 1996 and we subsequently financed, built and commissioned the Morila mine.

During July 2000, we concluded the sale of 50% of our interest in Morila Limited (and also a shareholder loan made by us to Morila Limited) to AngloGold Ashanti for \$132 million in cash.

We have an 80% controlling interest in Société des Mines de Loulo S.A., or Somilo, through a series of transactions culminating in April 2001. The Loulo mine commenced operations in October 2005 and mines the Gara (formerly Loulo 0) and Yalea deposits. We discovered the Yalea deposit in 1997.

We conduct our mining operations through:

• a 50%

joint venture interest in Morila Limited (which in turn owns an 80% interest in the Morila mine); and

• an 80% interest in

Somilo.

In July 2002, we completed a public offering of 5,000,000 of our ordinary shares, including American Depositary Shares, or ADSs, resulting in gross proceeds to us of \$32.5 million. These proceeds were used to repay a syndicated term loan and revolving credit facility in November 2002 and for feasibility studies and development activities. In connection with this offering, we listed our ADSs on the Nasdaq National Market (Our ADSs are now listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market).

In April 2003, we entered into a heads of agreement with Resolute Mining Limited, or Resolute. Under this agreement we gave Resolute a 12 month option to acquire our entire interest in our wholly-owned subsidiary, Randgold Resources (Somisy) Limited, or RRL Somisy, for \$6 million, plus a quarterly royalty payment based on the gold price, and the assumption of certain liabilities. RRL Somisy owned 80% of Somisy which owned the Syama mine.

As of June 13, 2003, Randgold & Exploration owned approximately 43% of our outstanding share capital. Since that time, a number of transactions have taken place resulting in all of our shares which were held by Randgold & Exploration being sold. Currently Randgold & Exploration has no interest in us.

In February 2004, we announced that we would develop a new mine at Loulo in western Mali. Construction continued through 2005 and the new open pit mine went into production in October 2005. In addition, our board agreed to proceed with the development of the underground mine and, after the award of the development contract, work commenced with the construction of the boxcut at the Yalea mine in August 2006. This boxcut has been completed and the first blast into hard rock took place on December 22, 2006. First ore was mined in the second quarter of 2008

and full production is scheduled for 2009. Development at Loulo's second underground mine, Gara, is due to start at the beginning of 2009 with first ore being delivered to the plant by the end of that year.

In April 2004, Resolute exercised its option to acquire the Syama mine. Resolute has subsequently paid us \$6 million in cash and has assumed liabilities of \$7 million, of which \$4 million owing to ourselves has been settled. The agreement entered into in June 2004 between the parties makes provision for the payment of a royalty by Resolute. At a gold price of more than \$350 per ounce, we would receive a royalty on Syama's production of \$10 per ounce on the first million of ounces attributable to Resolute and \$5 per ounce on the next three million of attributable ounces

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entered. This royalty payment is capped at \$25 million. In April 2007, Resolute officially reopened the mine and announced that it would commence a recommissioning. We did not receive any royalties in respect of the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 or 2005.

Effective on June 11, 2004, we undertook a split of our ordinary shares, which increased our issued share capital from 29,263,385 to 58,526,770 ordinary shares. In connection with this share split our ordinary shareholders of record on June 11, 2004 received two \$0.05 ordinary shares for every one \$0.10 ordinary share they held. Following the share split, each shareholder held the same percentage interest in us; however, the trading price of each share was adjusted to reflect the share split. ADS holders were affected the same way as shareholders and the ADS ratio remains one ADS to one ordinary share.

On November 1, 2005, we completed a public offering of 8,125,000 of our ordinary shares, including ADSs, resulting in gross proceeds to us of \$109.7 million. The new shares were allocated to institutional shareholders in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and the rest of the world. The proceeds from the offering were intended for the development of the underground project at Yalea, and then will be used for the Tongon feasibility study and the underground project at Gara, together with such other organic and corporate opportunities, including possible acquisitions, as might arise.

On December 6, 2007, we completed a public offering of 6,821,000 of our ordinary shares, including ADSs, resulting in gross proceeds to us of \$240 million. The proceeds from the offering are being used for the development of the Tongon project, together with such organic and corporate opportunities, including possible acquisitions, as might arise.

#### Recent Developments

Following the decision to proceed with the development of the Loulo underground mines, at Yalea and Gara, the first hard rock blast at Yalea took place in December 2006. The first ore was accessed in April 2008 and full production is scheduled for fourth quarter of 2008. Development of Gara, Loulo's second underground mine, is due to start in 2009.

During 2007, peace initiatives in Côte d'Ivoire continued and we completed a feasibility study which allowed our board to approve the development of the new mine subject to the approval of the mining convention by the Côte d'Ivoire Minister of Mines and Energy. It is anticipated that construction of the mine will start at the end of 2008 with first gold production scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2010.

During 2008, we concluded an addendum to our joint venture agreement in Côte d'Ivoire. As a result, we acquired a further 5% interest in the joint venture increasing our stake from 76% to 81%.

Developments during 2007 relating to MDM are discussed more fully in "Item 4. Information on the Company — B. Business Overview — Legal Proceedings".

## **Principal Capital Expenditures**

Capital expenditures incurred for the year ended December 31, 2007 totaled \$47.9 million compared to \$61.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 and \$73.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. As of December 31, 2007, our capital commitments amounted to \$2 million, principally for the Loulo underground project. The capital expenditures will be financed out of internal funds. The capital cost for both Loulo underground mines is expected to amount to \$128 million for the next three years. The capital cost for the Tongon mine is expected to

amount to \$250 million for the next three years.

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#### B. BUSINESS OVERVIEW

#### Overview

We engage in gold mining, exploration and related activities. Our activities are focused on West and East Africa, some of the most promising areas for gold discovery in the world. In Mali, we have an 80% controlling interest in the Loulo mine through Somilo SA. The Loulo mine is currently mining from two open pits and is developing two underground mines. We also own 50% of Morila Limited, which in turn owns 80% of Morila SA, the owner of the Morila mine in Mali. In addition, we own an effective 81% controlling interest in the development stage Tongon project located in the neighboring country of Côte d'Ivoire. We also have exploration permits and licenses covering substantial areas in Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Senegal and Tanzania. At April 30, 2008, we declared proven and probable reserves of 8.53 million ounces attributable to our percentage ownership interests in Loulo, Morila, and Tongon.

Our strategy is to create value through the discovery, development and profitable exploitation of resource opportunities, focusing on gold. We seek to discover significant gold deposits, either from our own phased exploration programs or the acquisition of early stage to mature exploration programs. We actively manage both our portfolio of exploration and development properties and our risk exposure to any particular geographical area. We also routinely review opportunities to acquire development projects and existing mining operations and companies.

#### Loulo

In February 2004, we announced that we would develop a new mine at Loulo in western Mali. In 2005, we commenced open pit mining operations at the Gara and Yalea pits, as well as other smaller satellite pits. In 2007, its second year of production, the Loulo mine produced 264,467 ounces of gold at a total cash cost of \$372 per ounce. We estimate that the mine will produce approximately 265,000 ounces in 2008. We currently anticipate that mining at Loulo will continue through 2024.

We commenced development of the Yalea underground mine in August 2006 and first ore was accessed in the April of 2008 with full production scheduled for 2009. We anticipate that we will commence development of Loulo's second underground mine, Gara, in the first quarter of 2009 with first ore scheduled to be delivered to the plant at the end of that year.

The focus of exploration at Loulo is to continue to explore and discover additional orebodies within the 372 square kilometer permit. To date, we have succeeded in identifying numerous additional targets including two significant advanced stage targets, Faraba and Baboto, which are subject to further exploration and drilling.

#### Morila

In 1996, we discovered the Morila deposit, which we financed and developed and to date has been our major gold producing asset. Since production began in October 2000, Morila has produced more than 4.7 million ounces of gold at a total cash cost of \$161 per ounce. We estimate that Morila's total production for 2008 will be approximately 30,000 ounces, with mining continuing through 2009 and processing of lower grade stockpiles continuing through 2013.

Morila focuses its exploration activities on extending the existing orebody and discovering new deposits that can be processed using the Morila plant. We continually seek to extend the life of mine at Morila, and have targeted areas

within the Morila joint venture for further drilling. Outside of the Morila joint venture, we hold exploration permits covering 476 square kilometers in the Morila region, where we are engaged in early stage exploration work.

## Tongon

At our Tongon project located in Côte d'Ivoire, we completed a 30,000 meter drilling program and a feasibility study and the board gave approval for the mine development to proceed in January 2008 and construction will start at the end of 2008 with first gold production scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2010.

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## **Exploration**

We have a quality portfolio of exploration projects in both West and East Africa. In 2007, we have concentrated our exploration activities on the extension of known orebodies and on the discovery of new orebodies both at producing mines and exploration sites. In addition, we continued with our strategy to expand our footprint in Africa, including newly emerging countries. We are actively exploring in six African countries with a portfolio of 171 targets on 12,623 square kilometers of groundholding. Our business strategy of organic growth through exploration has been validated by our discovery and development track record, including the Morila and Loulo mines and the Tongon project.

## Ownership of Mines and Subsidiaries

The Morila mine is owned by a Malian company, Morila SA. The mine is controlled by a 50/50 joint venture management committee, created pursuant to a joint venture agreement between AngloGold Ashanti and us. Effective on February 15, 2008, responsibility for day-to-day operations of the mine passed to us.

Under the joint venture agreement, we and Anglogold Ashanti are each entitled to appoint four directors to the board of directors of Morila Limited, which owns 80% of Morila SA. Pursuant to terms of an addendum to the joint venture agreement concluded in April 2008, we are entitled to appoint one of our four directors as chairman, which position does not possess an additional vote. A quorum of the board for any meeting may only be achieved if at least two directors appointed by each of us are present. We have further agreed that all major decisions involving Morila Limited must be decided upon at the board level on a consensus basis, though following the conclusion of an addendum to the operating agreement, responsibility for and authority regarding the day-to-day operation of Morila has been transferred to us. Under the joint venture agreement, if either party wishes to sell its interest in Morila Limited, the other has a right of first refusal regarding that interest.

From the start of production in October 2000 through December 2007, Morila has produced approximately 4.7 million ounces of gold at a total cash cost of \$161 per ounce.

The Loulo mine is owned by a Malian company, Somilo, which in turn is owned 80% by Randgold Resources (Somilo) Limited, our wholly-owned subsidiary, and 20% by the State of Mali. Randgold Resources is the operator of the Loulo mine. In 2007, Loulo's production was 264,467 ounces at a total cash cost of \$372 per ounce.

Upon finalization of the Mining Convention with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, we will form a new Ivorian company in which ownership of the Tongon Project will vest. Our interest of 81% in this company will be held through our wholly-owned subsidiary Randgold Resources (Côte d'Ivoire) Limited. The Government of Côte d'Ivoire has a 10% free-carried interest and the right to acquire additional shares at market prices.

## Geology

We target profitable gold deposits that have the potential to host mineable gold reserves of two million ounces or more.

West Africa is one of the more geologically prospective regions for gold deposits in the world. Lower Proterozoic rocks are known to contain significant gold occurrences and occur in West Africa in abundance. The Birrimian greenstone belts, part of the Lower Proterozoic, which are younger than the Archaean greenstones of Canada, Australia and South Africa, contain similar types of ore deposits and are located in Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Mali, Senegal and Niger. Although a significant amount of geological information has been collected

by government and quasi-government agencies in West Africa, the region has largely been under-explored by mining and exploration companies using modern day technology. Most of our exploration properties are situated within the Birrimian Formation, a series of Lower Proterozoic volcanic and sedimentary rocks. The West African Birrimian sequences host a number of world class gold deposits and producing gold mines.

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Our strategy was initiated before the current entry of our competitors into West Africa and we believe that this enabled us to secure promising exploration permits in the countries of Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Burkina Faso, and Senegal at relatively low entry costs.

#### Reserves

Only those reserves which qualify as proven and probable reserves for purposes of the Securities and Exchange Commission's industry guide number 7 are presented in this Annual Report. Pit optimization is carried out at a gold price of \$550 per ounce, except for Morila which was run at \$525 per ounce. Underground reserves are also based on a gold price of \$550 per ounce.

Morila reserves have been estimated by our joint venture partner, AngloGold Ashanti. The Loulo mine and Tongon project reserves were estimated by ourselves.

Total reserves as of December 31, 2007, amounted to 99.36 million tonnes at an average grade of 3.31 g/t, giving 10.59 million ounces of gold of which 7.78 million ounces are attributable to us. In calculating proven and probable reserves, current industry standard estimation methods are used. The reserves were calculated using classical geostatistical techniques, following geological modeling of the borehole information. The sampling and assaying is done to internationally acceptable standards and routine quality control procedures are in place.

All reserves are based on feasibility level studies. Factors such as grade distribution of the orebody, planned production rates, forecast working costs and metallurgical factors as well as current forecast gold price are all used to determine a cut-off grade from which a life of mine plan is developed in order to optimize the profitability of the operation.

The following table summarizes the declared reserves at our mines and project as of December 31, 2007:

```
Proven Reserves Probable Reserves Total Reserves Operation/Project Tonnes
(Mt) Grade
(G/T) Gold
(Moz) Tonnes
(Mt) Grade
(G/T) Gold
(Moz) Tonnes
(Mt) Grade
(G/T) Gold
(Moz) Morila +
                                                                               1.58 Loulo * +
                 13.11
                         2.21
                                 0.93
                                        9.95
                                                2.01
                                                       0.64
                                                               23.06
                                                                        2.13
                                                                                                8.95
       0.97
               45.47
                                       54.42
                                               4.23
                                                                        — — 21.88
3.36
                       4.40
                               6.43
                                                       7.40 Tongon +
                                                                                                   1.61
           2.29
  21.88
                  1.61
```

The following table summarizes the updated Tongon project reserves as at April 30, 2008, together with the declared reserves for our operations as at December 31, 2008:

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Loulo underground. + Our attributable share of Morila is 40%, of Loulo 80% and Tongon 76.5%.

Proven Reserves Probable Reserves Total Reserves Operation/Project Tonnes

(Mt) Grade

(G/T) Gold

(Moz) Tonnes

(Mt) Grade

(G/T) Gold

(Moz) Tonnes

(Mt) Grade

(G/T) Gold

A 10% mining dilution at zero grade and a gold loss of 5% has been incorporated into the estimates of reserves and are reported as mill delivered tonnes and head grades. Metallurgical recovery factors have not been applied to the reserve figures. The approximate metallurgical recovery factors are 91.5% for the Morila mine and 89.6% for the Loulo mine.

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Loulo underground. + Our attributable share of Morila is 40%, of Loulo 80% and Tongon 81%.

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Mining Operations — Loulo

Loulo is situated in western Mali, bordering Senegal and adjacent to the Faleme River. It is located 350 kilometers west of Bamako and 220 kilometers south of Kayes. The mine is located within the Kedougou-Kenieba inlier of Birimian rocks, which hosts several principal gold deposits in Mali, in particular Gara, Yalea, Sadiola, Ségala, Tabakoto, as well as Sabodala across the border in Senegal. Loulo is located approximately 96 kilometers south of Sadiola and 25 kilometers to the west of Ségala and Tabakoto.

The Gara orebody, previously known as Loulo 0, was discovered by Syndicat Or (a joint venture between BRGM and DNGM) in 1981. In June 1992, BHP acquired the shares of BRGM (in Syndicat Or). We acquired BHP Minerals Mali Inc in October 1996. We then initiated an intensive exploration program which resulted in the discovery of the Yalea deposit. After the acceptance of a feasibility study in 1999, we earned additional shares to increase its participation in the project to 51%. Shortly thereafter, we acquired the 29% share of Normandy LaSource in Somilo, the company which owns Loulo, thus increasing its share to 80%, with the government of Mali holding the remaining 20%.

We re-established our exploration program in 2003 and undertook a revision of the feasibility study. That year, once the project met its investment criteria, our board approved the development of the mine. The Loulo mine was officially opened on November 12, 2005.

In 2007, Loulo produced 264,647 ounces of gold at a total cash cost of \$372 per ounce. The increase in cash costs, compared to 2006, is attributable to an increase in fuel and other consumable prices as well as an increase in logistic costs. This was partially offset by a higher received gold price.

The following statistics detail the operating and production results from operations for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006:

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## months ended

December 31, Summary of Results 2007 2006 Mining Tonnes mined (million tonnes) 18.36 Ore tonnes mined (million tonnes) 2.4 2.55 Milling Total ore milled (million tonnes) 2.70 2.60 Tonnage rate (tonnes per hour) 337 Mill availability/utilization (%) 91.6 87.90 Head grade -331 reconciled (g/t) 5.79 3.15 Overall gold recovery (%) 93.2 93.94 Gravity (%) 5.20 3.3 Cyanidation (%) 88.15 Gold produced and shipped (oz) 241,575 Total mine 88.00 264,647 Total cash costs (\$/oz) 372 328 Mine Facilities

The Loulo mine currently consists of two main open pits (Yalea and Gara), two smaller satellite pits and the Yalea decline, which is the first section of its underground project. The second underground mine will start at Gara in 2009.

The plant is designed to process an average of 2.5 million tonnes per year using the following circuits: (1) crushing — a three stage crushing circuit for the hard rock sulfide ores and a single stage roll-toothed crusher for the soft weathered oxide ores, (2) milling — the milling circuit comprises two parallel single stage ball mills in closed circuit with a dedicated cluster of hydro-cyclones, (3) gravity — two XD48 Knelson centrifugal primary concentrators followed by a shaking table for re-dressing of primary concentrates, (4) CIL recovery process, and (5) Zadra elution process and gold recovery.

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Loulo Exploration

Loulo exploration is reported on in the group exploration review.

#### Ore Reserves

After adjusting for mining depletion in 2007, the overall reserve increased by 0.6 million ounces to 7.4 million ounces. This was mostly due to the increase in reserves at the Gara underground mine.

During 2007, the interface between open pit and underground operations was re-evaluated based on updated costs and projected gold price. In particular, the potential to mine deep ore from the southern part of the Yalea pit was re-evaluated. In the 2006 declaration, this ore was classified as 'Yalea Deep Pit'. Since then, a redesign has been completed where it is planned that this ore will be mined from underground using the ramp-in-stope method. This has caused the overall grade of the underground reserve to drop from 4.99g/t to 4.82g/t as a result of the incorporation of extra dilution into the reserve modelling.

For the 2007 annual reserves, a gold price of \$550 per ounce was used as the basis for pit optimization. The actual cost profile for Loulo was implemented in this study.

The indication that the southern part of the Gara orebody could have high grade mineralization has been confirmed with further drilling, bringing additional reserves for the Gara underground operation.

Based on the current orebody models the following ore reserves were estimated for Loulo, depleted for mining, to December 31, 2007:

```
At December 31, Category Tonnes
(Mt)
2007
      Tonnes
(Mt)
2006
      Grade
(g/t)
2007
      Grade
(g/t)
2006 Gold
(Moz)
2007 Gold
(Moz)
2006 Attributable
(80\%)
(Moz) Stockpiles Proven
                            0.42
                                    0.67
                                             1.83
                                                     2.44
                                                             0.02
                                                                      0.05
                                                                                Yalea open pit (including P125)
Proven
          2.96
                  4.42
                          3.94
                                  4.05
                                           0.37
                                                   0.58
                                                                Probable
                                                                           0.03
                                                                                    0.69
                                                                                            2.04
                                                                                                    5.66
                                  2.99
                                          5.11
                                                  3.92
0.002
         0.13
                   Sub-total
                                                           4.27
                                                                   0.38
                                                                           0.70
                                                                                     Gara open pit Proven
5.57
        6.12
                        3.19
                                 0.57
                                         0.63
                                                                 0.13
                                                                          0.74
                                                                                  3.79
                                                                                          3.11
                                                                                                  0.02
                                                                                                          0.07
                3.16
                                                      Probable
   Sub-total
                  5.70
                           6.87
                                   3.18
                                           3.18
                                                                      Gara West open pit Probable
                                                   0.58
                                                            0.70
                                                                                                      1.07
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0.56 2.03 2.10 0.07 0.04 P129 open pit Probable 0.15 2.70 2.70 0.01 0.15 0.01 Total Surface Reserve Proven and Probable 10.33 13.37 3.21 3.51 1.07 1.52 Yalea underground Probable 22.64 4.99 4.19 3.63 Gara underground 27.01 4.82 17.08 3.91 1.65 Probable 13.14 3.91 2.14 Total underground Probable 44.08 35.78 4.47 6.33 5.28 3.36 4.59 TOTAL Proven 8.95 11.21 3.47 0.97 1.26 0.77 Probable 45.47 37.93 4.40 4.54 6.43 5.54 5.15 Proven and Probable 54.52 49.14 4.23 4.30 7.40 5.92 6.80

• Reserves

reported are economic at a gold price of \$550 per ounce.

· Dilution and ore

loss are incorporated into calculation of reserves.

• No cut-off grade

utilised for open pit reserves.

• Underground

reserves reported at a cut-off of 3.0 g/t

• Stockpiled ore

included in reserve.

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## Mining

Mining operations at Loulo are carried out under contract by BCM Mali SA, a subsidiary of BCM International Limited. BCM operates a fleet of two Liebherr 994B excavators and twenty Caterpillar 777D trucks, assisted by two 125 tonne excavators and various ancillary equipment. BCM is also responsible for the drill and blast operations and operates five L7 rigs and two L8 Atlas Copco rigs. MAXAM Mali SARL, a subsidiary of MAXAM International, supplies the bulk explosive and accessories for blasting. Mining occurred in Gara, Yalea and P125 pits during the year. The average production volume for the mining fleet during 2007 was 750,000 bcm per month. Fleet availability was impacted by the various equipment breakdowns, but by year end this had largely been addressed.

months ending December 31, Mining Results 2007 2006 Ore tonnes mined (million tonnes) 2.43 2.55 Ore grade (g/t) 3.32 3.35 Waste mined (million tonnes) 18.55 15.82 Stripping ratio 7.6:1 6.2:1 Total tonnes mined (million tonnes) 20.98 18.36 Ore Processing

#### Production

Steady production has been achieved throughout the year. The second quarter saw a record gold ounce production of 70,660 ounces. End of the year final production key performance indicators were above plan in both mill throughput and gold recovery. The challenges associated with the third quarter wet season, although anticipated, could have been better addressed. Measures were, however, put in place to ensure a continued supply and feed of quality ore from the pit and into the process plant respectively. In the latter half of the year, the underperformance of the mining contractor's digger fleet necessitated ore being mined predominantly from Gara pit. This had an adverse effect on downstream crusher/mill throughput and frequency of wear component change-out. The last quarter saw monthly mill throughputs back to the 220,000 tonnes planned as the total process plant, inclusive of the crusher plant, achieved steady state once again.

A total of 2.65 million tonnes of ore was milled at a reconciled head grade of 3.30 g/t. and 264,647 gold ounces were produced and shipped. Of this, 14,367 ounces were sold for the first time to a local Malian company, KankouMoussa SARL, as part of our initiative to allow Malian nationals access to Malian gold. The overall gold recovery was 93.14% (5.13% gravity and 88.01% CIL). The overall annual mill availability and hard rock crusher throughput were 91.56% and 2,773,470 tonnes, respectively.

## Tailings storage facility

The partnership between the tailings storage facility operator, Fraser Alexander Tailings, mine residue and environmental engineering consultant, Epoch Resources and Loulo mine worked well throughout 2007. The main starter wall was raised to the 151.5 meter level in the year by mechanical means and will be raised further by cycloning and day-walling methods, a method for which trials are looking encouraging.

Underground

Mine Design

The Loulo underground project is still relatively new and we plan to further enhance and optimize in 2008. The underground extraction strategy has been focused on accessing the orebodies in a safe and considered manner, bearing in mind production rates, grades and development requirements.

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Production is initially focused on the Yalea orebody, where a high grade bonanza zone of 1.5 million ounces at 10.5g/t exists between 350 and 500 meters below surface. The Gara mine, with its more consistent, albeit slightly lower grade orebody, will be brought on line later in 2009 to provide a steady feed to the plant.

## Yalea underground mine

A re-optimization of the Yalea underground design was undertaken during the year in an attempt to smooth out design inefficiencies. The main changes included moving the first switchback position further down to a point on the other side of the "purple patch", a high grade ore zone. This means a long straight run directly towards the high grade. The conveyor changeover points were optimized to increase capacity. Changes to the stoping design were made to reduce stope length from 60 meter to 20 meter lengths, improving the selectivity and grade control.

## Yalea south extension

The ore below the southern portion of the revised Yalea pit could be economically mined from open cut but would incur a high strip ratio. Because of this, an underground mine design was created that utilizes the ramp-in-stope method to mine this mineralization more economically. This leads to an increase in underground reserves, but a decrease in open cut reserves.

## Gara underground mine

Additional holes were drilled at Gara during the fourth quarter of 2007 and a redesign completed to incorporate the additional resources into the plan. This design is based on the Yalea design and will include the improvements made to the current Yalea design with regards to ventilation passes, rock passes, decline layout and stoping geometry.

## Operational progress

At the end of the fourth quarter 2007 the twin declines at Yalea underground mine were advanced for a distance of 520 meters from surface and a vertical depth of 100 meters below surface. A total of 1,030 meters of development was completed at this stage. The advance of the declines was hampered by an intersection of poor ground conditions. However, both declines are now through the worst of these conditions and normal development continued at the end of the fourth quarter.

The first development ore was delivered in the second quarter of 2008 and first stoping ore is scheduled for midyear 2008. It is expected that the section will build up to full production of 90,000 tonnes per month from 2009.

Gara underground mine is scheduled to start development in January 2009. The orders for the underground heavy vehicle fleet have been placed and the first units are expected on site towards the end of 2008. Gara is expected to be delivering first ore towards the end of 2009 and build up to full production in 2014.

## **Environmental and Community Development**

Monthly monitoring programs continued through the year, incorporating dust fallout levels, physiochemical, cyanide, oil, grease and bacteriological levels of surface and groundwater across the mine site and TSF facilities as well as surrounding water courses. No contamination of the outside environment was identified.

An annual environmental audit was conducted by independent consultants and no critical issues identified. The environmental management program was revised taking into consideration the extended mine life. Post construction rehabilitation continued with unused borrow pits, construction lay down sites and roads being rehabilitated as part of the planned ongoing rehabilitation program. As part of this program a total of 27,766 square meters has been rehabilitated including the planting of 1,212 indigenous trees and various indigenous grasses.

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On site recycling of waste continued with proceeds being channeled back into the community.

Major inroads have been made with malaria prevention through indoor spraying programs in all houses, offices as well as surrounding villages. This has resulted in a decrease of 33% in malaria consultations year on year.

Monthly community liaison meetings continued during the year between representatives of the mine and the surrounding villages. It is our policy to address basic health, education and potable water requirements of the surrounding community. Loulo undertook the following community projects during 2007:

## Education:

Built

Loulo village school which was handed over to the Loulo village on November 1, 2007;

· Commenced the

construction of the Baboto school;

• Commenced the

construction of a secondary school at Djidjaan Kenieba which is being funded by one of the local suppliers, adjacent to the primary school built in 2006; and

· Delivered school

furniture to surrounding village schools.

Health:

Construction of local village clinic;

Provided

community evacuation and medical consultation to the surrounding villages; and

• Sponsored an anti

polio immunization program that involved approximately 800 pregnant women and children in the surrounding region.

## Agriculture:

Continued

to assist farmers and women associations to improve agriculture in the area;

• Two improved

maize varieties were tested on 35 farms during 2007. The average yield was 1,800 kilograms per hectare against a baseline average of 400-800 kilograms per hectare for the region;

• Two improved

pluvial rice varieties were introduced in seven women's association farms; and

• Two biodiesel

Jatropha tree test fields were planted at Loulo and Djidjaan Kenieba villages.

## Capital Projects and Construction Report

A number of projects were completed in 2007. The most significant were the completion of additional CIL circuit tankage, as well as the CIL leach tanks, with the oxygen pump being relocated to the second leach tank. The stockpile

feed conveyors and the 'A' frame installation was finished. The tailings dam wall was raised during the period to the 151.5 meter level. A new flocculent plant was built which would form part of the thickener project. Additional small projects completed were the wash bay, lube bay and garage, the underground boiler shop and the fuel farm overhead diesel storage tanks.

There are a number of projects currently under construction. The most significant are the underground vehicle and conveyor concrete tunnels at Yalea, the thickener and clarifier civil and mechanical installation work at the plant and the cold Caro's acid cyanide destruction system, where the construction and installation is scheduled for completion by the third quarter of 2008. In addition, the fabrication and installation of the reactor, hydrogen peroxide and sulfuric acid reagent storage tanks is ongoing. The power plant expansion and commissioning has been completed in the first quarter of 2008.

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**Human Resources** 

Manpower

The mine's manpower compliment increased by 871 to 1,881 during 2007 due to the underground project gaining momentum.

December Manpower 2007 2006 Mine labor 389 327 Capital projects 446 375 Mine contractors 1,046 643 TOTAL 1,881 1,345
Training

A strategic planning and team effectiveness workshop was held in the first quarter of 2007. This was attended by the chief executive, the general manager and all his departmental managers and superintendents. In addition, a workshop was held on site in December by Dr. Arnold Mol, to enhance the management skills of 28 supervisory staff.

Two on-site training courses on social partnership, occupational safety, Malian labor law and management, were organized in April and July 2007. These were attended by Loulo mine's staff representatives and our senior staff.

## Industrial relations

Industrial relations were positive overall throughout the year. However, there is still considerable capacity and relationship building work to be done by management with the union committee. This committee, consisting of 10 members, was elected in January 2007. Regular meetings were held between the union committee and management throughout the year. The negotiation of a mine level agreement, based on a draft prepared by management, was initiated with the aim of clarifying the industry elective agreement. This major negotiation process, as expected, engendered some conflict, resulting in a strike notice being given to management by the union. The strike notice was suspended when management explained that the union demands regarding the job grade, remuneration and transport issues would form part of the mine level agreement discussion.

The innovative transport allowance scheme of a hire purchase arrangement to support the self purchase of motorbikes between the employees and Somilo has been successful. The first batch of 160 motorbikes has been shipped to the mine site and allocated to employees. A second batch of motorbikes has been ordered.

Mining Operations — Morila

**Operations and Projects** 

Our major gold producing asset since October 2000 has been the Morila Gold mine. Morila was discovered by us in 1996 and is owned by a Malian company, Morila SA, which in turn is owned 80% by Morila Limited and 20% by the State of Mali. Morila Limited is jointly owned by AngloGold Ashanti and us.

Morila Mine

The mine is controlled by a 50:50 joint venture management committee. Pursuant to an addendum to the joint venture agreement, responsibility for day to day operations was transferred from AngloGold Ashanti to us effective February 15, 2008.

From the start of production in October 2000 through to December 2007, Morila has produced approximately 4.75 million ounces of gold at a total cash cost of \$161 per ounce.

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In 2007, Morila failed to meet its targeted production of 500,000 ounces. The total ounces produced was 449,815 ounces at a total cash cost of \$332 per ounce. Operational challenges resulted in lower than expected grades, poor mining performance in the first part of the year and erratic recoveries from the plant at times. Costs remained under pressure due to continued world-wide inflation in the key inputs of fuel, steel and transport.

The following statistics detail the operating and production results from operations for the years ending December 31, 2007 and 2006:

12 months ended December 31, Summary of Results 2007 2006 Mining Tonnes mined (million tonnes) 23.9 21.5 Ore tonnes mined (million tonnes) 5.0 Total ore milled (million tonnes) 5.2 Milling 4.2 4.1 Tonnage rate (tonnes per hour) 520 Mill availability/utilization (%) 95/90.4 93.7/90.8 Head 526 grade – reconciled (g/t) 3.7 4.2 Overall gold recovery (%) 91.9 Gravity (%) 91.6 21.27 28.45 Cyanidation (%) 71.55 Gold produced and shipped (oz) 516,667 Total mine 78.73 449,815 Total cash costs (\$/oz)\* 332 258

## Ore Reserves

Based on the current orebody model, the following ore reserve was estimated for Morila, depleted for mining, to December 31, 2007:

```
At December 31, Category Tonnes
(Mt)
2007 Tonnes
(Mt)
2006 Grade
(g/t)
2007 Grade
(g/t)
2006 Gold
(Moz)
2007 Gold
(Moz)
2006 Attributable
(40\%)
                                 15.36
                                          2.21
                                                  2.50
(Moz) Morila Proven
                        13.11
                                                          0.93
                                                                  1.23
                                                                              Probable
                                                                                         9.95
                                                                                                 11.35
2.01
       2.47
               0.64
                       0.90
                                 Total Proven and Probable
                                                                                2.13
                                                                                               1.58
                                                                                                       2.13
                                                             23.06
                                                                      26.71
                                                                                       2.49
   0.63
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Reserves

reported are economic at a gold price of \$525 per ounce.

• Dilution of 10% and

<sup>\*</sup> Refer to explanation of non-GAAP measures provided.

ore loss of 5% are incorporated into the calculation of reserves.

cut-off grade of 1.0g/t.

· Reported at a

· Stockpiled ore

included in reserves.

It is currently estimated that mining activities will cease during 2009 with processing of stockpiles continuing until 2013.

Remaining reserves were slightly lower than last year after depletion has been taken into account as a result of changes in the orebody model. This decrease has been balanced by an increase in tonnes as a result of lower cut-off grades due to the higher gold price assumptions.

## Mining

Mining operations were carried out under contract by Somadex, a subsidiary of DTP Terrassement, the mining arm of the French construction company, Bouygues. A partnership agreement which incorporates the principle of sharing the potential savings achieved by the contractor, using agreed productivity assumptions and allowing for an agreed return, has returned successes particularly in the improvement in productivities.

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Production was poor in the early part of the year as a result of low availability of equipment due to inadequate maintenance of the fleet. Somadex recognized the problem and brought in additional maintenance resources. A comprehensive plan of action in terms of the contract for work in arrears was supplemented by an additional list of actions required to be done by Somadex. The plan of action was in the form of a "contractual instruction to act" and was closely supported and audited by Morila. Additional mining equipment was also mobilized and by the end of the year much of the backlog had been caught up.

## Ore Processing

Milled throughput for the year was satisfactory and the plant expansion to 350,000 tonnes per month can be judged a success. However, at times the plant performance and recovery was erratic, mainly because of problems caused by operational oversight and maintenance related losses, both of which need to be addressed to ensure future targets are achieved.

## **Exploration**

Morila continued to focus its exploration activities on extending the existing orebody and discovering new deposits which can be processed using the Morila plant.

Drilling concentrated on extensions to the known orebody, chiefly in the south (Tonalite extension) and in the west (Morila Shear Zone west extension) as well as in the eastern margin.

The 40,000 meter regional exploration program of the 200 square kilometer mine lease area was completed in the early part of the year. Results from the program have been compiled and while these have not yet defined another "Morila" they have indicated a low grade anomalous footprint around the deposit. During the year the team continued integrating the geological, structural and mineralogical components of the deposit. Using structural and metallogenic consultants, considerable progress has been made in constructing a generic model to help generate a three dimensional exploration model in order to vector further exploration.

## **Human Resources**

## Manpower

Manning levels related to permanent and temporary Morila and contractor employees on the mine were as follows:

December Manpower 2007 2006 Morila employees National permanent 462 468 Temporary (& trainees) 126 (24) 63 Expatriate 35 40 Sub-total 623 571 Contractor employees 0 Expatriate National permanent 813 972 Temporary (& trainees) 258 (19) 43 44 Sub-total 1,016 TOTAL 1.114 1,737 1,587 26

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## Training and development

During 2007 there was a heavy emphasis at Morila on the implementation of OHSAS 18001, an occupational health and safety management system used to minimize risks to employees, following a double fatality in February, and the requisite training of the workforce to ensure effective implementation. This training included the conducting of continuous safety audits, induction training, cyanide handling, hazardous chemical handling and the identification of hazards and first aid courses.

There are four Malian undergraduates (two electrical, one geology and one mining student) sponsored by Morila SA who are currently studying on Malian mining industry bursaries at the University of Pretoria in South Africa. All have passed with distinction to progress to their final year of study.

## Industrial relations

The industrial relations climate during 2007 at Morila was complicated by calls for national strikes by the two union confederations in the country and by conflict between the union committee and the personnel delegates.

Although the mine managed to avoid its employees supporting national strike action, the inter-union dispute among employees, led to the UNTM and SECNAMI representatives on the mine being replaced by CSTM aligned employees, following elections on the mine that were supervised by the regional labor inspector. The conflict and competition for employees' votes resulted in the two factions making competing demands to management to obtain popularity.

Management succeeded in remaining neutral and has managed the situation in a patient and democratic way with assistance from the regional labor inspector.

Despite the above factors, Morila had an industrial action free 2007 for the second year in a row, as did the contractors on site.

## Community development

Community development initiatives, combining the tripartite partnership operational plan and projects agreed upon with the Community Development Committee, included:

• Financing

and the installation of a community radio station;

• Building and

equipping of three classrooms in Nérila, Sanso village;

• Rehabilitation of

three wooden classrooms in Sanso;

Financing of school

fencing in Sinsin;

• Reforestation of a

total of five hectares in five villages in the Sanso commune;

· Financing and

organization of educational training in co-operation with NGOs and aid agencies to train headmasters of schools in the Sanso commune; and

• Introduction of new

HIV-AIDS interventions in Morila from Population Services International (PSI) and World Education NGO's operating in Mali.

Agricultural projects set up by the mine in co-operation with the local communities did well during the year, and following harvesting, profits were distributed after reinvestment in seeds and equipment had been agreed between participants.

The tripartite alliance between USAID, Commune de Sanso and Morila SA continued its work during the year which included democratic governance, health, education, communication, environment, and economic growth.

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The financial contributions made by the members in 2007 were:

• USAID \$100,000

• Commune Sanso \$ 100,000 • Morila SA \$ 150,000 Closure

We currently forecast that the mine will cease operations in 2013, but mining activities will end in the first half of 2009. In line with the commitment to explore options that might ensure the economic sustainability of the mine infrastructure, a study to investigate the viability of developing a large scale agri-business in the area has commenced. This business could use some of the facilities and infrastructure that would be redundant when the mine closes as well as employ some of the staff that would be retrenched.

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The following map indicates the locations of Morila and Loulo within Mali:

Locality of the Loulo and Morila Mines in Mali

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Development Project — Tongon

Operations and Projects

The Tongon project is located in northern Côte d'Ivoire, 628 kilometers north of Abidjan within the Nielle permit. Improvement in the political situation in the country and completion of the feasibility Type 3 study, led the board to approve the development of the mine.

A 30,000 meter drilling program designed to advance the project to a feasibility study started at Tongon in the first quarter of 2007. By the onset of the wet season in July, more than 20,000 meters of drilling had been completed and it was decided to revise the scope of the project. A feasibility Type 3 study was completed based on updated orebody models and project information as of September 2007, and subsequently in January 2008, the board approved the development of the mine subject to the approval of the mining convention by the Côte d'Ivoire Minister of Mines and Energy.

## Geology

The Tongon deposits are located within the Lower Proterozoic Senoufo Belt, a 200 kilometer long, volcano-sedimentary belt of greenschist grade metamorphizm bounded on either side by variably tectonized granitoid gneiss terranes.

The mineralization at Tongon consists of two zones, the northern and southern. The main mineralization in the northern zone locates between two carbonaceous shale units which act as the hanging wall and footwall structures and have taken up the highest strain of shearing. The mineralized zone varies in thickness from 3 to 35 meters and averages 25 meters in zones of dilation. The mineralization is associated with increased silicification, sulfidation and fine brecciation.

The southern zone comprises multiple mineralized zones which appear lensoid in shape resulting in their strike and depth continuity being variable. They are hosted within shear bounded, north-west dipping, brecciated volcaniclastic zones. The silicate alteration is complicated with biotite, silica, sericite, tremolite, diopside and calcite being observed under thin section.

Detailed petrographic examination of samples representative of the two zones indicates that gold is preferentially associated with silicates with a small secondary association with arsenopyrite thus confirming the current metallurgical test results that show relatively easy gold recovery by CIL.

## Mining

Mining of the Tongon orebodies is planned to be achieved by orthodox open pit methods by which a mining contractor is employed to carry out all the mining activities except for mine planning and management. We anticipate that we will be responsible for purchasing of the mining equipment.

Pit optimization studies have been undertaken using Whittle 4X with a range of gold price and cost parameters. Design of the pits has been carried out on pits optimized at \$525 per ounce gold price. Dilution and gold loss for the northern zone were set at 10% and 3% respectively and for the southern zone at 15% and 2%.

Ore reserves at December 31, 2007 are tabulated below:

Tonnes

(Mt) Grade

(g/t) Gold

(Moz) Attributable

(76.5%)

(Moz) Southern Zone Probable 16.04 2.29 1.18 Northern Zone

Probable 5.85 2.29 0.43 Total probable 21.88 2.29 1.61 1.23

• Reserves reported within a \$525 pit shell.

loss included in calculation of reserves.

• Dilution and ore

• Reported at a

cut-off grade of 1.0g/t.

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Scheduling has been achieved using a multi-source optimization which has indicated an economic advantage for the southern zone to be mined first.

The strip ratio for the southern zone is 3.4:1 and for the northern zone 6.5:1, resulting in a combined ratio of 3.8:1.

The remaining 10,000 meters of the original 30,000 meter drilling program concentrated on infill drilling within the pit. This drilling is complete and has successfully confirmed our confidence in the geological continuity. Results are being incorporated into a revised reserve estimate was published with our 2008 first quarter results in May 2008. The increased attributable stake in the Tongon project is due to our acquisition of 5% of New Mining C.I.'s interest in the joint venture.

Ore reserves at April 30, 2008 are tabulated below:

Tonnes

(Mt) Grade

(g/t) Gold

(Moz) Attributable

(81%)

 (Moz) Southern Zone
 Probable
 27.17
 2.30
 2.01
 1.63
 Northern Zone

 Probable
 5.59
 2.40
 0.43
 0.35
 Total probable
 32.76
 2.32
 2.44
 1.98

Reserves

reported within a \$550 pit shell.

· Dilution and ore

loss included in calculation of reserves.

· Reported at a

cut-off grade of 1.0g/t.

## Metallurgy and Plant Design

A plant throughput of 300,000 tonnes per month has now been designed, as compared to the previous design of 200,000 tonnes per month. The life of the mine is currently estimated at 10.5 years.

Additional metallurgical test work has been completed on a range of ore materials from the Tongon orebodies with a view to sampling variability both at depth and along strike. Straight cyanidation of fresh material allows gold recoveries of 70% to 80%, while the introduction of a gravity step enables recoveries to be increased to 80% to 85%. Flash flotation will be used to increase recoveries beyond 85%.

SENET, an engineering and project management company with considerable experience of gold projects in West Africa, has been commissioned to undertake the feasibility study design and engineering in cooperation with our capital projects team.

Plant design currently incorporates a combination of crushing and grinding circuits, comprising primary, secondary and tertiary crushing and SAG and ball mills. Gravity and flash flotation will also be employed.

## Environmental and Social Impact Study

External consultants Digby Wells & Associates compiled a scoping level environmental and social impact assessment of the proposed Tongon mine site. No impacts which could present a fatal flaw to the successful execution of the project were identified, but as is common with mining projects in West Africa, a number of potentially significant impacts were identified which will have to be mitigated during the project life.

An environmental management plan (EMP) to ensure that these impacts are systematically and correctly managed is being developed and will be adhered to.

## Human Resource and Social Responsibility

Policies and procedures based on the company's experience in other projects in Africa are being formulated. These will include the pre-construction phase, the construction phase and the operational phase. Community liaison will form an important aspect throughout each of the phases.

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Financial Analysis

A feasibility Type 3 study based on the 2007 year end results of 1.61 million ounces of reserves and 1.17 million ounces of potentially mineable mineralized material has been completed.

**Key Parameters** 

The parameters are summarized below:

Reserves

calculated at a gold price of \$525 per ounce.

• A flat gold price of

\$600 per ounce was used for modeling purposes;

• Total ore mined of

38.72 million tonnes at a grade of 2.24 g/t and at a strip ratio of 3.8:1 to give total tonnes mined of 182 million tonnes;

Mining

costs average \$2.00 per tonne over the life of mine;

• Mill throughput of

300,000 tonnes per month;

• Plant costs average

\$10.27 per tonne;

• G&A cost is \$2.50

per tonne over life of mine; and

• Capital cost is

\$267 million including ongoing capital, mining fleet and closure costs.

Cash operating cost (including 3% state royalty) ranges from \$259 per ounce to \$394 per ounce and averages \$359 per ounce over the life of mine.

The financial assessment will be further refined as additional information becomes available from ongoing infill drilling and other test work.

Apart from the indirect benefits of the development of the project, such as the creation of infrastructure, employment of the country's citizens, transfer of expertise and a growth in Ivorian small and medium size enterprises, it has been estimated that the State's share of the economic rent from the project, at a gold price of \$600 per ounce and under the financial regime as modeled, will amount to 51% of the total, being made up of dividends, royalties, income tax and other taxes and duties.

An economic assessment based on the exploitation of both reserves and potentially mineable material, shows that an operation designed for a throughput of 300,000 tonnes per month would yield an internal rate of return of 21% at a \$600 per ounce gold price.

By the end of the year the 30,000 meter drilling program had been completed, plant design had been further advanced and the preliminary mine infrastructure had been laid out. As the project met our hurdle rates, on January 31, 2008 the board approved the development of the Tongon mine and subject to the final conclusion of a mining convention with the State of Côte d'Ivoire.

Upgrading of basic site infrastructure and detailed designs is being progressed along with the initial detailed infill drilling program, construction start-up is planned towards the end of the year with first gold production estimated for the fourth quarter of 2010.

Acquisition of Additional Interest in Tongon Project

On April 4, 2008, we increased our stake in the Tongon project in Côte d'Ivoire from 76% to 81% through the acquisition of 5% of New Mining C.I.'s interest in our joint venture. New Mining C.I. now owns 9% of the project and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire holds the remaining 10%.

The purchase consideration for the New Mining C.I. interest was a cash payment of \$2 million plus a funding option. Should New Mining C.I. elect not to fund its portion of the Tongon development, we will provide the funding on its behalf in exchange for an additional 3% of the project, such funding to be repaid from the project's future cash flows. In this event, our stake in the project will increase to 84%.

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**Exploration Projects** 

**Exploration Review** 

We have a portfolio of projects within some of the most prospective gold belts of both West and East Africa and have operations in six African countries, with 171 targets on 12,623 square kilometers of ground holding, supported by a team of 70 geologists.

In 2007, exploration activities concentrated on the extension of known orebodies and the discovery of new orebodies at producing mines and exploration sites.

**Exploration Highlights** 

At Loulo.

exploration focused on the next discovery by systematically evaluating targets within the lease area. Of these, Faraba and Baboto are advanced targets and additional exploration is being undertaken.

• A 1,400 square

kilometer land package has been consolidated in the Loulo district, straddling the highly prospective Senegal-Mali shear zone. A helicopter borne VTEM electromagnetic survey has been flown over this entire land package to help with the geological and structural interpretation and target prioritization.

• At Morila, research

concluded that a specific lithological horizon hosts the ore deposit; this is a mafic volcanic unit which marks a change in sedimentation from fine to coarse. The extrapolation of this unit is the focus of follow-up work.

• In south Mali,

generative work continues to prioritize areas of interest. This has led to a joint venture agreement being signed with a Canadian junior over two prospective permits in the Morila region. We also continue to work on early stage exploration projects in the search for new deposits.

• At Tongon, in the

Côte d'Ivoire we successfully completed more than 30,000 meters of diamond drilling and continue to increase the size of the deposit. In addition to the feasibility drilling a review of 19 targets within the Nielle permit has been completed which highlighted 12 targets for follow-up work.

• In Senegal,

encouraging RAB drill results have been returned along 2.8 kilometers of strike at Massawa, which is now a high priority target for diamond drilling. This together with the targets of Sofia, Bakan corridor and Bambadji will be the focus of work in 2008.

• In Burkina Faso, a

review of all the geological and structural data indicates a northeast plunging anticline hosts the Kiaka main zone. The last diamond hole drilled to the north returned 166 meters at 1.26g/t indicating the system is open. A syncline hosts a narrow zone of hanging wall mineralization, which has not been fully tested. An additional program of diamond drilling is in progress to test these two targets. Elsewhere in the permit portfolio the team is developing targets for drilling in the 2008/2009 field season.

• In Ghana, early

stage exploration activities on the Bole permit have highlighted a 14 kilometer long gold in soil anomaly associated with a large regional fold closure, adjacent to a granite greenstone belt contact and major regional shear.

• In Tanzania,

generative work is the driver to build a new portfolio of projects, while work continues on the Miyabi project, a joint venture with African Eagle, who previously identified 520,000 ounces at 1.3g/t.

In summary, we have a quality portfolio of exploration projects in both West and East Africa. This reflects our strategic focus on organic growth through exploration success.

Mali

Loulo

In addition to the conversion work at both the Yalea and Gara orebodies, exploration has concentrated on evaluating targets within the 372 square kilometer permit area.

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At the Gara deposit, deep drilling tested the continuation of high grade gold mineralization associated with the plunge of the folded quartz tourmaline unit. This drilling has outlined additional underground mineralized material. The orebody has now been confirmed to vertical depths of almost 700 meters below the surface and is still open.

Faraba is part of a 10 kilometer anomalous structural corridor which also includes the target known as P64. Drilling has so far confirmed the bedrock footprint of mineralization to 3 kilometers and mineralized material of 567,000 ounces at 2.60 g/t has been defined for a 350 meter strike length in the main zone. In addition, 1.5 kilometers to the north a zone of mineralization has been outlined over 600 meters long with an average width of 12 meters and an average grade of 2.2g/t. Drilling in the gap area between the main and north zones has returned multiple mineralized intercepts, the best of which includes FADH015: 13.32 meters at 3.96g/t and 10.55 meters 8.68g/t, FADH019: 4.28 meters at 8.67g/t and FADH026: 13.10 meters at 3.08g/t and 4.55 meters at 9.11g/t. This drilling has confirmed the geological model with drill holes intersecting an approximately 100 meter (true width) zone of strong shearing, alteration and gold mineralization. Drill hole FADH018 drilled at Bandankoto, some 1.5 kilometers south of the main zone, on the same structure returned, amongst other intercepts: 24.12 meters at 2.16g/t. Work in 2008 will concentrate on connecting these zones, which are still separated due to the sheer size of the structure.

Further a field in the Faraba area, a regional RAB drilling program has targeted surface anomalizm and conceptual targets associated with prospective structures along the Faraba-P64 shear corridor. This program has so far returned anomalous intersections at nine different targets.

The Baboto structure is part of a more than 5 kilometer mineralized structure which hosts the known targets of Baboto South, Central and North. At Baboto South, previous RC drilling defined mineralization over a 1.3 kilometer strike length with an average width of 15.63 meters and grade of 1.82g/t, to vertical depths of 95 meters. Two diamond drill holes tested the continuation of the mineralized structure to vertical depths of 250 meters and returned the following results: BDH020: 9.20 meters at 5.28g/t and BDH021: 1.20 meters at 4.00g/t. A ground Induced Polarization (IP) geophysical survey has been completed, covering the entire 5 kilometer Baboto target area. The results define separate, sub-parallel structures hosting the Baboto South, Central and North targets. At Baboto Central, RAB drilling returned encouraging results with hole BARAB58 intersecting 30 meters at 2.15g/t and BARAB59: 21 meters at 2.93g/t. This together with previous results defines 500 meters of continuous mineralization for follow-up testing.

At Loulo 3, a newly identified north-south structure places previous results in better context and highlights a narrow but high grade target. Previous drilling, over a 500 meter strike length, is limited to one diamond hole, an RC hole and a number of RAB drill holes: diamond hole L3DH26: 6 meters at 8.66g/t from 53 meters, RC hole L3RC01: 13 meters at 11.87g/t and RAB holes RAB687: 27 meters at 5.98g/t, RAB692: 8 meters at 11.64g/t, RAB684: 12 meters at 3.65g/t. The latest drilling returned the following intersections: L3DH27: 6.80 meters at 0.72g/t, L3DH28: 14.70 meters at 5.95g/t, including 0.8 meters at 88.10g/t, L3DH29: 3 meters at 10.82g/t. All the data are currently being integrated, modeled and an economic study being completed.

Elsewhere in the Loulo permit, at Yalea South, conceptual diamond drilling intersected mineralization; YSDH06 returned 5 meters at 4.86 g/t associated with fractured quartzites.

#### Regional Work

Our Kedougou — Kenieba Inlier initiative, established in 2007 to consolidate the most prospective ground in the Loulo district, has been very successful with additional permits being acquired and ground obtained through the conclusion of joint ventures. We signed a joint venture with IAMGOLD, in July 2007, on their 343 square kilometers Bambadji permit, adjacent to Loulo. We have the option to earn a 51% stake in the project by funding and completing a

prefeasibility study. Following the prefeasibility study, IAMGOLD can retain a 49% stake in the project by co-funding a full feasibility study or dilute to a 35% stake. The Bambadji permit straddles the Senegal-Malian shear zone and generative work reveals a coincident 25 by 5 kilometer gold in soil anomaly, containing 34 targets which have seen very little follow-up drilling. In addition we acquired the 413 square

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kilometers Dalama permit from the Senegal government and we have signed a joint venture agreement with CLIB, a local Malian company, on two permits directly north of Loulo. These permits together with the Loulo and Selou permits have consolidated a 1,400 square kilometers ground holding.

Following this successful ground consolidation in the Loulo district we have completed flying a VTEM airborne electromagnetic (AEM) survey over the area. The strategy behind this survey is that the AEM will provide a more detailed geological and structural framework of the area, especially in areas of low magnetic response and surface regolith cover. This will enable us to integrate our datasets and models to prioritize targets for follow-up investigation.

#### Morila Exploitation Lease

At Morila, further research has confirmed mineralization is the result of a multistage intrusion related gold system and a specific mafic volcanic lithological horizon hosts the orebody, marking a change from fine to coarse sedimentation. This unit has been extrapolated away from the mine and a four hole, 2,441 meter diamond drilling program (MEX1-4), was completed as an initial follow-up focusing on the northern and eastern margins of the orebody. Results for the two northern holes (MEX1-2) confirm the termination of the orebody, while MEX 3 intersected a broad zone of lowgrade gold mineralization along the eastern pit-margin (45 meters at 0.45g/t, including 8 meters at 1.27g/t from 565 meters) associated with a moderate to steeply dipping structure, which is in sharp contrast to the general flat lying nature of the orebody. The potential for this structure to flatten, creating zones of dilation, is considered to be a high priority target for follow-up work.

### Morila Region and Southern Mali

The Southern Mali region is a highly prospective terrain as emphasized by the past discoveries of the Morila and Syama deposits. However, the entire region is heavily lateritized and rock outcrop is very limited. The most obvious regional soil geochemical anomalies have been investigated and no recent discoveries have been made in the region. We continue with generative programs and the development of conceptual ideas and as part of the regional program our teams have prioritized areas of interest and carried out a number of due diligence reviews. This program has led to a joint venture agreement with Canadian junior African Gold Group over two prospective permits in the Morila region. Teams are already on the ground. We have also continued to work on early stage exploration projects to identify targets for possible drill testing. This has resulted in the turnover of a number of permits in the search for new deposits.

#### Senegal

In Senegal, we have an increased permit portfolio of six permits covering 2,125 square kilometers over the prospective Sabodala volcano-sedimentary belt and the Senegal-Malian shear zone.

On the Kounemba permit, the Massawa target was first identified in 2007 and locates on the Main Transcurrent Shear Zone (MTZ). It was initially characterized by a 3.5 kilometer long by 100 to 400 meter wide plus 50ppb gold in soil anomaly. At surface mineralization is associated with gossanous shears and quartz stockworks hosted by volcanics and sediments.

Initial RAB drilling along 400 meter spaced lines confirmed bedrock mineralization over 2.8 kilometers including the following results: MWRAB13: 27 meters at 1.12g/t, MWRAB14: 6 meters at 5.42g/t, MWRAB15: 3 meters at 8.89g/t, MWRAB24: 12 meters at 1.12g/t, MWRAB28: 30 meters at 4.60g/t, MWRAB29: 9 meters at 1.56g/t, MWRAB61: 12 meters at 1.04g/t and MWRAB62: 36 meters at 1.12g/t. This in turn has been confirmed by 7

diamond holes for 1,645 meters drilled on 400 meter spaced lines.

Geologically the boreholes intersected a sequence of interbedded sediments and volcanics, which have been intruded by felsic dykes, gabbros and granitic bodies. The rock units have been affected by northeast shearing, associated with the MTZ which in turn has been reactivated dextrally by north-south belt discordant structures, resulting in dilation and mineralization.

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Mineralization locates in various lithologies but is structurally controlled with a prominent hanging wall and footwall structure, often graphitic. There are varying degrees to the intensity of alteration (silica-carbonate-sericite-pyrite-arsenopyrite) and locally brecciation and brittle fracturing are associated with the gold mineralization. The results from this first phase of drilling are presented in the table below.

At December 31, 2007 Hole Id From

- (m) To
- (m) Width
- (m) Grade
- (g/t) Including MWDDH001 67.02 82.45 15.43 1.59 118.55 122.90 4.35 6.71 132.93 138.50 MWDDH002 108.20 112.20 4.00 1.47 135.94 148.10 12.16 2.90 5.57 8.80 MWDDH003 78.00 87.30 9.30 3.80 94.04 100.00 5.96 5.47 131.80 140.50 8.70 2.60 MWDDH004 140.62 143.7 3.08 1.60 MWDDH005 102.00 105.40 3.40 2.70 137.00 146.52 9.52 6.90 2.07m @ 28.40g/t MWDDH006 104.50 115.09 10.59 1.68 132.45 148.58 16.13 4.10 176.50 178.50 2.00 2.45 240.05 262.00 21.95 1.74 7.45m @ 3.31g/t MWDDH007 156.00 183.32 27.32 5.80 1.00m @ 95.50g/t;

1.10m @ 32.30g/t 217.20 237.00 19.80 1.15 306.00 308.00 2.00 3.59

An additional 2,436 meters of infill RAB drilling, closing the line spacing to 200 meters, has been completed and returned high grade results from 3 meter composite samples, including MWRAB102: 24 meters at 8.58g/t, including 3 meters at 58.70g/t, MWRAB106: 39 meters at 10.60g/t including 3 meters at 36.40g/t and 9 meters at 30.95g/t, MWRAB109: 30 meters at 11.01g/t, including 3 meters at 44.60g/t, 3 meters at 26.90g/t and 3 meters at 33.30g/t, MWRAB111: 20 meters at 4.09g/t, MWRAB132: 15 meters at 2.60g/t and MWRAB156: 27 meters at 3.03g/t. Mineralization is open along strike to the northeast and southwest. A 7,000 meter plus diamond drilling program has been commissioned to delineate the mineralized zone and commence an evaluation of this target. Concurrent with this drilling additional soil sampling has extended the anomaly by a further 3.4 kilometers to 6.2 kilometers and RAB drilling is ongoing.

Delaya is defined by a 6 kilometer by 100 meter plus 20ppb gold anomaly. Bedrock mineralization was previously delineated over a 700 meter strike extent by trenching results which include DLT003: 11.15 meters at 9.60g/t, DLT004: 4 meters at 1.60g/t, DLT005: 4.5 meters at 7.54g/t, DLT006: 7.45 meters at 1.98g/t and 6.2 meters at 7.59g/t, DLT008: 18 meters at 0.68g/t and DLT009: 2 meters at 5.69g/t. This was confirmed by an initial five-hole, 1,000 meter diamond core program which returned results; DLD001: 9.83 meters at 1.80g/t (from 77 meters), DLD002: 12.44 meters at 5.07g/t (from 177 meters) including 7.00 meters at 8.19g/t, DLD003: 3.00 meters at 1.80g/t and DLD004: 3.8 meters at 4.80g/t. Mineralization is hosted within a package of schists, strongly sheared and altered by silica-sericite-iron and sulfides present are disseminated pyrite and arsenopyrite.

Additional RAB drilling returned positive results; firstly on a line 200 meters north of diamond drill hole DLD002: DLRB005: returned 6 meters at 2.49g/t, DLRB006: 6 meters at 1.98g/t and DLRB010: 3 meters at 3.00g/t. The second line was drilled approximately 2 kilometers to the south of the known mineralization testing a plus 250ppb gold in soil anomaly. RAB hole DLRB030 returned 21 meters at 4.87g/t. Further RAB drilling is planned to define borehole locations for the next round of diamond drilling in 2008.

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Sofia is part of a 7 kilometer anomalous north-south structural corridor which also hosts the Mikona, Majiva and Matiba targets within ground held by ourselves. This system continues to the north for an additional 10 kilometers and hosts the Niakafiri deposit owned by Oromin and the Sabodala deposit (MDL). Further RAB drilling has started to test this large corridor prior to diamond drilling.

The Bakan corridor groups together a number of anomalous gold in soil targets (Bakan, Tina, Tizia, Khosa, Tiwana and Tina) along a 10 kilometer segment of the northeast trending Kossanto structural corridor, which is sub-parallel to the MTZ, which host to the Massawa target. The geology of the corridor comprises of a northeast sequence of ultramafic units, felsic and intermediate volcanics (andesites, dacites and rhyodacites), cherts and intrusive suites ranging from diorite to monzonites.

Extensive lithosampling carried out across the corridor has revealed mineralization to be associated with deformed and altered felsic intrusives. Follow up trenching has confirmed bedrock mineralization: at Bakan BKTR002: 38.00 meters at 2.00g/t; BKTR005: 4.00 meters at 2.38g/t and 4 meters at 1.80g/t; BKTR006: 69.70 meters at 1.89g/t; and at Tina: TNTR002: 24.00 meters at 1.50g/t; TNTR003: 20.80 meters at 1.76g/t. Tiwana: one line of RAB holes, testing a 3500 meter by 200 meter plus 20ppb gold soil anomaly returned encouraging results, defining a 125 meter wide anomalous zone (plus 0.3g/t) including: TWRAB03 (18 meters at 1.40g/t) and TWRAB06 (36 meters at 0.63g/t including 6 meters at 2.60g/t). RAB drilling continues in order to prioritize the location of diamond drill holes for testing during 2008.

#### Burkina Faso

On the Kiaka target in Burkina Faso, a geological estimate of 2 million ounces at approximately 1g/t has been calculated confirming the large tonnage, low grade, bulk mineable nature of the target. Drilling has confirmed the continuity of the wide low grade mineralization over a strike length of 1.25 kilometers.

There are two styles of mineralization:

Broad low

grade main zone: the mineralization is associated with schists and quartzites and fine disseminated sulfides (pyrite).

Narrow

high grade hanging wall zone: the mineralization is associated with strongly altered, (silica-biotite-chlorite) sulfide rich (5-22% arsenopyrite) sediment.

Preliminary metallurgical samples, sent to Loulo, have returned encouraging results using a basic bottle roll method. Recoveries from oxide ore returned 91.09%, transitional ore 86.94% to 95.28% and fresh rock 68.84% to 84.57%.

A review of all the geological and structural data indicates a 10 to 20 degree northeast plunging anticline hosts the Kiaka main zone, with the last diamond hole drilled to the north returning 166 meters at 1.26g/t and a syncline hosts hanging wall mineralization. An additional program of diamond drilling is being planned to test the down plunge extension of mineralization. Elsewhere in the permit portfolio the team is developing targets for drilling in the next field season.

#### Ghana

In Ghana, we have been turning ground over in the search for advanced targets and deposits. We currently have a portfolio of three permits covering 922 square kilometers.

On the Bole NE concession at the Zamsa target field mapping combined with logging of trenches and the interpretation of geological and structural data have defined a large scale anticline fold adjacent to the main Bole-Bolgatanga regional structure. It is apparent that when the gold results from the soil sampling are overlain on the fold, anomalous values correlate clearly with parasitic folds on the limbs of this large regional fold along a 14 kilometer strike length. RAB drilling proposals are currently being prepared as a first pass follow-up to this large regional target.

#### Côte d'Ivoire

One of the most important and successful highlights of the year was the resumption of full scale exploration at Tongon and the completion of the feasibility drilling. We completed 181 diamond drill holes for 33,973 meters, against a planned budget of 30,000 meters.

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In addition to the feasibility drilling, a review of 19 targets within the Nielle permit has been completed, highlighting 12 for follow-up work. Tongon South is the highest priority. This target is characterized by a strong surface gold geochemical anomaly, 1 kilometer long at plus 500ppb and has only been tested by two trenches so far: TST002: 16 meters at 8.37g/t and TST004: 6 meters at 2.06g/t, 2 meters at 12.86g/t and 4 meters at 2.10g/t. Additional trenching is underway to define drill programs for 2008.

In the Côte d'Ivoire we have a portfolio of six permits covering 4,880 square kilometers in both the north and south of the country. In the south, first pass reconnaissance exploration has been completed on the Apouasso and Dignago permits. On the Apouasso permit located in the southeast of the country close to the Ghana border, a 1,000 meter by 200 meter regional soil sampling program has returned a 10 kilometer, plus 10 ppb regional gold anomaly, including a maximum value of 925 ppb associated with the contact between a volcano-sedimentary belt and granite. On the Dignago permit, located in the southwest of the country, regional soil sampling has defined a 5 by 2 kilometer plus 10 ppb regional soil anomaly, reconnaissance work continues on both permits.

The Boundiali permits (1,314 square kilometers), located in the north of the country and approximately 100 kilometers west of Nielle, hosts the advanced target of Tiasso. Early stage exploration work comprising a soil survey, trenching and pitting, has defined a significant drill target with a strike length of 2 kilometers. Sub-surface mineralization in saprolite with a trench intersection of 25 meters at 4.39g/t highlights the prospectivity of this target and preparations are underway to drill test.

#### Tanzania

In Tanzania, generative work continues to drive the building of a new portfolio of projects. A joint venture agreement was signed with African Eagle Miyabi on their Miyabi project. A Phase 1 diamond drilling program has been completed with a total of 20 holes for 4,078 meters. Drilling was completed along two fence lines, named Shambani and Kilimani after the two deposits over which the drill lines cross, and two shorter lines targeting specific IP targets; IP070 and Kilimani SW lines. The strategy behind this drilling was to get a better understanding of the 7 kilometer by 2 kilometer Miyabi structural corridor in terms of geology, structure, alteration and mineralization. The results have not confirmed a larger mineralized system beyond that already defined by African Eagle. Mineralization is restricted to the intersection of folded iron rich sediments and volcanic and northeast trending shears. This results in short strike length and steep plunging pods of mineralization. Work has now focused on the evaluation of the 20 kilometer northwest trending corridor.

Also in Tanzania, we have shifted some of our exploration emphasis to the mobile belts surrounding the Archaean Cratons. Gold mineralization is hosted in highly deformed and silicified metamorphosed rock units above a major thrust. The units consist of thinly bedded impure marble (probably originated from mixed calcareous and argillaceous sediments, metamorphosed to garnet, graphite and biotite lenses) and biotite gneiss/granulite. Early stage exploration has commenced on reconnaissance permits in the Morogoro area.

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Mineral Rights and Permits

The following maps show the position of our current permits in West Africa and Tanzania:

Locality of Randgold Resources permits in West Africa

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The following table outlines the status of our permits as of April 30, 2008:

COUNTRY TYPE AREA (Km2) AREA (Sq Miles) EQUITY (%) MALI Loulo EP 372 144 80.0 Morila EEP 132 51 80.0 Morila EP 200 77 40.0 Bena EEP 13 5 100.0 Sinnboo AE 282 109 100.0 Syeba AE 81 31 100.0 Bagoe-est EEP 183 71 \*Bagoe-ouest EEP 176 68 \*COTE Nielle EEP 671 259 81.0 Boundiali EEP 1314 507 81.0 Dabakala EEP 191 74 D'IVOIRE 81.0 Dignago EEP 1000 386 100.0 Apouasso EEP 1000 386 100.0 Mankono RP 704 272 81.0 Kanoumering EEP 405 156 90.0 Kounemba EEP 408 158 90.0 Miko EEP 95 37 90.0 Dalema EEP 413 159 Tomboronkoto EEP 403 156 90.0 Bambadji EEP 401 155 51.0 Nyabigena South PL 18 7 100.0 Nyabigena South PL 18 7 100.0 Kajimbura **TANZANIA** South PL 23 9 100.0 Kajimbura North PL 23 9 100.0 Simba Sirori South PL 26 10 100.0 Nyamakubi PL 21 8 100.0 Nyamakubi South re-appl PL 21 8 100.0 Kiabakari East PL 62 24 100.0 Miyabi JV Licences PL 504 195 \* Mtamba PL 62 24 100.0 Buhemba South PL 145 56 100.0 **BURKINA FASO** Danfora EEP 45 17 90.0 Kiaka EEP 244 94 90.0 Basgana EEP 250 97 90.0 Bourou EEP 122 47 90.0 Tanema EEP 247 95 90.0 Kaibo EEP 250 97 90.0 Yibogo EEP 247 95 90.0 Nakomgo EEP 235 91 90.0 Gogo EEP 250 97 90.0 Safoula EEP 249 96 90.0 Tiakane EEP 196 76 90.0 41

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COUNTRY TYPE AREA (Km2) AREA (Sq Miles) EQUITY (%) GHANA

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334 90.0 Zamsa PL 150 58 90.0 TOTAL AREA 12718 4910

AE – Reconnaissance License

EP – Exploitation Permit

EEP – Exclusive Exploration Permit

PL – Prospecting License

RL – Reconnaissance License

RP – Reconnaissance Permit

Although we believe that our exploration permits will be renewed when they expire, based on the current applicable laws in the respective countries in which we have obtained permits, we cannot assure you that those permits will be renewed on the same or similar terms, or at all. In addition, although the mining laws of Mali, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Ghana and Tanzania provide a right to mine should an economic orebody be discovered on a property held under an exploration permit, we cannot assure you that the relevant government will issue a permit that would allow us to mine. All mineral rights within the countries in which we are currently prospecting are state-owned. Our interests effectively grant us the right to develop and participate in any mine development on the permit areas.

#### **New Business**

We have continued to assess new business and merger and acquisition opportunities worldwide, while retaining our focus on organic growth within the African continent. We remain committed to exploring profitable merger and acquisition opportunities, rating them against our organic growth prospects.

During 2007, organic growth opportunities were evaluated in the six countries in which we are operational and we visited five additional countries and numerous gold projects.

#### **Human Resources Report**

We are committed to the integration of environmental and social impact management into our business activities. The optimum utilization of mineral and other resources encompasses the protection and conservation of the existing environment. Within this framework, we strive to assist the communities most affected by our operations to develop in a sustainable way and to give all our employees a high quality of work life, including a safe workplace.

#### **Policy Statement**

Our integrated social and environmental management process identifies potentially significant negative and positive impacts. The implementation of environmental and social responsibility strategies aims to minimize negative impacts and maximize the positive impacts of its activities, commensurate with our business strategy and within national and World Bank standards.

The strategies we use to achieve this include the following:

Encourage and reward the use of integrated environmental management to ensure that management decision making processes include a sensitive and holistic consideration of environmental issues. To facilitate this, all projects must include a comprehensive environmental and social impact assessment. Where appropriate, specialist consultants are employed.

<sup>\*</sup> Joint venture in which the company is currently earning an interest

Maintain positive relationships with neighboring communities, local and national government authorities, NGOs and aid agencies and the public.

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Respect and consult with the communities in the areas affected by our operations so that these communities receive fair treatment and where possible benefit from our activities.

Budget a percentage of profit to be used for sustainable community development projects. The projects are selected and prioritized in consultation with communities and carried out in cooperation with community members.

Aim to forge a pact with employees through having respect for fundamental human rights, including workplace rights, employee development and the need for a healthy and safe workplace.

Strive for the highest quality of rehabilitation, waste management and environmental protection in the most cost effective manner.

Strive to optimize the consumption of energy, water and other natural resources.

Through the introduction of new alternative environmentally friendly products and processes, as they become available, avoid the use or release of substances which, by themselves or through their manufacturing process, may damage the environment.

Practice responsible environmental stewardship to meet the demands of local communities, host country government requirements and international standards and strive for continuous improvement of environmental performance.

Social Responsibility and Community Development

The sustainable development and social responsibility strategy forms an integral part of our overall business strategy and is implemented throughout all offices, projects and operations. This strategy recognizes that the effectiveness of our community development efforts can be increased through forming synergistic alliances with professionals in the field, such as NGOs and aid agencies that have solid track records.

## Regulatory and Environmental Matters

Our business is subject to extensive government and environment-related controls and regulations, including the regulation of the discharge of pollutants into the environment, disturbance of and threats to endangered species and other environmental matters. Generally, compliance with these regulations requires us to obtain permits issued by government agencies. Some permits require periodic renewal or review of their conditions. We cannot predict whether we will be able to renew those permits or whether material changes in permit conditions will be imposed. To the extent that the countries in which we have exploration and mining permits have no established environmental laws, we are currently working to ensure that our operations are in compliance with environmental standards set by the World Bank in relation to air emissions and water discharges. In accordance with our stated policy, we provide for estimated environmental rehabilitation costs based on the net present value of future rehabilitation cost estimates for disturbance to date.

We carry out our operations within the guidelines outlined in our social responsibility policy and in accordance with World Bank standards.

The Morila Mine maintained its International Standard Organization (ISO14001) certification during 2007. In the second year of production at the Loulo mine, ISO14001 training procedures continued with the aim of moving towards compliance.

At Loulo, the cyanide detoxification process continued and it is scheduled for completion by the third quarter of 2008.

## Marketing

We derive the majority of our income from the sale of gold produced by Morila and Loulo in the form of dore, which we sell under agreement to a refinery. Under these agreements, we receive the ruling gold price on the day after dispatch, less refining and freight costs, for the gold content of the dore gold. We have only one customer with whom we have an agreement to sell all of our gold

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production. The "customer" is chosen annually on a tender basis from a selected pool of accredited refineries and international banks to ensure competitive refining and freight costs. Unlike other precious metal producers, gold mines do not compete to sell their product given that the price is not controlled by the producers.

#### **Property**

Our operational mining area is comprised of Morila operations of 200 square kilometers and the Loulo mining permit of 372 square kilometers. Our exploration permits are detailed above.

We also lease offices in London, Dakar, Abidjan, Bamako, Ouagadougou, Mwanza, Accra, Johannesburg and Jersey.

In order to source certain services from South Africa, Seven Bridges Trading 14 (Proprietary) Limited, or Seven Bridges, a wholly owned subsidiary of ours was created.

Randgold Resources Limited has entered into a service agreement with Seven Bridges whereby Seven Bridges will provide certain administrative services to us, such as administrative and secretarial services, accounting, geological consultancy, purchase and logistics administration, legal and other general administrative services. Seven Bridges charges a monthly fee based on the total employment cost plus 50%.

## **Legal Proceedings**

In August 2004, we entered into a fixed lump sum turnkey contract for \$63 million for the design, supply, construction and commissioning of the Loulo processing plant and infrastructure with MDM Ferroman (Pty) Ltd, or MDM. At the end of 2005, after making advances and additional payments to MDM totaling \$26 million in excess of the contract, we determined that MDM was unable to perform its obligations under the MDM Contract, at which time we enforced a contractual remedy which allowed us to act as our own general contractor and to complete the remaining work on the Loulo project that was required under the MDM Contract.

We believe that we are entitled to recover \$59.3 million from MDM. This comprises payments totaling \$32 million which have been capitalized as part of the cost of the project, \$15.2 million in respect of damages arising from the delayed completion of the project, and advances of \$12.1 million (December 31, 2006: \$12.1 million) included in receivables. Of this latter amount, \$7 million is secured by performance bonds and the remainder is secured by various personal guarantees and other assets.

As part of our efforts to recoup the monies owed to us, MDM was put into liquidation on February 1, 2006. This resulted in a South African Companies Act Section 417 investigation into the business and financial activities of MDM, its affiliated companies and their directors. This investigation was completed in the last quarter of 2007 and legal proceedings have been instituted by the liquidators against numerous creditors who had received preferential payments in the six months prior to MDM's liquidation. Proceedings are ongoing and it is expected that these claims will be heard by the South African courts in the last quarter of 2008 or the first quarter of 2009.

We believe that we will be able to recover in full the \$12.1 million included in receivables. However, this is dependent on the amounts which can be recovered from the performance bonds, personal guarantees and other assets provided as security. Any shortfall is expected to be recovered from any free residue accruing to the insolvent estate. The aggregate amount which will ultimately be recovered cannot presently be determined. The financial statements do not reflect any additional provision that may be required if the \$12.1 million cannot be recovered in full.

Recovery of the other \$47.2 million is dependent on the extent to which there is any amount in the free residue. The ultimate outcome of this claim cannot presently be determined and there is significant uncertainty surrounding the amount that will ultimately be recovered. The financial statements do not reflect any adjustment to the cost of the Loulo development that may arise from this claim, or any additional income that may arise from the claim for damages, or any charge that may arise from MDM's inability to settle amounts that are determined to be payable by MDM to us in respect of the Loulo development.

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Other than as disclosed above we are not party to any material legal or arbitration proceedings, nor is any of our property the subject of pending material legal proceedings.

Health and Safety Regulations

Morila and Loulo have a Hygiene and Security Committee made up of elected labor and specialist management representatives, as outlined in the respective labor code. This committee designates, from its members, a consultative technical sub-committee charged with the elaboration and application of a concerted policy of improvement of health and security conditions at work. Its composition, attributions and operational modalities are determined by legal provisions and regulations.

The chairman of this committee coordinates monthly committee meetings, sets the agendas with his secretariat, monitors resolutions and signs off on committee determinations.

The committee's secretariat ensures under the supervision of the chairman that:

• follow-up activities such as action resulting from the regular surveys and inspections are carried out; and

• health and safety

manuals and updates are distributed, posters are posted on notice boards and safety committee minutes and reports are distributed.

Each mine's medical officer sits on the Hygiene and Security Committee and advises on the following:

conditions improvements;

• general hygiene on

the operation;

• ergonomics;

workers safety in the workplace; and

• protection of

· medical checks and

working

eye and ear testing.

The Hygiene and Security Committee forms, from within its membership, two consultative commissions, the Commission of Inquiry and the Educational Commission. The Commission of Inquiry:

investigates accidents and makes recommendations to avoid repetitions;

ensures plant,

machinery and equipment have adequate protection to avoid injury; and

• updates and revises

safety and health manuals.

The Educational Commission:

• provides

information and training on safe practices and potential risks;

• provides first aid

training;

administers and promotes the safety suggestion scheme; and

• explains, where

necessary, the contents of the safety and health manual.

All employees are covered by the state's social security scheme and our medical reimbursement scheme, that reimburses a large portion of expenses related to medical treatment and medicines. Dental and optical expenses are also covered to 50%.

No post-employment medical aid liability exists for the group.

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#### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

The following chart identifies our subsidiaries and joint venture and our percentage ownership in each subsidiary:

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#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

For a discussion of our principal properties, including mining rights and permits, see "Item 4. Information on the Company — A. History and Development of the Company" and "Item 4. Information on the Company — B. Business Overview". We have all material legal rights necessary to entitle us to exploit such deposits in respect of the Morila mine in Mali to April 2022, and Loulo in Mali to 2029.

The exploration permits in Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Ghana and Tanzania give us the exclusive right for a fixed time period, which is open to renewal, to prospect on the permit area.

Once a discovery is made, we, as the permit holder, then commence negotiations with the respective governments as to the terms of the exploration or mining concession. Depending on the country, some of the terms are more open to negotiation than others, but the critical areas which can be agreed to are the government's interest in the mine, taxation rates and taxation holidays, repatriation of profits and the employment of expatriates and local labor.

Item 4A. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

### Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

Statements in this Annual Report concerning our business outlook or future economic performance; anticipated revenues, expenses or other financial items; and statements concerning assumptions made or expectations as to any future events, conditions, performance or other matters, are "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined under the United States Federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in such statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those set forth under "Item 3. Key Information — D. Risk Factors" in this Annual Report as well as those discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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#### General

We earn substantially all of our revenues in US dollars and a large proportion of our costs are denominated or based in US dollars, excluding the Morila mining contract which is partially denominated in Euros. We also have South African Rand, Communauté Financière Africaine franc and Pound Sterling denominated costs, which are primarily wages and material purchases.

Impact of Malian Economic and Political Environment

We are a Jersey incorporated company and are not subject to income taxes in Jersey. Our current significant operations are located in Mali and are therefore subject to various economic, fiscal, monetary and political policies and factors that affect companies operating in Mali, as discussed under "Item 3. Key Information — D. Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Operations".

Impact of Favorable Tax Treaties

Morila SA benefited from a five year tax holiday until November 14, 2005. Loulo SA also benefits from a five year tax holiday in Mali. The tax holiday commenced on November 8, 2005. The benefit of the tax holiday to the group was to increase its net income by \$11 million, \$9.1 million and \$22.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 respectively.

Under Malian tax law, income tax is based on the greater of 35% of taxable income or 0.75% of gross revenue.

The Morila and Loulo operations have no unused assessable capital expenditure carry forwards or assessable tax losses, as at December 31, 2007 and 2006 respectively, for deduction against future mining income.

#### Revenues

Substantially all of our revenues are derived from the sale of gold. As a result, our operating results are directly related to the price of gold. Historically, the price of gold has fluctuated widely. The gold price is affected by numerous factors over which we have no control. See "Item 3. Key Information — D. Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Operations — The profitability of our operations, and the cash flows generated by our operations, are affected by changes in the market price for gold which in the past has fluctuated widely".

We have followed a hedging strategy the aim of which is to secure a floor price which is sufficient to protect us in periods of significant capital expenditure and debt finance, while at the same time allowing significant exposure to the spot gold price. Accordingly, we have made use of hedging arrangements. Under the terms of the Morila project loan, we were required to hedge 50% of approximately 36% of Morila's first 5 years of production. The last remaining hedges were closed out during 2004.

Our prior financing arrangements for the development of Loulo included provisions for gold price protection. Although the facility was fully repaid in December 2007, these instruments are still in place. At March 31, 2008, 189,741 ounces had been sold forward at an average price of \$447 per ounce. This represents approximately 18% of planned production at Loulo for the period ending December 2010.

Significant changes in the price of gold over a sustained period of time may lead us to increase or decrease our production, which could have a material impact on our revenues.

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#### Our Realized Gold Price

The following table sets out the average, the high and the low afternoon London Bullion Market fixing price of gold and our average US dollar realized gold price during the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005.

Year Ended December 31, 2007 2006 2005 Average 695 604 444 High 841 725 537 Low 608 525 411 Average realized gold price 636 (1) 571 (1) 449 (1)

(1) Our average realized gold price differs from the average gold price as a result of the timing of our gold deliveries and different realized prices achieved on the hedge book.

#### Costs and Expenses

Our operations currently comprise two operations mined by contractors. Milling operations are undertaken by the group's own employees. Total cash costs in the year ended December 31, 2007 as defined by guidance issued by the Gold Institute made up approximately 72% of total costs and expenses and comprised mainly mining and milling costs, including labor and consumable stores costs. Consumable stores costs include diesel and reagent costs. Contractor costs represented 44% of total cash costs, with diesel and reagent costs making up 37% of total cash costs. Direct labor costs accounted for approximately 7% of total cash costs. For a definition of total cash costs, please refer to "Item 3 — Key Information".

The price of diesel acquired for the Morila and Loulo operations increased during the year ended December 31, 2007 which impacted negatively on total cash costs. Should these prices increase further, this could impact significantly on total cash costs mainly as a result of the high volume of diesel consumed to generate power and to run the mining fleet. Mining contractor costs, which are Euro denominated at Morila, also increased during 2007. Higher oil prices and the effect of the weaker US dollar against the euro also impacted costs during the past year.

The remainder of our total costs and expenses consists primarily of amortization and depreciation, exploration costs, exchange losses, interest expense and general administration or corporate charges.

Loulo currently benefits from a three-year duty exemption period, which ends on November 8, 2008. Duties will become payable in accordance with the Malian duty regime on all imported goods. On average, it is anticipated that this has the effect of increasing the costs of imported goods by 7%, which equates to an overall increase of 1% on total costs.

#### Looking Forward

Loulo's 2008 production is expected to be in line with the 2007 production. The underground development at Yalea is well underway and should access first ore during the first half of 2008 with full production due in 2009. Yalea is the first of the two Loulo underground mines and is currently a bigger orebody with higher grades than the Gara deposit. The underground mines are expected to not only add life to Loulo but to increase levels of annual production to in excess of 400,000 ounces in 2010.

The current mine plan at Morila anticipates production for 2008 to be approximately 430,000 ounces.

We assumed the operatorship of the mine effectively from February 15, 2008, following AngloGold Ashanti's consideration of its intent of the disposal of its 40% share in Morila.

Total cash costs for the group are estimated to increase year on year between 10% and 15% depending on oil price and euro-dollar exchange rate assumptions, which have a material impact on operating costs.

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Site establishment at the Tongon project has commenced. We are still confident that, absent any disruptions in Côte d'Ivoire, we will be in production by late 2010. Detailed design and engineering studies are expected to be completed by mid-year, which will form the basis for the tender process and provide an update on the project parameters.

In the coming year, exploration expenditure is expected to remain high, with significant drill programmes anticipated across the portfolio, especially in Senegal, Mali and the Côte d'Ivoire.

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our significant accounting policies are more fully described in note 2 to our consolidated financial statements. Some of our accounting policies require the application of significant judgment by management in selecting the appropriate assumptions for calculating financial estimates. By their nature, these judgments are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty and are based on our historical experience, terms of existing contracts, management's view on trends in the gold mining industry and information from outside sources.

Management believes the following critical accounting policies, among others, affect the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements and could potentially impact our financial results and future financial performance.

## Joint Venture Accounting

We account for our investment in joint ventures by incorporating our proportionate share of the joint ventures' assets, liabilities, income, expenses and cash flows in the consolidated financial statements under appropriate headings. Should this method of accounting not be permitted in the future, the results of each joint venture would need to be equity accounted. This would require the recognition in the income statement, on a separate line, of our share of the joint ventures' profit or loss for the year. Our interest in the joint venture would be carried on the balance sheet at an amount which would reflect our share of the net assets of the joint venture.

This would result in a presentation of our balance sheet and income statement that differs significantly from the current presentation, but would have no impact on our net income or our net asset value.

## Depreciation and Amortization of Mining Assets

Depreciation and amortization charges are calculated using the units of production method and are based on tonnes processed through the plant as a percentage of total expected tonnes to be processed over the lives of our mines. A unit is considered to be produced at the time it is physically removed from the mine. The lives of the mines are based on proven and probable reserves as determined in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission's industry guide number 7. The estimates of the total expected future lives of our mines could be materially different from the actual amounts of gold mined in the future and the actual lives of the mines due to changes in the factors used in determining our mineral reserves. These factors could include: (i) an expansion of proven and probable reserves through exploration activities; (ii) differences between estimated and actual cash costs of mining, due to differences in grade, metal recovery rates and foreign currency exchange rates; and (iii) differences between actual gold prices and gold price assumptions used in the estimation of reserves. Such changes in reserves could similarly impact the useful lives of assets depreciated on a straight-line basis, where those lives are limited to the life of the mine, which in turn is limited to the life of the proven and probable reserves.

## Valuation of Long-Lived Assets

Management compares the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to the recoverable amount of the assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the net book value may not be recoverable. In determining if the asset can be recovered, we compare the recoverable

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amount to the carrying amount. If the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount, we will record an impairment charge in the income statement to write down the asset to the recoverable amount. To determine the value in use amount, management makes its best estimate of the future cash inflows that will be obtained each year over the life of the mine and discounts the cash flow by a rate that is based on the time value of money adjusted for the risk associated with the applicable project. In estimating future cash flows, assets are grouped at the lowest level for which there is identifiable cash flows that are largely independent of future cash flows from other asset groups. With the exception of mine-related exploration potential, all assets at a particular operation are considered together for purposes of estimating future cash flows.

These reviews are based on projections of anticipated future cash flows to be generated by utilizing the long-lived assets. While management believes that these estimates of future cash flows are reasonable, different assumptions regarding projected gold prices and production costs as discussed above under depreciation and amortization of mining assets could materially affect the anticipated cash flows to be generated by the long-lived assets. The ability to achieve the estimated quantities of recoverable minerals from exploration stage mineral interests involves further risks in addition to those factors applicable to mineral interests where proven and probable reserves have been identified, due to the lower level of confidence that the identified mineralized material can ultimately be mined economically.

## Hedging and Financial Derivatives

We account for our hedging and financial derivatives in accordance with International Accounting Standard No. 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, or IAS 39. The determination of the fair value of hedging instruments and financial derivatives, when marked-to-market, takes into account estimates such as projected interest rates under prevailing market conditions, depending on the nature of the hedging and financial derivatives.

These estimates may differ materially from actual gold prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates prevailing at the maturity dates of the hedging and financial derivatives and, therefore, may materially influence the values assigned to the hedging and financial derivatives, which may result in a charge to or an increase in our earnings at the maturity date of the hedging and financial derivatives. Certain hedging and financial derivatives are accounted for as cash flow hedges, whereby the effective portion of changes in fair market value of these instruments are deferred in other reserves and will be recognized in the consolidated income statement when the underlying production designated as the hedged item is sold. All derivative contracts qualifying for hedge accounting are designated against the applicable portion of future production from proven and probable reserves, where management believes the forecasted transaction is probable of occurring. To the extent that management determines that such future production is no longer probable of occurring due to changes in the factors impacting the determination of reserves, as discussed above under amortization of mining assets, gains and losses deferred in other reserves would be reclassified to the consolidated income statement immediately.

#### **Environmental Rehabilitation Costs**

We provide for environmental rehabilitation costs and related liabilities based on our interpretations of current environmental and regulatory standards with reference to World Bank guidelines. Final environmental rehabilitation obligations are estimated based on these interpretations and in line with responsible programs undertaken by similar operations elsewhere in the world. While management believes that the environmental rehabilitation provisions made are adequate and that the interpretations applied are appropriate, the amounts estimated may differ materially from the costs that will actually be incurred to rehabilitate our mine sites in the future.

## Exploration and evaluation costs

We expense all exploration and evaluation expenditures until the directors conclude that a future economic benefit is more likely than not of being realized, i.e. 'probable'. While the criteria for

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concluding that an expenditure should be capitalized are always probable, the information that the directors use to make that determination depends on the level of exploration.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure on greenfield sites, being those where we do not have any mineral deposits which are already being mined or developed, is expensed as incurred until a final feasibility study has been completed, after which the expenditure is capitalized within development costs if the final feasibility study demonstrates that future economic benefits are probable.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure on brownfield sites, being those adjacent to mineral deposits which are already being mined or developed, is expensed as incurred until the directors are able to demonstrate that future economic benefits are probable through the completion of a prefeasibility study, after which the expenditure is capitalized as a mine development cost. A 'prefeasibility study' consists of a comprehensive study of the viability of a mineral project that has advanced to a stage where the mining method, in the case of underground mining, or the pit configuration, in the case of an open pit, has been established, and which, if an effective method of mineral processing has been determined, includes a financial analysis based on reasonable assumptions of technical, engineering, operating economic factors and the evaluation of other relevant factors. The prefeasibility study, when combined with existing knowledge of the mineral property that is adjacent to mineral deposits that are already being mined or developed, allow the directors to conclude that it is more likely than not that the group will obtain future economic benefit from the expenditures.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure relating to extensions of mineral deposits which are already being mined or developed, including expenditure on the definition of mineralization of such mineral deposits, is capitalized as a mine development cost following the completion of an economic evaluation equivalent to a prefeasibility study. This economic evaluation is distinguished from a prefeasibility study in that some of the information that would normally be determined in a prefeasibility study is instead obtained from the existing mine or development. This information when combined with existing knowledge of the mineral property already being mined or developed allow the directors to conclude that more likely than not we will obtain future economic benefit from the expenditures. Costs relating to property acquisitions are also capitalized. These costs are capitalized within development costs.

#### Receivables

Receivables are recognized initially at fair value. There is a rebuttable presumption that the transaction price is fair value unless this could be refuted by reference to market indicators. Subsequently, receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less for provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that we will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganization, and default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognized in the income statement.

#### Share-based payments

The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of options or shares after November 7, 2002 is recognized as an expense. The total amount to be expensed rateably over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options or shares determined at the grant date, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions. Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of

options that are expected to become exercisable or the number of shares that the employee will ultimately receive. This estimate is revised at each balance sheet date and the difference is charged or credited to the income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity. The proceeds received on exercise of the options net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to equity.

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Recent accounting pronouncements

IFRS 8 Operating Segments (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009)

The objective of this IFRS is to require entities to disclose information to enable users of its financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business activities in which it engages and the economic environments in which it operates. The company will apply IFRS 8 from January 1, 2009, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

Amendment to IFRS 2 Share-based Payment: Vesting Conditions and Cancellations (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009).

The Amendment to IFRS 2 is of particular relevance to companies that operate employee share savings plans. This is because it results in an immediate acceleration of the IFRS 2 expense that would otherwise have been recognized in future periods should an employee decide to stop contributing to the savings plan, as well as a potential revision to the fair value of the awards granted to factor in the probability of employees withdrawing from such a plan. We will apply this amendment from January 1, 2009 but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company.

Revised IFRS 3 Business Combinations and complementary Amendments to IAS 27 (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2009).

The revised IFRS 3 and amendments to IAS 27 arise from a joint project with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the US standards setter, and result in IFRS being largely converged with the related, recently issued, US requirements. There are certain very significant changes to the requirements of IFRS, and options available, if accounting for business combinations. We will apply this amendment from January 1, 2010 but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company.

Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and to IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation – Putable Financial Instruments and Obligations Arising on Liquidation (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009).

Many financial instruments that would usually be considered equity allow the holder to 'put' the instrument (to require the issuer to redeem it for cash). Currently these financial instruments are considered liabilities, rather than equity. These amendments to IAS 32 address this issue and require entities to classify the following types of financial instruments as equity, provided they have particular features and meet specific conditions:

• putable

financial instruments (for example, some shares issued by co-operative entities); and

• instruments, or

components of instruments, that impose on the entity an obligation to deliver to another party a pro rate share of the net assets of the entity only on liquidation.

We will apply this amendment from January 1, 2009 but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company.

IAS 23 Borrowing Costs (revised) (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009).

The main change from the previous version is the removal of the option of immediately recognizing as an expense borrowing costs that relate to assets that take a substantial period of time to get ready for use or sale. The company will apply IAS 23 (revised) from January 1, 2009, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group, as the policy applied by the company is in line with the revised IAS 23.

IFRIC Interpretation 11 IFRS 2 Share-based Payment – Group and Treasury Share Transactions (effective for annual periods beginning on or after March 1, 2007)

This interpretation addresses the classification of a share-based payment transaction (as equity- or cash-settled), in which equity instruments of the parent or another group entity are transferred, in the

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financial statements of the entity receiving accounts of the company or group. The company applied IFRIC Interpretation 11 from March 1, 2007, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

IFRIC Interpretation 12 Service Concession Arrangements (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2008)

This interpretation provides guidance to private sector entities on certain recognition and measurement issues that arise in accounting for public to private service concession arrangements. The company applied IFRIC 12 from January 1, 2008, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

IFRIC 13 Customer loyalty programs (for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2008).

This interpretation addresses sale transactions in which the entities grant customers aware credits that, subject to meeting any further qualifying conditions, the customers can redeem in future for free discounted goods or services. The company will apply IFRIC 13 from July 1, 2008, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

IFRIC 14 and IAS 19 The limits on defined asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction – (for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2008).

This interpretation clarifies when refunds or reductions in future contributions should be regarded as available in accordance with paragraph 58 of IAS19, how a minimum funding requirement might affect the availability of reductions in future contributions and when a funding requirement might give rise to a liability. The company will applied IFRIC 14 from January 1, 2008, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

A.

#### **OPERATING RESULTS**

Our operating and financial review and prospects should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, accompanying notes thereto, and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

#### Total revenue

From the year ended December 31, 2006 to the year ended December 31, 2007, total revenues from gold sales increased by \$24.5 million, or 9%, from \$258.3 million to \$282.8 million. This is due to a year on year increase in the average gold price received of \$652 from \$586 in 2006 and an increase in the gold production of 23,072 ounces at Loulo, partially offset by a decrease in attributable production at Morila of 26,741 ounces.

#### Other Income

Other income totaled \$1 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 compared to \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. It consists mainly of cost recoveries, which are fees recovered from exploration joint ventures.

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Costs and Expenses

**Total Cash Costs** 

The following table sets out our total ounces produced and total cash cost and production cost per ounce for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006:

Year Ended December 31. 2007 2006 Ounces \$ Per Ounce Ounces \$ Per Ounce Morila (40% share) cash costs 179,926 332 258 Loulo (100% share) cash costs 372 241.575 206,667 264,647 328 Total ounces (attributable production) 444,573 448,242 Group total cash cost\* 356 296 Total production cost per ounce under IFRS† 403 347

Year on year the total cash costs increased by approximately 19%, attributable to higher mining contractor costs at both operations as well as the impact of higher diesel prices, the effect of the weak US dollar on the euro-based component of the operational costs, the increased royalties payable resulting from the higher average gold price received and general cost increases in other commodities and consumables. Consequently, the total cash cost per ounce of \$356/oz increased by 20% year on year.

Royalties increased by \$1.3 million, or 8%, to \$18.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 from \$17 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increased royalties reflect increased gold sales and a higher gold price received.

Other mining and processing costs comprise various expenses associated with providing on mine administration support services to the Morila and Loulo mine. These charges amounted to \$13.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 and to \$13 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

## Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization of \$21 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 compares to \$22.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. This includes depreciation charged at both operations.

#### **Exploration and Corporate Expenditure**

Exploration and corporate expenditure was \$35.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2007, and \$28.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The increase of \$7.1 million from the previous year is a consequence of the increased expenditure on the Tongon project during the year, as well as bonus accruals which were increased in line with the company's share price performance during the year.

## Other expenses

Other expenses for the year ended December 31, 2007 of \$5 million and of \$3.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 primarily consist of exchange losses and relate primarily to Loulo and Morila and result from the

<sup>\*</sup> For a definition of cash costs, please see "Item 3. Key Information — A. Selected Financial Data". † Total production cost includes total cash costs and also the depreciation and amortization cost which is discussed below.

weakening of the US dollar against other currencies in which goods and services are denominated, as well as a tax adjustment mainly related to payroll and withholding taxes at Morila of \$3.2 million.

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### Finance Income

Finance income amounts consist primarily of interest received on cash held at banks, as well as exchange gains on financing activities. Finance income of \$9.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 is in line with the \$8.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The effective interest rate for 2007 was 4.56% compared to 4.82% in 2006.

## Finance costs

Finance costs for the year ended December 31, 2007 was \$5.8 million and comprised mainly of the interest on the Loulo project loan, as well as interest on the Loulo Caterpillar finance lease. The interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$6.4 million and the decrease year on year is mainly the result of the full repayment of the corporate revolving credit facility of \$40.8 million at the beginning of December 2007. The corporate facility remains in place should it be required.

## Income Tax Expense

The income tax expense amounted to \$21.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 and \$23.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The decrease in the tax expense is the result of a decrease in profit before tax from 2006 to 2007 at Morila. Morila SA benefited from a five year tax holiday until November 14, 2005. Loulo SA also benefits from a five year tax holiday in Mali. The tax holiday commenced on November 8, 2005. Under Malian tax law, income tax is based on the greater of 35% taxable income or 0.75% of gross revenue.

## **Minority Interests**

The minority interests for the years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 represent the 20% minority share of the profits at Loulo since production commenced in November 2005.

Years Ended December 31, 2006 and 2005

### Total revenue

Total revenues from gold sales for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$258.3 million and was an increase of \$106.8 million, or 70.5%, from \$151.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This was due to 119,814 more attributable ounces available for sale as a result of Loulo's first full year of production and an improved average gold price per ounce of \$576 for 2006 (which includes the impact of losses on hedges) compared to \$449 for 2005. These elements were partially offset by lower head grade milled at both Loulo (29% decrease) and Morila (29% decrease). At Loulo the head grade milled decreased year on year due to only two months of oxide material that was milled during 2005, compared to a full year of oxide and sulfide materials milled during 2006.

## Other Income

Other income totaled \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to \$1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. It consists mainly of cost recoveries of \$0.8 million, which are fees recovered from exploration joint ventures. No royalty pertaining to the Syama mine has been received in respect of the year ended December 31, 2006.

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Costs and Expenses

**Total Cash Costs** 

The following table sets out our total ounces produced and total cash cost and production cost per ounce for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005:

Year Ended December 31, 2006 2005 Ounces \$ Per Ounce Ounces \$ Per Ounce Morila (40% share) cash costs 206,667 258 210 Loulo (100% share) cash costs 67,984 260,444 241.575 328 296 165 Total ounces (attributable production) 448,242 328,428 Group total cash cost\* 201 Total production cost per ounce under IFRS† 347 237

Our group total cash cost per ounce increased \$95 per ounce, or 47%, to \$296 per ounce for the year ended December 31, 2006 from \$201 per ounce for the year ended December 31, 2005. Industry wide cost pressures have continued resulting from the weak dollar, which increases the US dollar value of costs in other currencies such as Euros, high diesel and steel prices and contract mining costs. Despite these cost pressures, costs have been well controlled at both Loulo and Morila and the lower grade processed is the main factor contributing to the increased cost per ounce. Grades have decreased from 5.9 g/t in 2005 at Morila to 4.2 g/t in 2006, and at Loulo from 4.5 g/t to 3.2 g/t as per the respective life of mine plans.

Royalties increased by \$6.7 million, or 65%, to \$17 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 from \$10.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The increased royalties reflect increased gold sales and a higher gold price received.

Other mining and processing costs comprise various expenses associated with providing on mine administration support services to the Morila and Loulo mine. These charges increased to \$13 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 from \$7.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 reflecting the first full year of production at Loulo.

## Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization charges increased to \$22.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 from \$11.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This is mainly the result of Loulo's first full year of production. Depreciation of \$16.6 million was charged at Loulo during 2006.

## **Exploration and Corporate Expenditure**

Exploration and corporate expenditure was \$28.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, and \$24 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The increase of \$4.8 million from the previous year is a reflection of increased exploration activity, in particular drilling. Extensive drilling programs were undertaken in all countries in which we operate except for Ghana.

<sup>\*</sup> For a definition of cash costs, please see "Item 3. Key Information — A. Selected Financial Data". † Total production cost includes total cash costs and also the depreciation and amortization cost which is discussed below.

# Other expenses

The exchange losses for the year ended December 31, 2006 of \$3.7 million and \$1.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2005 relate primarily to Morila and Loulo and result from the weakening of the US dollar against other currencies in which goods and services are denominated.

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### Finance Income

Interest income amounts consist primarily of interest received on cash held at banks. Finance income of \$8.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2006, increased by \$6.6 million or 314% from \$2.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This is due to higher average cash balances held throughout 2006 compared to 2005 following the issue of shares in November 2005, as well as an increase in the effective interest rate on bank deposits. The effective interest rate for 2006 was 4.82% compared to 2.77% in 2005. Finance income for the year ended December 31, 2006 also included foreign exchange gains on financing activities amounting to \$1.3 million.

### Finance costs

Finance costs for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$6.4 million and comprised mainly of the interest on the Loulo project loan, as well as interest on the Loulo Caterpillar finance lease. The finance costs for the year ended December 31, 2005 was \$3.5 million and the increase year on year is mainly the result of an increase in the weighted average Loulo project loan balance outstanding, the capitalization of interest in 2005 on the Loulo development and increased interest rates. The weighted average interest rate on the Loulo project loan increased from 5.14% in 2005 to 6.83% in 2006. Finance costs for the year ended December 31, 2005 also included foreign exchange losses on financing activities amounting to \$1.4 million.

# Income Tax Expense

The income tax expense amounted to \$23.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 compared to \$0.2 million for the year ended December, 31 2005. The increase in the tax expense is the result of the first full year of corporate tax at Morila. Morila SA benefited from a five year tax holiday until November 14, 2005. Loulo SA also benefits from a five year tax holiday in Mali. The tax holiday commenced on November 8, 2005. Under Malian tax law, income tax is based on the greater of 35% taxable income or 0.75% of gross revenue.

## **Minority Interests**

The minority interests for the years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005 represent the 20% minority share of the profits at Loulo since production commenced in November 2005.

В.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

## Cash Resources

The group had \$294.2 million cash and cash equivalents for the year ended December 31, 2007 and \$143.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2006.

## **Operating Activities**

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$62.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2007 and \$70.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2006. The \$8.2 million decrease was mainly the result of the decrease in profit after tax.

Receivables include \$18.8 million net of a provision to reflect the time value of money for the year ended December 31, 2007 (\$18.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2006) relating to indirect taxes owing to Morila SA and Loulo SA by the State of Mali. Receivables also include advances made to a contractor at Loulo totaling \$12.1 million net of a provision to reflect the time value of money for the year ended December 31, 2007 (\$11.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2006). Significant uncertainties exist relating to the recoverability of the advances to the contractor. More detail is given in note 23 of our audited consolidated financial statements.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$70.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2006 and \$29.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The \$40.7 million increase was mainly the result of the first full year of production at Luolo and higher average gold prices received.

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## Investing

Investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2007 utilized \$96.9 million compared to \$61.4 million utilized for the year ended December 31, 2006. Investing activities include the acquisition of investments in US auction rate securities amounting to \$49 million. The trading market for these instruments has become substantially illiquid as a result of unusual conditions in the credit markets. The company continues to receive interest payable on these securities. Historically, these securities were presented as current assets on the company's balance sheet. Given the current trading market, these securities, which were originally purchased in 2006, have been reclassified from cash and cash equivalents to financial assets on the company's balance sheet in 2007.

We believe that based on our current cash and cash equivalents balance of approximately \$294 million at December 31, 2007 and expected operating cash flows, the current lack of liquidity in the credit and capital markets will not have a material impact on our liquidity, financial flexibility or our ability to fund our operations.

Investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2006 utilized \$62.6 million compared to \$84.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. This is due to less being spent in 2006 on the Loulo capital project compared to 2005. Only \$31.7 million was spent in 2006 on the completion of the project. \$17.6 million was also spent on underground equipment and the commencement of the decline shaft sinking at Loulo. The decrease in cash utilized in investing activities year on year is also the result of no advances made to Loulo contractors in 2006 (\$11.3 million was advanced for the year ended December 31, 2005).

## Financing

Financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2007 generated \$185.4 million. An equity placing was concluded in December 2007 and raised \$231.7 million net of expenses. The corporate revolving credit facility of \$40.8 million was also repaid in December 2007 and dividends of \$6.9 million relating to 2006 were paid in February 2007.

Financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2006 utilized net cash of \$18.1 million compared to net cash generated of \$129 million for the year ended December 31, 2005. The net cash generated in the year ended December 31, 2005 relates to the funds received as part of the public offering completed in November 2005, as well as the final draw down of \$25 million on the Loulo project loan. The net cash utilized in the year ended December 31, 2006 related mainly to the repayment of \$19.2 million on the Loulo project finance loan.

## Credit and Loan Facilities

On April 7, 2000, we concluded a \$90 million loan with a consortium of financial lenders led by NM Rothschild for the development of Morila. We referred to this loan as the Morila Project Loan. The loan was fully repaid in June 2004.

During the year ended December 31, 2000, Morila entered into a finance lease for five Rolls-Royce generators under the terms of a Deferred Terms Agreement between Morila and Rolls-Royce. The lease is repayable over ten years commencing April 1, 2001 and bears interest at a variable rate which at December 31, 2006 was approximately 21% per annum. Our attributable share of this finance lease obligation amounted to \$3.8 million at December 31, 2006 and \$4.8 million at December 31, 2005. We have guaranteed the repayment of the lease.

On August 28, 2002, the Syama hedge transactions were closed through a cancellation agreement with NM Rothschild. On that date, we agreed to buy gold call options to offset existing positions with NM Rothschild comprised of 148,500 ounces at \$353/ounce at a cost of \$1,805,760. In lieu of the existing premium, NM Rothschild agreed to lend us that amount on a pre-agreed payment schedule requiring us to repay the loan monthly through the 2004 fiscal year. The liability was fully paid by the end of 2004.

Morila also has a finance lease with Air Liquide relating to three oxygen generating units. The lease is payable over 10 years commencing December 1, 2000 and bears interest at a variable rate which at December 31, 2006 stood at approximately 3.48%.

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Somilo SA has a \$0.6 million loan from the Government of Mali. This loan is uncollateralized and bears interest at the base rate of the Central Bank of West African States plus 2% per annum. The accrual of interest ceased in the last quarter of 2005 per mutual agreement between shareholders. This loan is repayable from cash flows of the Loulo mine after the repayment of all other loans.

The Loulo Project Finance Loan was arranged by NM Rothschild & Sons Limited and SG Corporate & Investment Banking, who were joined in the facility by Absa Bank and HVB Group, and was repayable between June 2006 and September 2009.

The Loulo project finance facility was replaced in May of 2007 with a US\$60 million corporate revolving credit facility to Randgold Resources. The facility is with NM Rothschild, Société Générale, Fortis and Barclays. It carries interest at rates of between LIBOR + 1.4% and LIBOR + 1.6%. The facility was fully repaid in December 2007. The corporate facility remains in place should it be required. The maximum amounts outstanding under the facility are: prior to November 1, 2009 — US\$60 million; up to May 1, 2010 — US\$48 million; up to November 1, 2010 — US\$36 million; up to May 1, 2011 — US\$24 million.

The Euro denominated Caterpillar finance facility relates to fifteen 3512B HD generator sets and ancillary equipment purchased from JA Delmas and financed by a loan from Caterpillar Finance for Loulo. The lease is payable quarterly over 42 months commencing on August 1, 2005, and bears interest at a fixed rate of 6.03% per annum. Together with Randgold Resources (Somilo) Limited, we jointly guaranteed the repayment of this lease. The average lease payments of \$0.5 million are payable in installments over the term of the lease.

Corporate, Exploration, Development and New Business Expenditures

Our expenditures on corporate, exploration, development and new business activities for the past three years are as follows:

Year ended December 31, Area 2007 2006 2005 Rest of Africa 67 Burkina Faso 194 60 1.537 1,274 682 Mali 5,544 7,360 4.374 Tanzania 1,439 1.629 1,393 Côte d'Ivoire 6,745 1,289 340 Senegal 1,492 1,434 Ghana 740 855 433 Total exploration expenditure 2,046 18,245 13,959 8,723 Corporate expenditure 17,675 15,326 Total exploration and corporate 14,846 28,805 24,049 expenditure

The main focus of exploration work is on our advanced projects in Mali West, around Morila, and in Senegal, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana.

A feasibility study and an extensive drilling programmes have been completed for the Tongon project in Côte d'Ivoire and the board of the company approved on January 31, 2008 the development of a new mine at Tongon subject to the approval of the mining convention by the Côte d'Ivoire Minister of Mines and Energy.

# Working Capital

Management believes that our working capital resources, by way of internal sources and banking facilities, are sufficient to fund our currently foreseeable future business requirements.

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C. RESEARCH

## AND DEVELOPMENT, PATENTS AND LICENSES, ETC.

We are not involved in any research and development and have no registered patents or licenses.

D. TREND

### **INFORMATION**

Our financial results are subject to the movement in gold prices. In the past fiscal year, the general trend has been upwards and this has had an impact on revenues. However it should be noted that fluctuations in the price of gold remain a distinct risk to us.

## Gold Market

The gold market is relatively liquid compared with many other commodity markets, with the price of gold generally quoted in US dollars. The physical demand for gold is primarily for fabrication purposes, and gold is traded on a world-wide basis. Fabricated gold has a variety of uses, including jewelry, electronics, dentistry, decorations, medals and official coins. In addition, central banks, financial institutions and private individuals buy, sell and hold gold bullion as an investment and as a store of value.

Historically, gold has been used as a store of value because it tends to retain its value in relative terms against basic goods in times of inflation and monetary crisis. Therefore, large quantities of gold in relation to annual mine production are held for this purpose. This has meant that, historically, the potential total supply of gold has been far greater than annual demand. Thus, while current supply and demand play some part in determining the price of gold, this does not occur to the same extent as for other commodities.

Instead, gold prices have been significantly affected, from time to time, by macro-economic factors such as expectations of inflation, interest rates, exchange rates, changes in reserve policy by central banks, and global or regional political and economic crises. In times of inflation, currency devaluation, and political and economic crises, gold has traditionally been seen as refuge, leading to increased purchases of gold and a support for the price of gold.

Interest rates affect the price of gold on several levels. High real interest rates increase the cost of holding gold, and discourage physical buying in developed economies. High US dollar interest rates also make hedging by forward selling attractive because of the higher contango premiums (differential between LIBOR and gold lease rates) obtained in the forward prices. Increased forward selling in turn has an impact on the spot price at the time of sale.

Changes in reserve policies of central banks have affected the gold market and gold price on two levels. On the physical level, a decision by a central bank to decrease or to increase the percentage of gold in bank reserves leads to either sales or purchases of gold, which in turn has a direct impact on the physical market for the metal. In practice, sales by central banks have often involved substantial tonnages within a short period of time and this selling can place strong downward pressure on the markets at the time they occur. As important as the physical impact to official sales, announcements of rumors of changes in central bank policies which might lead to the sale of gold reserves historically had a negative effect on market sentiment and encouraged large speculative positions against gold in the futures market for the metal.

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The volatility of gold prices is illustrated in the following table, which shows the annual high, low and average of the afternoon London Bullion Market fixing price of gold in US dollars for the past ten years.

| Price 1 | Per Oun | ce (\$) Ye | ear Hig | n Low | Average | 1996  | 415       | 367 | 388   | 1997 | 367 | 283 | 331 | 1998 |
|---------|---------|------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 313     | 273     | 294 19     | 999 32  | 6 25  | 53 279  | 2000  | 313       | 264 | 279   | 2001 | 293 | 256 | 271 | 2002 |
| 349     | 278     | 310 20     | 003 4   | 6 32  | 20 363  | 2004  | 454       | 375 | 409   | 2005 | 537 | 411 | 444 | 2006 |
| 725     | 525     | 604 20     | 007 84  | 1 60  | 08 695  | As of | April 200 | 8   | 1,011 | 846  | 922 |     |     |      |
|         |         |            |         |       |         |       | -         |     |       |      |     |     | E.  |      |

## **OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS**

None.

F.

## TABULAR DISCLOSURE OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

Our contractual obligations and commercial commitments consist primarily of credit facilities, as described above. The related obligations as at December 31, 2007 are set out below:

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Contractual Obligations Total Less than
1 Year 1-3 Years 3-5 Years More than
5 Years
          (dollars in thousands) Long-term debt obligations
                                                                          — Capital lease obligations(1)
                           — — Operating lease obligations 2,534
                                                                                             724 Financial
8,070
                  3,649
                                                                              724
                                                                                      724
         4,421
                                                                       362
liabilities – forward gold sales 85,625
                                        33,672
                                                   51,953
                                                             — — Environmental rehabilitation 11.074
                                                                          — — 3,069
                                                                                           — Total contractual
— — 11,074 Loans from minority shareholders in subsidiaries
                                                                 3,069
cash obligations
                  110,399
                              38,455
                                                            11,798 Contracts for capital expenditure
                                        56,326
                                                  3,820
2,013
(1) Includes total interest of $1.7 million calculated at the interest rate existing at year end.
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Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

A.

### DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Our Articles of Association provide that the board must consist of no less than two and no more than 20 directors at any time. During the year, Mr. R.A. Williams resigned and Mr. G.P. Shuttleworth was appointed as Financial Director. The board currently consists of 8 directors.

Our Articles of Association provide that any new director should be reelected by the shareholders at the annual general meeting following the date of the director's appointment. As a result of his appointment during the year, Mr. Shuttleworth was the subject of an ordinary resolution and reelected at the annual general meeting held on April 28, 2008, as required by our Articles of Association. Furthermore, each director is subject to reelection on a rotation basis every three years as required by our Articles of Association and the Companies (Jersey) Law, 1991. Dr. D.M. Bristow, our C.E.O. was the subject of an ordinary resolution and reelected at the annual general meeting held on April 28, 2008, as required by our Articles of Association.

According to the Articles of Association, the board meets at intervals determined by the board from time to time.

The address of each of our executive directors and non-executive directors is the address of our principal executive offices, La Motte Chambers, La Motte Street, St. Helier, Jersey, JE1 1BJ, Channel Islands.

## **Executive Directors**

D. Mark Bristow (49) Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Bristow was appointed a director in August 1995 and Chief Executive Officer in October 1995. A geologist with more than 25 years' experience in the mining industry, he holds a Ph. D. in Geology from Natal University, South Africa. Prior to this he held executive responsibility for the exploration and new business activities of Randgold & Exploration from 1992 to 1995. During the period 1995 to 1997 he also directed the re-engineering of the reserve management functions of the gold mining of the Randgold & Exploration Group and its affiliated gold mining companies. He is currently a non-executive director of Rockwell Resources International and previously held directorships at African Platinum, Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited, DRD Gold Limited and Randgold & Exploration Company Limited.

Graham P. Shuttleworth (39) Chief Financial Officer; Financial Director. Mr Shuttleworth joined us as Chief Financial Officer and Financial Director on July 1, 2007 but has been associated with Randgold Resources since its inception, initially as part of the management team involved in listing the company on the London Stock Exchange in 1997, and subsequently as an adviser. A chartered accountant, he was a managing director and the New York-based head of metals and mining for the Americas in the global investment banking division of HSBC before taking his new poistion with us. At HSBC he led or was involved in a wide range of major mining industry transactions, including our Nasdaq listing, our bid for Ashanti Goldfields and our 2005 equity offering.

## Non-Executive Directors

Philippe Liétard (59) Non-Executive Chairman; Mr. Liétard was appointed a director in February 1998. Mr. Liétard was managing director of the Global Natural Resources Fund from 2000 to 2003. Prior to July 2000, he was director of the Oil, Gas and Mining Department of the International Finance Corporation. His experience in corporate and project finance with UBS, IFC and the World Bank extends over 30 years, most of them in the minerals business and

in Africa. Mr. Liétard is now an independent consultant and a promoter of mining and energy investments. He was appointed a director in February 1998 and chairman in November 2004.

Bernard H. Asher (71) Non-Executive Director; Chairman of the audit committee and member of the nomination and governance committee. From 1986 to 1998, he was an executive director of HSBC Holdings plc and chairman of HSBC Holdings' subsidiary, HSBC Investment Bank plc. He was

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chairman of Lonrho Africa plc, vice-chairman of the Court of Governors of the London School of Economics and of the Legal & General Group plc and a director of Morgan Sindall plc. He is Chairman of Lion Trust Asset Management and senior independent director of Morgan Sindall plc. He was appointed a director in June 1997 and senior independent director in October 2003.

Norborne P. Cole (66) Non-Executive Director. Chairman of the remuneration committee and member of the nomination and governance committee. Mr. Cole was appointed a director in May 2006. Mr. Cole was CEO of Coca-Cola Amatil based in Sydney, Australia until 1998. Currently he is vice-chairman of Silver Eagle Distributers of Houston, Texas and a director of Lancer Corporation and Papa John's International Inc.

Robert I. Israel (58) Non-Executive Director; Member of the remuneration committee. Mr. Israel was appointed a director in June 1997. Mr. Israel is a partner at Compass Advisers, LLP. Until April 2000, Mr. Israel served as a managing director of Schroder & Co. Inc. and head of its Energy Department. He has 28 years of experience in corporate finance, especially in the natural resources sector.

Aubrey L. Paverd (69) Non-Executive Director; Member of the audit committee. Dr. Paverd was appointed a non-executive director in August 1995. He is also a director of the Peruvian mining company Cia. Minas Buenaventura. Dr. Paverd is now an independent consultant. He has 45 years of international geological experience.

Karl Voltaire (58) Non-Executive Director; Member of the audit committee and member of the remuneration committee. Dr. Voltaire was appointed a director in May 2006. He holds a Ph.D in finance from the University of Chicago. He is currently the CEO of The Nelson Mandela Institute and was previously a director of the African Development Bank. Dr. Voltaire was formerly with the International Finance Corporation where he was the director in charge of Global Financial Markets.

## **Executive Officers**

David Haddon (50) General Counsel and Secretary. Having overseen our administrative obligations from our incorporation in 1995, Mr. Haddon assumed full secretarial responsibility when we became listed on the London Stock Exchange in July 1997. He has over 23 years of legal and administrative experience. He assumed the responsibility as general counsel in January 2004. He is a director of Seven Bridges Trading 14 (Pty) Limited.

Paul Harbidge (38) General Manager – Exploration. Mr. Harbidge is a geologist with 15 years' experience, mainly in West Africa. He joined us in 2000 and was appointed exploration manager in 2004 and general manager – exploration in November 2006.

Bill Houston (60) General Manager – Human Resources. Mr. Houston joined us in 1992 as group training and development manager and currently heads the human resources function. He has 27 years of human resources experience. He is a director of Morila SA and Seven Bridges Trading 14 (Pty) Limited.

Amadou Konta (50) General Manager – Loulo. Mr. Konta has a degree in civil engineering as well as several management and project management qualifications. He was appointed mine foreman and superintendent at Syama mine and served as mine manager from 1997. In 2001 he was promoted as our construction manager in Mali and was appointed Loulo general manager on October 1, 2004.

Victor Matfield (43) General Manager – Corporate Finance. Mr. Matfield is a chartered accountant with 14 years' experience in the mining industry. He was appointed corporate finance manager in August 2001, prior to that he

served as financial manager of the Syama mine and of the Morila capital project. He is a director of Seven Bridges Trading 14 (Pty) Limited.

Chris Prinsloo (57) Group Commercial and Financial Manager. Mr. Prinsloo became Group Financial Manager in January 2002. He has 35 years of experience in the mining industry. He is a director of Somilo SA and Morila SA.

Rodney Quick (36) General Manager – Project Development and Evaluation. Mr. Quick is a geologist with 14 years' experience in the gold mining industry. Since joining us in 1996, he has been

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involved in the exploration, evaluation and production phases of the Morila, Loulo and Tongon deposits and was appointed the Somilo resource manager in 2006. He is now responsible for all project development and evaluation.

Adrian J. Reynolds (53) General Manager – Technical. Mr. Reynolds has 27 years' experience in the exploration and mining industries and was part of the team that developed our original strategy. He leads the exploration team and manages the evaluation of early stage and development projects. He is responsible for the Morila technical oversight and for compilation of our technical audits, due diligences and feasibility studies. He is a director of Morila Limited and Somilo SA.

Mahamadou Samaké (60) General Manager – Randgold Resources Mali. Mr. Samaké is the general manager of the Bamako office and is a director of our Malian subsidiaries. He was a professor of company law at the University of Mali.

John Steele (47) General Manager – Capital Projects. Mr. Steele has overseen the capital expansion program at the Syama mine, and at the beginning of July 1998, assumed the position of general manager capital projects for the Randgold Resources Group, overseeing the construction of Morila. He is a director of Somilo SA and Morila Limited and is currently leading the Loulo construction project.

Samba Touré (54) General Manager – Morila. Mr. Touré has a masters degree in chemical engineering and geochemistry and was part of the team that set up Mali's first research laboratory for the mining and petroleum industries in 1985. As country manager for BHP Minerals, he oversaw that company's exploration programs in West Africa. He joined Morila in 2000 and was promoted to operations manager in 2004 and general manager in 2007.

Our Articles of Association provide that the longest serving one-third of directors retire from office at each annual general meeting. Retiring directors normally make themselves available for re-election and are re-elected at the annual general meeting on which they retire. Our officers who are also directors retire as directors in terms of the Articles of Association, but their service as officers is regulated by standard industry employment agreements.

The date of appointment, date of expiration and length of service for each of our directors is set forth in the table below:

Director Date of Appointment Date of Expiration of Term Number of Years Served Executive D.M. Bristow 8/11/95 4/28/11 12 G.P. Shuttleworth 7/01/07 4/28/11 1 Non-Executive B.H. Asher 6/12/97 5/05/09 10 R.I. Israel 6/12/97 5/05/10 10 P. Liétard 2/11/98 5/05/10 9 A.L. Payerd 7/29/95 5/05/09 12 N.P. Cole 5/03/06 5/05/10 2 K. Voltaire 5/13/06 5/05/10

None of our directors and executive officers was selected under any arrangements or understandings between that director or executive officer and any other person. All of our non-Executive directors are considered independent directors.

B.

## **COMPENSATION**

Our objective is to provide senior management, including executive directors, with a competitive remuneration package which will attract and retain executives of the highest caliber and will encourage and reward superior performance in the manner consistent with the interests of our shareholders. The remuneration committee's policies are designed to meet these objectives and to ensure that the individual directors are fairly and responsibly rewarded for their respective contributions to our performance.

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We have no liability in respect of retirement provisions for executive directors. We do, however, provide a vehicle in the form of a defined contribution fund into which employees, including executive directors, may contribute for the purpose of providing for retirement. While we make an annual contribution on behalf of our employees, we do not do so on behalf of our executive directors.

Each executive director receives a basic salary. Executive directors do not receive any fees. Executive directors are paid an annual bonus which is determined in accordance with set performance criteria agreed between the executive directors and the board.

Following approval of a change at the last annual general meeting, fees paid to non-executive directors are:

• A general

retainer to all non-executive directors of \$50,000;

• An annual committee

assignment fee per committee served:

Audit committee

\$35,000;

Remuneration committee \$25,000; and

Nomination and

governance committee \$10,000.

• The chairman of a

board committee to receive an additional premium to the committee assignment fee of \$15,000;

• The senior independent

director, in addition to the general annual retainer but in lieu of any committee assignment fee, to receive an additional \$85,000:

The non-executive chairman, in addition to the general annual retainer but in lieu of any committee assignment fee, to receive an additional \$170,000;

• An award to each

director of "restricted" shares being 1,200 ordinary shares per year. The shares are to vest over a three year period from the date of the award, being January 1, 2009. Vesting would accelerate on the following conditions:

Termination other than resignation or dismissal;

Voluntary retirement after the age of 65 with a minimum of three years service as a director; and

Change in control of the company.

A director must hold shares at least equal in value (as at the beginning of the year) to the general annual retainer. A director would be granted three years in which to acquire the required shareholding and this period could be extended by the unanimous approval of the uninterested directors. If the number of shares were to fall below the threshold due to a fall in the share price, no additional purchase of shares would be required. Currently, all the directors hold shares equal to the value of the general annual retainer.

Non-executive directors have been granted options to purchase our ordinary shares. Details of the options still held by the non-executive directors are shown below.

On May 11, 2005 the first \$30,000 award was allocated to each of the non-executive directors for the purpose of acquiring restricted stock. The price of the restricted stock calculation was the Nasdaq National Market closing price on May 10, 2005, being \$12.78. In terms of the policy, 783 shares were issued directly to each non-executive director and 1,565 shares were held as restricted stock. Non-executive directors were issued the second tranche of 782 ordinary shares on February 13, 2006 and, subject to agreed conditions, the final balance was issued January 3, 2007.

On February 13, 2006 the second \$30,000 award was allocated to each of the non-executive directors for the purpose of acquiring restricted stock. The price of the restricted stock calculation was the Nasdaq National Market closing price on February 10, 2006, or \$17.11. In terms of the policy, 584 shares were issued directly to each non-executive director and 1,169 shares were held as restricted stock. Non-executive directors were issued the second tranche of 584 ordinary shares on January 3, 2007 and the balance will be issued on January 1, 2008 subject to agreed conditions.

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On January 3, 2007 the third \$30,000 award was allocated to each of the non-executive directors for the purpose of acquiring restricted stock. The price of the restricted stock calculation was the Nasdaq Global Select Market closing price on January 3, 2007, or \$22.37. In terms of the policy 447 shares were issued directly to each non-executive director and 894 shares were held as restricted stock. Non-executive directors will be issued the second and third tranches on January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009, respectively.

On January 3, 2008, the fourth \$30,000 award was allocated to each of the non-executive directors for the purpose of acquiring restricted stock. The price of the restricted stock calculation was the Nasdaq Global Select Market closing price on January 2, 2008, or \$38.15. In terms of the policy 262 shares were issued directly to each non-executive director and 524 shares were held as restricted stock. Non-executive directors will be issued the second and third tranches on January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2007, the aggregate compensation paid or payable to our directors and executive officers as a group was approximately \$6.5 million, of which \$4.4 million was payable to directors and recognized as a remuneration expense.

The following table sets forth the aggregate compensation for each of the directors:

```
Basic Salary/Fees
December 31, Bonus/Service Contract
December 31, Other Payments
December 31. Total
December 31.
               2007 ($) 2006 ($) 2007 ($) 2006 ($) 2007 ($) 2006 ($) 2007 ($) 2006 ($) Executive
              D.M. Bristow(1)
                                600,000
                                           600,000
                                                       1,864,802
                                                                   1,212,584
                                                                                — 693,700
                                                                                               2,464,802
  2,506,284 R.A. Williams(2)
                                                                           — — 839,646
                                                                                             724,195
                              218,045
                                         320,000
                                                     621,601
                                                                404,195
G.P. Shuttleworth
                                                    — 364,615
                                                                   — Sub-total 1,049,520
                                                                                             920,000
                   231,475
                                         133,140
                                                            3,230,479 Non-Executive
                                    693,700
2,486,403
            1,616,779
                         133,140
                                               3,669,063
                                    135,000
                                                                                      165,000 B.H. Asher
             P. Liétard
                         135,000
                                               - 30.000
                                                                30,000
                                                                          165,000
                                                   150,000
                                                              150,000 R.I. Israel
 120,000
            120,000
                               30,000
                                         30,000
                                                                                  110,000
                                                                                             85,000
 — 30,000
                         140,000
               30,000
                                    115,000 A.L. Paverd
                                                          80,000
                                                                    80,000
                                                                                  -30,000
                                                                                                30,000
110,000
                                                                    - 100,000
                                         42,500
                                                                                   42.500 K. Voltaire
           110,000 N.P. Cole
                               70,000
                                                   - 30.000
80,000
          47,500
                   - 30,000
                                     — 110,000
                                                    47,500 J-A. Cramer(3)
                                                                            -80,000
30,000
         — 110,000 SubTotal
                                            590,000
                                                       - 180.000
                                 595,000
                                                                          180,000
                                                                                     775,000
                                                                                                740,000
          1,664,520
                       1,510,000
                                                 1,616,779
                                                             313,140
                                                                        843,700
                                                                                   4,444,063
                                                                                                3,970,479
TOTAL
                                    2,486,403
(1) Other payments comprise the grant of restricted shares to Dr. D.M. Bristow. (2) Mr. R.A. Williams resigned from
the board effective July 1, 2007. (3) Mr. J-A. Cramer retired from the board effective November 3, 2006.
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The executive directors do not receive any benefits in kind and the only long-term incentive scheme is the Share Option Scheme.

The bonus payable to Dr. D.M. Bristow is calculated on the movement in our share price based on a calendar year to March 31. The 2007 bonus, as shown above, reflect the amounts paid in April 2007 with respect to the movement in the share price from April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007, being \$18.17 to \$23.91. At December 31, 2007, we accrued \$2.9 million for bonus payments with respect to 2007, based on a share price of \$37.13. Based on a share price on

March 11, 2008, the aggregate amount of the bonuses payable for the period up to that date would be the higher amount of \$8.6 million. Bonuses totaling \$8.4 million with respect to the 2007 year were paid in April 2008 to Dr. D.M. Bristow and Mr. G.P. Shuttleworth in terms of the provisions of the service contracts.

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Share options exercised by the directors during 2007 and up to April 30, 2008 are detailed below:

Name

```
Number of
Options
Exercised Average
Exercise
Price ($) Average Market
price at date
of exercise ($) R.A. Williams 41,667 8.05 23.33
```

The high and low share prices for our ordinary shares for the year on the London Stock Exchange were (pounds sterling) 19.50 and (pounds sterling) 10.53, respectively, and our high and low price for our ADSs on the Nasdaq Global Select Market were \$38.86 and \$21.04, respectively. The ordinary share price on the London Stock Exchange and the price of an ADS on the Nasdaq Global Select Market at December 31, 2007, the last day of trading, were (pounds sterling) £18.47 and \$37.13, respectively.

Share options outstanding at April 30, 2008 and held by directors and executive officers were as follows:

```
Options to Purchase
Ordinary Shares Expiration
Date Exercise
Prices ($) Non-Executive Directors
                                                B.H. Asher
                                                              25,400
                                                                        1/28/11
                                                                                   1.65 R.I. Israel
                                                                                                     25,400
1/28/11
           1.65 Officers
                                       D.J. Haddon
                                                      50,000
                                                                           8.05
                                                                                     60,000
                                                                8/05/14
                                                                                               8/20/17
22.19 P.D. Harbidge
                       13,000
                                 8/05/14
                                                      21,000
                                                                                       60,000
                                            8.05
                                                                11/29/16
                                                                            22.50
                                                                                                  8/20/17
22.19 W.R.A. Houston
                                    8/05/14
                                                                              22.19 A. Konta
                         30,000
                                               8.05
                                                        60,000
                                                                   8/20/17
                                                                                                25,000
8/05/14
                                          22.19 V. Matfield
           8.05
                    60,000
                              8/20/17
                                                              75,000
                                                                         8/05/14
                                                                                    8.05
                                                                                             60,000
                                                                                                        8/20/17
   22.19 C.J. Prinsloo
                         50,000
                                   8/05/14
                                              8.05
                                                        60,000
                                                                  8/20/17
                                                                             22.19 R.B.Quick
                                                                                                 13,000
8/05/14
           8.05
                    60,000
                              8/20/17
                                         22.19 A.J. Reynolds
                                                                 75,000
                                                                           8/05/14
                                                                                      8.05
                                                                                                60,000
                                                     8.05
                                                              60,000
8/20/17
           22.19 M. Samaké
                               25,000
                                          8/05/14
                                                                         8/20/17
                                                                                    22.19 J. Steele
                                                                                                     31,650
                                          22.19
8/05/14
           8.05
                     60,000
                               8/20/17
C. BOARD PRACTICES
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## Directors' Terms of Employment

We have entered into contracts of employment with Dr. D.M. Bristow and Mr. G.P. Shuttleworth with the period of employment set as one year.

We currently do not have service agreements with our non-executive directors. However, each director is subject to reelection by our shareholders in accordance with our Articles of Association.

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### **Board of Directors Committees**

In order to ensure good corporate governance, the board has formed an audit committee, a remuneration committee and a governance and nomination committee. The audit, remuneration, and governance and nomination committees are comprised of a majority of non-executive directors.

## **Audit Committee**

Our audit committee charter, which defines the terms of reference for the audit committee members, sets out the framework through which the audit committee reviews our annual results, the effectiveness of our systems of internal control, internal audit procedures and legal and regulatory compliance and the cost effectiveness of the services provided by the external auditors. The audit committee also reviews the scope of work carried out by our external auditors and holds discussions with the external auditors at least once a year. The audit committee is comprised of three independent non-executive directors. The members of the audit committee are Dr. K. Voltaire (Chairman), Mr. B.H. Asher and Dr. Paverd.

## **Remuneration Committee**

The remuneration committee reviews the remuneration of directors and senior management and determines the structure and content of the senior executives' remuneration packages by reference to a number of factors including current business practice and our prevailing business conditions and the mining and exploration industry. The members of the remuneration committee are Mr. N.P. Cole Jr. (Chairman), Dr. K. Voltaire and Mr. R.I. Israel.

### Governance and Nomination Committee

The governance and nomination committee reviews our corporate governance and sets out the framework in which such policies are established to guide our operations and activities. In addition, the committee at the instance of the board interviews and recruits any future board members. The members of the governance and nomination committee are Messrs. P. Liétard (chairman), B.H. Asher and N.P. Cole.

D.

## **EMPLOYEES**

At the end of each of the past three years, the breakdown of employees, including our subsidiaries but excluding Morila SA, by main categories of activity was as follows:

```
Category of Activity December 31,
2007 December 31,
2006 December 31,
2005 Mining and related engineering(1)
                                        119
                                               30
                                                     52 Processing and related engineering(2)
                                                                                                      136
 76 Management and technical(3)
                                   56
                                         48
                                               46 Exploration(4)
                                                                   185
                                                                          90
                                                                                47 Administration(5)
                                                                                                       89
        50 TOTAL
  47
                      617
                             351
                                    271
```

Notes: In addition to the permanent employees shown above, the following fixed-term, temporary and contractor employees were employed at Loulo:

(1) The open-pit mining contractor employed 305 permanent and 293 temporary employees, the underground development contractor employed 238 employees, the tailing storage facility contractors employed 43 employees, all other third party contractor employed a total of 22 employees, and Loulo employed 48 underground project temporary employees, as at December 31, 2007. (2) Third party contractors employed a total of 85 employees. (3) Additional technical staff were required in 2007 to manage the underground project and assist with work on the Tongon project.

Table of Contents (4) Exploration and grade control efforts were once more expanded during 2007, with the increases in staff at Tongon and in Senegal. In addition to the 185 permanent staff referred to in the table above a further 85 fixed-term and temporary employees were employed at December 2007. (5) In addition to the number of administrative employees reflected in the table above, third party contractors employed 164 people.

E. SHARE

## **OWNERSHIP**

See "Item 7 — Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions".

**Employee Share Option Scheme** 

Since 1996, we have operated a share option scheme under which senior management, including executive and non-executive directors, may be offered options to purchase our ordinary shares. The aggregate number of shares available for issuance under the option scheme may not exceed 15% of our issued share capital. Awards to executive directors are determined by the remuneration committee and are designed to motivate directors to achieve our strategic objectives. Share options are not subject to any performance criteria for individual directors. Any options provided to an individual employee (which includes executive and non-executive directors) as defined by the rules of the scheme, are subject to an upper limit of 2% of our issued ordinary share capital.

The exercise price of any new share options is determined as the closing price of the share on the trading day preceding that on which the person was granted the option. Under the rules of the share option scheme, all option holders, inclusive of executive and non-executive directors, were granted additional options to subscribe for shares in the open offer which was concluded in November 1998. These additional options are exercisable at the open offer price and otherwise on the same terms as the initial grant.

The scheme provides for the early exercise of all options in the event of an acquisition of a number of shares that would require an offer to be made to all of our other shareholders.

Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions

A. MAJOR

## **SHAREHOLDERS**

As of April 30, 2008, our issued share capital consisted of 76,194,250 ordinary shares with a par value of \$0.05 per share. To our knowledge we are not, directly or indirectly, owned or controlled by another corporation, any foreign government or other person.

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of our ordinary shares as of April 30, 2008, by:

• Any

person of whom the directors are aware that is interested directly or indirectly in 3% or more of our ordinary shares;

• Each of

our directors: and

• All of our executive

officers and directors as a group.

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Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Ordinary shares issuable pursuant to options, to the extent the options are currently exercisable or convertible within 60 days of April 30, 2008, are treated as outstanding for computing the percentage of the person holding these securities but are not treated as outstanding for computing the percentage of any other person. Unless otherwise noted, each person or group identified possesses sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares, subject to community property laws where applicable. Unless indicated otherwise, the business address of the beneficial owners is: Randgold Resources Limited, La Motte Chambers, La Motte Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 1BJ, Channel Islands.

0.06 Shares Beneficially Owned Holder Number % D.M. Bristow 657,584 0.86 B.H. Asher 47,077 N.P. Cole 1.156 0.00 R.I. Israel 43,122 0.04 A.L. Paverd 0.06 P. Liétard 30,656 43,122 0.06 K. Voltaire 1.156 0.00 BNY (Nominees) Limited(1)

30 Cannon Street

London

EC4M XH 60,903,242 79.93 Wells Fargo & Company(2)

420 Montgomery Street

San Francisco, CA 94104 6,718,873 8.82 FMR LLC(3)

82 Devonshire Street,

Boston, MA 02109 7,832,733 10.28 Directors and executive officers(4) 1,200,425 1.58 (1) Shares held by BNY (Nominees) Ltd are held for and on behalf of our ADS holders. (2) Wells Fargo & Company reported in its Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that as at January 23, 2008 its beneficial ownership in us amounted to 6,718,873 ordinary shares (8.82%) on a consolidated basis. These shares are included in the shares held by BNY (Nominees) Limited. (3) FMR LLC reported in its Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission that as at February 14, 2008 its beneficial ownership in us amounted to 7,832,733 ordinary shares (10.28%) on a consolidated basis. These shares are included in the shares held by BNY (Nominees) Limited. (4) No executive officer beneficially owns in excess of 1% of the outstanding ordinary shares, save for Dr. D.M. Bristow who owns 1.07%.

To the knowledge of management, none of the above shareholders hold voting rights which are different from those held by our other shareholders.

As of April 30, 2008, there were 4 record holders of our ordinary shares in the United States, holding an aggregate of 54,970 ordinary shares or 0.07%.

As of April 30, 2008, there were 19 record holders of our ADSs in the United States, holding an aggregate of 60,903,242 ADSs or 79.93%.

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B. RELATED

## PARTY TRANSACTIONS

None of our directors, officers or major shareholders or, to our knowledge, their families, had any interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction during the last fiscal year or in any proposed transaction which has affected or will materially affect us or our investment interests or subsidiaries, other than as stated below.

# The Randgold Name

Under an agreement dated June 26, 1997, Randgold & Exploration Group has licensed us to carry on business under the name "Randgold". The license has been provided to us on a royalty free perpetual basis. The UK Trademark Registry granted a registration certificate to us for "Randgold" on February 16, 2001.

C.

## INTERESTS OF EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Not applicable.

Item 8. Financial Information

See Item 18.

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Item 9. The Offer and Listing

A. OFFER

## AND LISTING DETAILS

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices of our ordinary shares, as reported by the London Stock Exchange, and of our ADSs, as reported by the Nasdaq Global Select Market. Effective March 10, 2003, we changed the ratio of ordinary shares to ADSs from two ordinary shares per ADS to one ordinary share per ADS, so that each ADS now represents one ordinary share. In March, 2003 we changed the currency in which the price of our ordinary shares that are traded on the London Stock Exchange are quoted. The ordinary shares are now quoted in pound sterling and not in US dollars. The ADSs continue to be quoted on the London Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq Global Select Market in US dollars.

Price Per Ordinary Share Price Per ADS Financial Period Ended High (£) Low (£) High (\$) Low (\$) December 31, 2007 19.50 10.53 38.86 21.04 December 31, 2006 14.08 9.09 26.32 15.88 December 31, 2005 9.67 5.31 18.69 10.13 December 31, 2004 7.82 4.29 14.26 7.77 December 31, 2003 8.33 3.10 4.26 5.07

Price Per Ordinary Share Price Per ADS Calendar Period High (£) Low (£) High (\$) Low (\$) 2008 37.22 2007 First Quarter 27.59 18.62 55.65 Fourth Quarter 19.50 15.06 38.86 30.90 Third Quarter 16.60 10.60 33.24 21.62 Second Quarter 13.00 10.53 26.24 12.47 10.79 24.68 21.04 2006 21.41 First Quarter Fourth Ouarter 12.13 10.24 23.53 19.41

Price Per Ordinary Share Price Per ADS Financial Period Ended High (£) Low (£) High (\$) Low (\$) Third Quarter 13.40 10.00 24.75 19.41 Second Quarter 14.08 9.09 26.32 17.08 First Quarter 10.63 9.18 18.61 15.88

Price Per Ordinary Share Price Per ADS Calendar Month High (£) Low (£) High (\$) Low (\$) 2008 24.25 28.03 22.36 55.26 44.51 March May 21.33 48.60 41.37 April 27.59 55.65 43.81 February 22.08 24.85 21.73 26.40 52.72 42.60 January 18.62 48.70 37.22 2007 18.67 16.42 37.28 32.52 December 72

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|---|---|--|--|
| DISTRIBUTION  | B. PLAN OF  |  |  |
| Not applicable.   |   |  |  |
| MARKETS   | C.  |  |  |
| Our ordinary shares are listed on the London Stock Exchange, which currently constitutes the prince States trading market for those shares, under the symbol RRS and our ADSs trade in the United States Global Select Market under the trading symbol GOLD, in the form of American Depositary Receipt Depositary Receipts are issued by The Bank of New York Mellon, as Depositary. Each American Depositary Share represents one of our represents one American Depositary Share represents one of our | ates on the Nasdaq<br>pts. The American<br>Depositary Receipt |  |  |
| SELLING SHAREHOLDERS  | D.  |  |  |
| Not applicable.   |   |  |  |
| DILUTION  | E.  |  |  |
| Not applicable.   |   |  |  |
| EXPENSES OF THE ISSUE   | F.  |  |  |
| Not applicable.   |   |  |  |
| Item 10. Additional Information   |   |  |  |
| CAPITAL   | A. SHARE  |  |  |
| Not applicable.   |   |  |  |
| MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION  | В.  |  |  |
| General   |   |  |  |
| We are a company organized with limited liability under the laws of Jersey, Channel Islands. Our 162686.  | registered number is  |  |  |
| The authorized share capital is \$5,000,000 divided into 100,000,000 ordinary shares of \$0.05 each   | , of which  |  |  |

76,194,250 were issued as of April 30, 2008 and 23,805,750 were available for issue.

At the annual general meeting held on April 28, 2008, shareholders approved a resolution which authorized an increase in the authorized share capital of the company from \$4,000,000 divided into 80,000,000 ordinary shares of \$0.05 each to \$5,000,000 divided into 100,000,000 ordinary shares of \$0.05 each.

At the annual general meeting held on April 26, 2004, shareholders approved a resolution which authorized a share split which amended our authorized share capital from \$4,000,000 divided into 40,000,000 ordinary shares of \$0.10 each to \$4,000,000 divided into 80,000,000 ordinary shares of \$0.05 each. The issued share capital therefore increased from 29,263,385 to 58,526,770 ordinary shares with effect from June 11, 2004. None of our shares have any redemption rights.

## Memorandum of Association

Clause 2 of our Memorandum of Association provides that we shall have all the powers of a natural person including but not limited to the power to carry on mining, exploration or prospecting.

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Changes in Capital or Objects and Powers

Subject to the 1991 Law and our Articles of Association, we may by special resolution at a general meeting:

• increase

our authorized or paid up share capital;

· consolidate and

divide all or any part of our shares into shares of a larger amount;

• sub-divide all or

any part of our shares having a par value;

• convert any of our

issued or unissued shares into shares of another class;

convert any of our

paid-up shares into stock, and reconvert any stock into any number of paid-up shares of any denomination;

• convert any of our

issued shares into redeemable shares which can be redeemed;

· cancel shares

which, at the date of passing of the resolution, have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of the authorized share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled;

· reduce the

authorized share capital;

· reduce our issued

share capital; or

• alter our

Memorandum or Articles of Association.

Articles of Association

We adopted our Articles of Association by special resolution passed on June 24, 1997. Our Articles of Association include provisions to the following effect:

General Meeting of Shareholders

We may at any time convene general meetings of shareholders. We hold an annual general meeting for each fiscal year within nine months of the end of each fiscal year. No more than eighteen months may elapse between the date of one annual general meeting and the next.

Annual general meetings and meetings calling for the passing of a special resolution require twenty-one days' notice of the place, day and time of the meeting in writing to our shareholders. Any other general meeting requires no less than fourteen days' notice in writing. Our business may be transacted at a general meeting only when a quorum of shareholders is present. Two persons entitled to attend and to vote on the business to be transacted, each being a member or a proxy for a member or a duly authorized representative of a corporation which is a member, constitute a quorum. Nasdaq's marketplace rules, which apply to all companies listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market, state in Rule 4350(f) that the minimum quorum for any meeting of holders of a company's common stock is 33 1/3% of the outstanding shares. As a result, we requested, and Nasdaq granted to us, an exemption from compliance with the Rule 4350(f) requirement.

The annual general meetings deal with and dispose of all matters prescribed by our Articles of Association and by the 1991 Law including:

• the

consideration of our annual financial statements and report of our independent accountants;

• the election of

directors; and

• the appointment of

independent auditors.

Voting Rights

Subject to any special terms as to voting on which any shares may have been issued or may from time to time be held, at a general meeting, every shareholder who is present in person (including any

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corporation present by its duly authorized representative) shall on a show of hands have one vote and every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall on a poll have one vote for each share of which he is a holder. In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders.

Unless we otherwise determine, no shareholder is entitled to vote at a general meeting or at a separate meeting of the holders of any class of shares, either in person or by proxy, or to exercise any other right or privilege as a shareholder in respect of any share held by him unless all calls presently payable by him in respect of that share, whether alone or jointly with any other person, together with interest and expenses, if any, have been paid to us.

#### Dividends

Subject to the provisions of the 1991 Law and of the Articles of Association, we may, by ordinary resolution, declare dividends to be paid to shareholders according to their respective rights and interests in our profits. However, no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by us. Subject to the provisions of the 1991 Law, we may declare and pay an interim dividend, including a dividend payable at a fixed rate, if an interim dividend appears to us to be justified by our profits available for distribution.

Except as otherwise provided by the rights attached to any shares, all dividends shall be declared and paid according to the amounts paid up, otherwise than in advance of calls, on the shares on which the dividend is paid. All dividends unclaimed for a period of 12 years after having been declared or become due for payment shall, if we so resolve, be forfeited and shall cease to remain owing by us.

We may, with the authority of an ordinary resolution, direct that payment of any dividend declared may be satisfied wholly or partly by the distribution of assets, and in particular of paid up shares or debentures of any other company, or in any one or more of those ways.

We may also with the prior authority of an ordinary resolution, and subject to such conditions as we may determine, offer to holders of shares the right to elect to receive shares, credited as fully paid, instead of the whole, or some part, to be determined by us, of any dividend specified by the ordinary resolution.

## **Ownership Limitations**

Our Articles of Association and the 1991 Law do not contain limits on the number of shares that a shareholder may own.

### Distribution of Assets on a Winding-Up

If we are wound up, the liquidator may, with the sanction of a special resolution and any other sanction required by law, divide among the shareholders in specie the whole or any part of our assets and may, for that purpose, value any assets and determine how the dividend shall be carried out as between the shareholders or vest the whole or any part of the assets in trustees on such trusts for the benefit of the shareholders as he with the like sanction shall determine but no shareholder shall be compelled to accept any assets on which there is a liability.

## Transfer of Shares

Every shareholder may transfer all or any of his shares by instrument of transfer in writing in any usual form or in any form approved by us. The instrument must be executed by or on behalf of the transferor and, in the case of a transfer of a share which is not fully paid up, by or on behalf of the transferee. The transferor is deemed to remain the holder until the transferee's name is entered in the register of shareholders.

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We may, in our absolute discretion and without giving any reason, refuse to register any transfer of a share or renunciation of a renounceable letter of allotment unless:

• it is in

respect of a share which is fully paid up;

• it is in respect of

only one class of shares;

• it is in favor of a

single transferee or not more than four joint transferees;

• it is duly stamped, if

so required; and

• it is delivered for

registration to our registered office for the time being or another place that we may from time to time determine accompanied by the certificate for the shares to which it relates and any other evidence as we may reasonably require to prove the title of the transfer or person renouncing and the due execution of the transfer or renunciation by him or, if the transfer or renunciation is executed by some other person on his behalf, the authority of that person to do so; provided that we shall not refuse to register any transfer of partly paid shares which are listed on the grounds they are partly paid shares in circumstances where our refusal would prevent dealings in those shares from taking place on an open and proper basis.

### Variation of Rights

If at any time our share capital is divided into shares of different classes, any of the rights for the time being attached to any share or class of shares may be varied or abrogated in the manner, if any, that is provided by the rights or, in the absence of any such provision, either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than three-quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of the class or with the sanction of a resolution passed by the holders of not less than three-quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of that class at a separate general meeting of the holders of shares of the class. The quorum at that meeting shall be not less than two persons holding or representing by proxy at least one-third of the nominal amount paid up on the issued shares of the class in question and at an adjourned meeting not less than one person holding shares of the class in question or his proxy.

Subject to the terms of issue of or rights attached to any shares, the rights or privileges attached to any class of shares shall be deemed not to be varied or abrogated by the creation or issue of any new shares ranking equally in all respects, except as to the date from which those new shares shall rank for dividend, with or subsequent to those already issued or by the reduction of the capital paid up on those shares or by the purchase or redemption by us of our own shares in accordance with the provisions of the 1991 Law and the Articles.

### Capital Calls

Subject to the terms of allotment of shares, we may from time to time make calls on the members in respect of any monies unpaid on the shares, whether in respect of nominal value or premium, and not payable on a fixed date. A member must receive fourteen days' notice of any call and any call is deemed to be made when the resolution of the board authorizing such call was passed.

If any call is not paid on or before the date appointed for payment, the person liable to pay that call shall pay all costs, charges and expenses of ours in connection with the non-payment, including interest on the unpaid amount, if requested by us.

Unless we otherwise determine, no member shall be entitled to receive any dividend or to be present and vote at any general meeting, or be included in a quorum, or to exercise any other right or privilege as a shareholder unless and until any outstanding calls in respect of his shares are paid.

# **Borrowing Powers**

We may exercise all of our powers to borrow money and to mortgage or charge all or any part of our undertaking, property and assets, present and future, and uncalled capital and, subject to the provisions of the 1991 Law, to create and issue debenture and other loan stock and other securities, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of ours or of any third party.

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## Issue of Shares and Preemptive Rights

Subject to the provisions of the 1991 Law and to any special rights attached to any shares, we may allot or issue shares with those preferred, deferred or other special rights or restrictions regarding dividends, voting, transfer, return of capital or other matters as we may from time to time determine by ordinary resolution, or if no ordinary resolution has been passed or an ordinary resolution does not make specific provision, as we may determine. We may issue shares that are redeemable or are liable to be redeemed at our option or the option of the holder in accordance with our Articles of Association. Subject to the provisions of the 1991 Law the unissued shares at the date of adoption of the Articles of Association and shares created thereafter shall be at our disposal. We cannot issue shares at a discount.

There are no pre-emptive rights for the transfer of our shares either within the 1991 Law or our Articles of Association.

## Meetings of the Board of Directors

Any director may, and the secretary at the request of a director shall, call a board meeting at any time on reasonable notice. A director may waive this notice requirement.

Subject to our Articles of Association our board of directors may meet for the conducting of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate its proceedings as it sees fit. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business may be determined by the board of directors and unless otherwise determined shall be two persons, each being a director or an alternate director. A duly convened meeting of the board of directors at which a quorum is present is necessary to exercise all or any of the board's authorities, powers and discretions.

Our board of directors may delegate or entrust to and confer on any director holding an executive office any of its powers, authorities and discretions for such time, on such terms and subject to such conditions as it sees fit. Our board of directors may also delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions for such time and on such terms and subject to such conditions as it sees fit to any committee consisting of one or more directors and one or more other persons, provided that a majority of the members of the committee should be directors.

### Remuneration of Directors

Our directors (other than alternate directors) shall be entitled to receive by way of fees for their services as directors any sum that we may from time to time determine, not exceeding in aggregate \$300,000 per annum or any other sum as we, by ordinary resolution in a general meeting, shall from time to time determine. That sum, unless otherwise directed by ordinary resolution of us by which it is voted, shall be divided among the directors in the proportions and in the manner that the board determines or, if the board has not made a determination, equally. The directors are entitled to be repaid all traveling, hotel and other expenses properly incurred by them in or about the performance of their duties as directors.

The salary or remuneration of any director appointed to hold any employment or executive office may be either a fixed sum of money, or may altogether or in part be governed by business done or profits made or otherwise determined by us, and may be in addition to or in lieu of any fee payable to him for his services as director.

## Pensions and Gratuities for Directors

We may exercise all of our powers to provide and maintain pensions, other retirement or superannuation benefits, death or disability benefits or other allowances or gratuities for persons who are or were directors of any company in our group and their relatives or dependants.

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### **Directors' Interests in Contracts**

Subject to the provisions of the 1991 Law and provided that his interest is disclosed as soon as practicable after a director becomes aware of the circumstances which gave rise to his duty to disclose in accordance with the Articles of Association, a director, notwithstanding his office, may enter into or otherwise be interested in any contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal with us, or in which we are otherwise interested, may hold any other office or place of profit under us (except that of auditor of, or of a subsidiary of ours) in conjunction with the office of director and may act by himself or through his firm in a professional capacity for us, and in any such case on such terms as to remuneration and otherwise as we may arrange, and may be a director or other officer of, or employed by, or a party to any transaction or arrangement with, or otherwise interested in, any company promoted by us or in which we are otherwise interested and shall not be liable to account to us for any profit, remuneration or other benefit realized by any such office, employment, contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal.

No such contract, arrangement, transaction or proposal shall be avoided on the grounds of any such interest or benefit.

## Restrictions on Directors' Voting

Except as provided in our Articles of Association, a director shall not vote on, or be counted in the quorum in relation to, any resolution of the board or of a committee of the board concerning any contract, arrangement, transaction or any other proposal whatsoever to which we are or will be a party and in which he has an interest which (together with an interest of any person connected with him) is to his knowledge a material interest otherwise than by virtue of his interests in shares or debentures or other securities of or otherwise in or through us, unless the resolution concerns any of the following matters:

• the giving

of any guarantee, security, or indemnity in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him or any other person at the request of or for the benefit of us or any of our subsidiary undertakings;

· the giving of any

guarantee, security or indemnity in respect of a debt or obligation of ours or any of our subsidiary undertakings for which he himself has assumed responsibility in whole or in part under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;

any proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by us or any of our subsidiary undertakings in which offer he is or may be entitled to participate as a holder of securities or in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of which he is to participate;

any proposal

concerning any other body corporate in which he (together with persons connected with him) does not to his knowledge have an interest in 1% or more of the issued equity share capital of any class of that body corporate or of the voting rights available to shareholders of that body corporate;

· any proposal

relating to an arrangement for the benefit of our employees or the employees of any of our subsidiary undertakings which does not award him any privilege or benefit not generally awarded to the employees to whom the arrangement relates; or

any proposal concerning insurance which we propose to maintain or purchase for the benefit of directors or for the benefit of persons who include directors.

A director shall not vote or be counted in the quorum for any resolution of the board or committee of the board concerning his own appointment (including fixing or varying the terms of his appointment or termination) as the

holder of any office or place of profit with us or any company in which we are interested.

# Number of Directors

Unless and until otherwise determined by a special resolution, the number of directors shall be not less than two or more than 20.

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## Directors' Appointment and Retirement by Rotation

Directors may be appointed by ordinary shareholder resolution or by the board. If appointed by ordinary resolution, a director holds office only until the next annual general meeting and shall not be taken into account in determining the number of directors who are to retire by rotation. A director shall not be required to hold any of our shares.

At each annual general meeting, one-third of the directors who are subject to retirement by rotation will retire by rotation and be eligible for re-election. Subject to the provisions of the 1991 Law and to the Articles, the directors to retire will, first, be any director who wishes to retire and not offer himself for re-election and secondly, will be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or re-appointment, but as between those who have been in office an equal length of time, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree) be determined by lot. There is no age limit imposed upon directors.

### **Untraced Shareholders**

Subject to the Articles, we may sell any of our shares registered in the name of a shareholder remaining untraced for 12 years who fails to communicate with us following advertisement of an intention to make such a disposal. Until we can account to the shareholder, the net proceeds of sale will be available for use in our business or for investment, in either case at our discretion. The proceeds will not carry interest.

#### Crest

The Companies (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Law 1998 and the Companies (Uncertificated Securities) (Jersey) Order 1999 allow the holding and transfer of shares under CREST, the electronic system for settlement of securities in the United Kingdom. Our Articles of Association already provide for our shares to be held in uncertificated form under the CREST system.

### Purchase of Shares

Subject to the provisions of the 1991 Law, we may purchase any of our own shares of any class. The 1991 Law provides that we may, by special resolution approve the acquisition of our own shares provided that the source of funds used to finance any repurchase is in accordance with the 1991 Law. The 1991 Law limits the type of funds available to govern the repurchase of the nominal value and the share premium attributed to any share.

### Non-Jersey Shareholders

There are no limitations imposed by Jersey law or by our Articles of Association on the rights of non-Jersey shareholders to hold or vote on our ordinary shares or securities convertible into our ordinary shares.

### Rights of Minority Shareholders and Fiduciary Duties

Majority shareholders of Jersey companies have no fiduciary obligations under Jersey law to minority shareholders. However, under the 1991 Law, a shareholder may, under some circumstances, seek relief from the court if he has been unfairly prejudiced by us. The provisions of the 1991 Law are designed to provide relief from oppressed shareholders without necessarily overriding the majority's decision. There may also be common law personal actions available to our shareholders.

Jersey Law and Our Memorandum and Articles of Association

The content of our Memorandum and Articles of Association is largely derived from an established body of corporate law and therefore they mirror the 1991 Law. Jersey company law draws very heavily from company law in England and there are various similarities between the 1991 Law

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and the English Companies Act 1985 (as amended). However, the 1991 Law is considerably shorter in content than the English Companies Act 1985 and there are some notable differences between English and Jersey company law. There are, for example, no provisions under Jersey law (as there are under English law):

controlling possible conflicts of interests between us and our directors, such as loans by us or directors, and contracts between us and our directors other than a duty on directors to disclose an interest in any transaction to be entered into by us or any of our subsidiaries which to a material extent conflicts with our interest;

• specifically

requiring particulars to be shown in our accounts of the amount of loans to officers or directors' emoluments and pensions, although these would probably be required to be shown in our accounts in conformity to the requirement that accounts must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

• requiring us to file

details of charges other than charges of Jersey realty; or

• as regards statutory

preemption provisions in relation to further issues of shares.

Under Article 143 of the 1991 Law, the court may make an order giving relief, including regulation of our affairs requiring us to refrain from doing or continuing to do an act complained of, authorizing civil proceedings and providing for the purchase of shares by any of our other shareholders.

The court has wide powers within its inherent jurisdiction and a shareholder could successfully bring an action in a variety of circumstances. Although there is no statutory definition of unfairly prejudicial conduct, authority suggests that it includes oppression and discrimination and that the test is objective.

There are no provisions in our Memorandum or Articles of Association concerning changes of capital where these provisions would be considered more restrictive than that required by the 1991 Law.

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### MATERIAL CONTRACTS

1. Employment

Contract, dated April 28, 2008, between Randgold Resources Limited and Dennis Mark Bristow.

We entered into a new employment contract with Dennis Mark Bristow, our Chief Executive Officer.

2. First

Contract of Employment, dated April 28, 2007, between Randgold Resources Limited and Graham P. Shuttleworth.

We entered into a first contract of employment with Graham P. Shuttleworth, our Finance Director.

3.

Addendum to the Joint Venture Agreement, dated April 22, 2008, between AngloGold Ashanti Limited and Randgold Resources Limited.

We entered into an addendum to the joint venture agreement with AngloGold Ashanti Limited amending the terms of the original contract to reflect the change in operatorship to ourselves.

4.

Addendum to the Operatorship Agreement, dated April 22, 2008, between AngloGold Ashanti Limited, AngloGold Services Mali SA, Société des Mines de Morila SA and Mining Investments Jersey Limited.

This addendum transferred the operatorship of Morila SA from AngloGold Services Mali SA to our wholly owned subsidiary, Mining Investments Jersey Limited.

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5. Addendum to the

Joint Venture Agreement, dated April 4, 2008, between New Mining CI and Randgold Resources (Côte d'Ivoire) Limited.

This addendum was concluded with our joint venture partner in Côte d'Ivoire resulting in the acquisition of a further 5% of the joint venture for the payment of \$2 million.

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### **EXCHANGE CONTROLS**

There are currently no Jersey or United Kingdom foreign exchange control restrictions on the payment of dividends on our ordinary shares or on the conduct of our operations. Jersey is in a monetary union with the United Kingdom. There are currently no limitations under Jersey law or our Articles of Association prohibiting persons who are not residents or nationals of United Kingdom from freely holding, voting or transferring our ordinary shares in the same manner as United Kingdom residents or nationals.

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### **TAXATION**

Material Jersey Tax Consequences

#### General

The following summary of the anticipated tax treatment in Jersey in relation to the payments on the ordinary shares and ADSs is based on the taxation law and practice in force at the date of this Annual Report, and does not constitute legal or tax advice and prospective investors should be aware that the relevant fiscal rules and practice and their interpretation may change. We encourage you to consult your own professional advisers on the implications of subscribing or, buying, holding, selling, redeeming or disposing of ordinary shares or ADSs and the receipt of interest and distributions, whether or not on a winding-up, with respect to the ordinary shares or ADSs under the laws of the jurisdictions in which they may be taxed.

We are an "exempt company" within the meaning of Article 123A of the Income Tax (Jersey) Law, 1961, as amended, for the calendar year ending December 31, 2007. We are required to pay an annual exempt company charge, which is currently (pounds sterling) 600, in respect of each subsequent calendar year during which we wish to continue to have "exempt company" status. The retention of "exempt company" status is conditional upon the Controller of Income Tax being satisfied that no Jersey resident has a beneficial interest in us, except as permitted by published concessions granted by the Controller from time to time. By concession, the holding of ordinary shares or ADSs by a Jersey resident in an exempt company, the shares of which are traded on a recognized stock exchange, is not regarded as a beneficial interest, provided that the holding is de minimis or clearance has been obtained from the Controller.

The Controller of Income Tax has indicated that a holding by Jersey residents of less than 10% of the share capital of a company shall be treated as de minimis.

As an "exempt company", we will not be liable for Jersey income tax other than on Jersey source income, except by concession bank deposit interest on Jersey bank accounts. For so long as we are an "exempt company", payments in respect of the ordinary shares and ADSs will not be subject to any taxation in Jersey, unless the shareholder is resident in Jersey, and no withholding in respect of taxation will be required on those payments to any holder of the ordinary shares or ADSs.

Currently, there is no double tax treaty or similar convention between the US and Jersey.

### Taxation of Dividends

Dividends are declared and paid gross in US dollars. Under existing Jersey law, provided that the ordinary shares and ADSs are not held by, or for the account of, persons resident in Jersey for income tax purposes, payments in respect of the ordinary shares and ADSs, whether by dividend or other distribution, will not be subject to any taxation in Jersey and no withholding in respect of taxation will be required on those payments to any holder of our ordinary shares or ADSs.

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Taxation of Capital Gains and Estate and Gift Tax

Under current Jersey law, there are no death or estate duties, capital gains, gift, wealth, inheritance or capital transfer taxes. No stamp duty is levied in Jersey on the issue or transfer of ordinary shares or ADSs. In the event of the death of an individual sole shareholder, duty at rates of up to 0.75% of the value of the ordinary shares or ADSs held may be payable on the registration of Jersey probate or letters of administration which may be required in order to transfer or otherwise deal with ordinary shares or ADSs held by the deceased individual sole shareholder.

Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following summary describes the material US Federal income tax consequences to US holders (as defined below) arising from the purchase, ownership and disposition of our ordinary shares or ADSs. This summary is based on the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code, final, temporary and proposed US Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Code, and administrative and judicial interpretations of the Code and the US Treasury Regulations, all as in effect as of the date of this summary, and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect.

This summary has no binding effect or official status of any kind; we cannot assure holders that the conclusions reached below would be sustained by a court if challenged by the Internal Revenue Service.

For purposes of this discussion, a "US holder" is a holder of our ordinary shares or ADSs that is a beneficial owner of such shares or ADSs and is:

a US citizen:

• an

individual resident in the United States for US Federal income tax purposes;

• a domestic

corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation, organized under the laws of the United States or of any US state or the District of Columbia;

• an estate the income

of which is includible in its gross income for US Federal income tax purposes without regard to its source; or

a trust, if

either: a US court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more US persons have the authority to control all the substantial decisions of the trust, or the trust has a valid election in effect under applicable US Treasury regulations to be treated as a US person.

This summary does not deal with all aspects of US Federal income taxation that may be relevant to particular US holders in light of their particular circumstances, or to US holders subject to special rules, including, without limitation:

some

retirement plans;

insurance

companies;

• US holders of ordinary shares or ADSs held as part of a "straddle," "synthetic security," "hedge," "conversion transaction other integrated investment;

• persons that enter into ''constructive sales'' involving our ordinary shares or ADSs or substantially identical property with other investments;

• US holders whose functional currency is not the US Dollar;

• some expatriates or former long-term residents of the United States;

• financial institutions;

• broker-dealers;
• tax-exempt organizations;

• US holders who own, directly, indirectly or through attribution, 10% or more of our outstanding voting stock;

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the alternative minimum tax;

• Persons subject to

investment companies;

• Regulated

Person who

who elect to apply a mark-to-market method of accounting; and

• Traders in securities

acquired their shares or ADSs pursuant to the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation.

In addition, this summary does not address the effect of any applicable US state, local or non-US tax laws, does not consider the tax treatment of persons who own our ordinary shares or ADSs through a partnership or other pass-through entity, and deals only with ordinary shares or ADSs held by US holders as "capital assets" as defined in Section 1221 of the Code. If a partnership (including for this purpose, any entity treated as a partnership for US Federal income tax purposes) holds shares or ADSs, the tax, treatment of a partner generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If a US holder is a partner in a partnership that holds shares or ADSs, the holder is urged to consult its own tax advisor regarding the specific tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of the shares or ADSs.

We encourage US holders of our ordinary shares or ADSs to consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the US Federal, state and local tax consequences, as well as the tax consequences in other jurisdictions, of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our ordinary shares or ADSs applicable in their particular tax situations.

Ownership of Ordinary Shares or ADSs

For purposes of the Code, US holders of ADSs will be treated for US Federal income tax purposes as the owner of the ordinary shares represented by those ADSs. Exchanges of ordinary shares for ADSs and ADSs for ordinary shares generally will not be subject to US Federal income tax.

For US Federal income tax purposes, distributions with respect to our ordinary shares or ADSs, other than distributions in liquidation and distributions in redemption of stock that are treated as exchanges, will be taxed to US holders as ordinary dividend income to the extent that the distributions do not exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits as determined for federal income tax purposes.

Distributions, if any, in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits will constitute a non-taxable return of capital and will be applied against and reduce the holder's basis in our ordinary shares or ADSs. To the extent that these distributions exceed the US holder's tax basis in our ordinary shares or ADSs, as applicable, the excess generally will be treated as capital gain, subject to the discussion below under the heading "Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules".

Dividend income derived with respect to our ordinary shares or ADSs will constitute "portfolio income" for purposes of the limitation on the use of passive activity losses and, therefore, generally may not be offset by passive activity losses, and as "investment income" for purposes of the limitation on the deduction of investment interest expense. Such dividends will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction generally allowed to a US corporation under Section 243 of the Code.

Individual US holders are eligible for reduced rates of US Federal income tax (currently a maximum of 15%) in respect of "qualified dividend income" received in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002 and beginning before January 1, 2011. For this purpose, qualified dividend income generally includes dividends paid by non-US

corporations if, among other things, certain minimum holding periods are met and either (i) the ordinary shares (or ADSs) with respect to which the dividend has been paid are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States, or (ii) the non-US corporation is eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive US income tax treaty which provides for the exchange of information. We currently believe that dividends paid with respect to our ordinary shares and ADSs will constitute qualified dividend income for US federal income tax purposes, provided the individual US holders of our shares and ADSs meet certain requirements. However, if we are a passive foreign investment company, as discussed below under the heading

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"Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules", in the taxable year of the distribution or the preceding tax year, the dividends paid with respect to our ADSs will not constitute qualified dividend income. US holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the classification of any distributions from us as qualified dividend income.

Sale or Other Disposition of Ordinary Shares or ADSs

If a US holder sells or otherwise disposes of its ordinary shares or ADSs in a taxable transaction, it will generally recognize gain or loss for US Federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale or other taxable disposition and its tax basis in the ordinary shares or ADSs. Subject to the discussion below under "Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules," that gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the US holder has held the ordinary shares or ADSs for more than one year at the time of the sale or other taxable disposition. In general, any gain that US holders recognize on the sale or other taxable disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs will be US source income for purposes of the foreign tax credit limitation and any losses recognized will generally be allocated against US source income. Deduction of capital losses is subject to limitations under the Code.

### Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules

A special and adverse set of US Federal income tax rules apply to a US holder that holds stock in a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC. In general, we will be a PFIC if 75% or more of our gross income in a taxable year is passive income. Alternatively, we will be considered to be a PFIC if at least 50% of our assets in a taxable year, averaged over the year and determined based on fair market value, are held for the production of, or produce, passive income.

We believe that we currently are not a PFIC and do not expect to become a PFIC in the near future. There is significant uncertainty in the application of the PFIC rules to mining enterprises such as ourselves as a result of the interplay of several sets of tax rules. In addition, because the tests for determining PFIC status are applied as of the end of each taxable year and are dependent upon a number of factors, some of which are beyond our control, including the value of our assets, based on the market price of our ordinary shares, and the amount and type of our gross income, we cannot assure you that we will not become a PFIC in the future or that the US Internal Revenue Service will agree with our conclusion regarding our current PFIC status.

If we are a PFIC for US Federal income tax purposes for any year during a US holder's holding period of our ADSs or ordinary shares and the US holder does not make a QEF Election or a "mark-to-market" election, both as described below:

• any gain

recognized by a US holder upon the sale of ADSs or ordinary shares, or the receipt of some types of distributions, would be treated as ordinary income;

• this income

generally would be allocated ratably over a US holder's holding period with respect to our ADSs or ordinary shares; and

• the amount allocated to prior years, with certain exceptions, will be subject to tax at the highest tax rate in effect for those years and an interest charge would be imposed on the amount of deferred tax on the income allocated to the prior

taxable years.

Although we generally will be treated as a PFIC as to any US holder if we are a PFIC for any year during a US holder's holding period, if we cease to satisfy the requirements for PFIC classification, the US holder may avoid PFIC classification for subsequent years if he, she or it elects to recognize gain based on the unrealized appreciation in the ADSs or ordinary shares through the close of the tax year in which we cease to be a PFIC. Additionally, if we are a PFIC, a US holder who acquires ADSs or ordinary shares from a decedent would be denied the normally available step-up in tax basis for our ADSs or ordinary shares to fair market value at the date of death and instead would have a tax basis equal to the lower of the fair market value or the decedent's tax basis.

A US holder who beneficially owns stock in a PFIC must file Form 8621 (Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund) with the Internal

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Revenue Service for each tax year such US holder holds stock in a PFIC. This form describes any distributions received with respect to such stock and any gain realized upon the disposition of such stock.

For any tax year in which we are determined to be a PFIC, a US holder may make a QEF Election, which is an election to treat his, her or its ADSs or ordinary shares as an interest in a qualified electing fund. If a US holder makes a QEF Election, the US holder would be required to include in income currently his, her or its proportionate share of our earnings and profits in years in which we are a PFIC regardless of whether distributions of these earnings and profits are actually distributed to that US holder and be required to comply with specified information reporting requirements. Any gain subsequently recognized upon the sale by that US holder of his, her or its ADSs or ordinary shares generally would be taxed as capital gain and the denial of the basis step-up at death described above would not apply. In order for a US holder to be able to make a QEF Election, however, we would be required to provide such US holder with certain information. We do not expect to provide US holders with the required information; and accordingly a QEF Election will not be available.

As an alternative to a QEF Election, a US holder generally may be able to avoid the imposition of the special tax and interest charge described above by electing to mark his, her or its ADSs or ordinary shares to market annually, and, therefore, recognize for each taxable year, subject to certain limitations, ordinary income or loss equal to the difference, as of the close of taxable year, between the fair market value of his, her or its ADSs or ordinary shares and the adjusted tax basis of his or its ADSs or ordinary shares. Losses would be allowed only to the extent of the net mark-to-market gain previously included by the US holder under the election in prior taxable years. If a mark-to-market election with respect to ADSs or ordinary shares is in effect on the date of a US holder's death, the tax basis of the ADSs or ordinary shares in the hands of a US holder who acquired them from a decedent will be the lesser of the decedent's tax basis or the fair market value of the ADSs or ordinary shares.

Rules relating to a PFIC are very complex. US holders are encouraged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of PFIC rules to their investments in our ADSs or our ordinary shares.

Backup Withholding and Information Reporting

Payments to US holders in respect of our ordinary shares or ADSs may be subject to information reporting to the US Internal Revenue Service and to backup withholding tax, currently imposed at a rate of 28%.

However, backup withholding and information reporting will not apply to a US holder that is a corporation or comes within an exempt category, and demonstrates the fact when so required, or furnishes a correct taxpayer identification number and makes any other required certification.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against a US holder's US Federal income tax liability, provided that the required procedures are followed.

**United Kingdom Tax Considerations** 

### Dividends

A person having an interest in ADSs or ordinary shares who is not a resident in the U.K. will not be subject to tax in the UK on dividends paid on our ordinary shares, unless that person carries on business in the UK through a branch or agency, to which the ordinary shares or ADSs in question are attributable.

A person having an interest in ADSs or ordinary shares who is resident in the UK will, in general, be subject to U.K. income tax or corporation tax on dividends paid by us. No such liability

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will arise for individual persons having an interest in ADSs or ordinary shares who, though U.K. resident, are not domiciled in the U.K., or for Commonwealth citizens or citizens of the Republic of Ireland who are not ordinarily resident in the U.K., except to the extent that amounts are remitted or deemed to be remitted to the U.K.

No credit will be available against the U.K. tax liability of a person having an interest in ADSs or ordinary shares on dividends received from us for underlying taxes suffered or paid by us on our own income, except in the case of a company owning directly or indirectly not less than 10% of our voting power. As we are a Jersey exempt company, no withholding taxes will be payable on dividends.

### **Capital Gains**

A person having an interest in ADSs or ordinary shares who is neither resident nor ordinarily resident in the U.K. will generally not be subject to tax in the UK on capital gains on a disposal of our ordinary shares or interests in the ADSs.

However, individuals who left the U.K. after March 17, 1998 and who were resident in the U.K. for four out of seven years prior to departure, and who return to the U.K. within five years of departure will be subject to U.K. capital gains tax on any gains realized during the period of absence.

Persons having an interest in ADSs or ordinary shares who are resident and/or ordinarily resident in the U.K. or who hold their ordinary shares or interests in ADSs through a U.K. trading branch or agency will, in general, be subject to U.K. taxation on capital gains on a disposal of ordinary shares or interests in ADSs. However, persons having an interest in ADSs or ordinary shares who are individuals and who are resident and/or ordinarily resident in the U.K. but who are not domiciled in the U.K. will not be subject to U.K. taxation on capital gains arising on a disposal of ordinary shares or interest in ADSs unless they remit to the U.K., or are deemed to have remitted to the U.K., the proceeds of the disposal.

### Inheritance Tax

Liability to U.K. inheritance tax may arise on the death of a person having an interest in ADSs or ordinary shares, or on a gift (or disposal at an undervalue) of ordinary shares or ADSs by a person, who is domiciled, or deemed to be domiciled, in the U.K.

Where ordinary shares or interests in ADSs are held by a person who is neither domiciled nor deemed to be domiciled in the U.K., no liability to U.K. inheritance tax will arise in respect of them.

Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax

No U.K. stamp duty should be payable on any transfer of an ADS, provided it is executed and retained outside the U.K. Therefore, a transfer of an ADS in the United States between non-residents of the U.K. would not ordinarily give rise to a U.K. stamp duty charge.

An instrument transferring an ADS could attract U.K. stamp duty if it relates to anything done or to be done in the U.K.; for example, if it is executed in the U.K. or to be brought into the U.K. after execution. If the transfer is on a sale then the rate of stamp duty will be 0.5% of the consideration given. This charge is rounded up to the nearest (pounds sterling) 5. Gifts and other transfers which are neither sale nor made in contemplation of a sale do not attract this charge. Instead they will either be exempt or attract a fixed duty of (pounds sterling) 5 per transfer.

A transfer from The Bank of New York Mellon to an ADS holder of the underlying ordinary shares may be subject to a fixed stamp duty of (pounds sterling) 5 if the instrument of transfer relates to anything done or to be done in the U.K.; for example, if it is executed in the U.K. or is to be brought into the U.K. after execution. A transfer of ordinary shares from The Bank of New York Mellon directly to a purchaser on behalf of an ADS holder may attract stamp duty at a rate of 0.5% of the consideration, rounded up to the nearest (pounds sterling) 5 U.K. stamp duty reserve tax will not be payable on an agreement to transfer ADSs.

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### **DIVIDENDS AND PAYING AGENTS**

Not applicable.

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### STATEMENTS BY EXPERTS

Not applicable.

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### **DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY**

You may request a copy of our US Securities and Exchange Commission Filing, at no cost, by writing or calling us at Randgold Resources Limited, La Motte Chambers, St. Helier, Jersey, JEI 1BJ, Channel Islands. Attention:

D. J. Haddon, Telephone: (011 44) 1534-735-333. A copy of each report submitted in accordance with applicable United States law is available for public review at our principal executive offices at La Motte Chambers, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands.

A copy of each document (or a translation thereof to the extent not in English) concerning us that is referred to in this Annual Report, is available for public view at our principal executive offices at La Motte Chambers, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands. Attention: D. J. Haddon, Telephone: (011 44) 1534-735-333.

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### SUBSIDIARY INFORMATION

Not applicable.

Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

## Hedge Policy

Although, in general, it is not our policy to hedge our gold sales, we believe it is prudent to hedge during times of significant capital expansion and debt and we are sometimes required to do so under debt financing arrangements. The market price of gold has a significant effect on our results of operations, our ability to pay dividends and undertake capital expenditures, and the market price of our ordinary shares. Gold prices have historically fluctuated widely and are affected by numerous industry factors over which we have no control. The aggregate effect of these factors is impossible for us to predict.

We use hedging instruments to protect the selling price of some of our anticipated gold production. These hedging instruments have been required by the terms of our Morila and Loulo loans.

The Morila hedge book was closed out in 2004.

The Loulo loan was entered into in 2004 with a consortium of financial lenders, namely, Rothschild, SG Corporate and Investment Bank, ABSA Bank and HVB Group, and had as a requirement that some hedging be put in place. The intended effect of the hedging transactions was to lock in a fixed sale price for some of our future gold production, and reduce the adverse impact of a future fall in gold prices.

Somilo's hedging is administered by our finance department which acts upon the recommendations of a hedging committee within the guidelines of a policy set by our board. The hedging was entered into in terms of a requirement of the Loulo Loan. The Loulo loan and our hedging arrangements were with a consortium of financial lenders: Rothschild, SG Corporate and Investment Bank, ABSA Bank and HVB Group. The Loulo Loan has in early

May 2007 been replaced by a Revolving Credit Facility.

The consortium of financial lenders in the Revolving Credit Facility are Rothschild, SG Corporate and Investment Bank, Barclays Bank and Fortis Bank. The Revolving Credit Facility does not require any minimum hedging levels, but all hedging contracts are assigned to the consortium of financial lenders as well as those banks we have hedging arrangements with as part of a security package.

All of Somilo's derivative transactions previously had to be in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Loulo loan agreement. That agreement placed a limit on derivative transactions of 70% of Loulo's forecast production for a given year. In terms of the Revolving Credit Facility Agreement, derivative transactions in the group are limited to 75% of group production.

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Our board agreed as part of the financing arrangements for the development of Loulo that some gold price protection be secured. At December 31, 2007, 207,240 ounces remained, sold forward at an average forward price of \$446 per ounce. At December 31, 2006, 298,075 ounces had been sold forward at an average price of \$436 per ounce.

These derivatives are accounted for in accordance with International Accounting Standard 39, "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement". Under IAS 39, all these derivatives are recognized on the balance sheet at their fair value.

On the date a derivative contract is entered into, we designate the derivative for accounting purposes as either a hedge of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or a firm commitment (fair value hedge) or a hedge of a forecasted transaction (cash flow hedge). The derivatives held as at December 31, 2007 were all being accounted for as cash flow hedges.

We formally document all relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as our risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. This process includes linking derivatives designed as hedges to specific assets and liabilities or to specific firm commitments or forecasted transactions. We formally assess, both at the hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

## Foreign Currency Sensitivity

In the normal course of business, we enter into transactions denominated in foreign currencies, primarily Euro and Communauté Financière Africaine francs. We do not currently hedge our exposure to foreign currency exchange rates. We recognized net foreign exchange profits of \$1.3 million and \$1.3 million respectively for the years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006. Exchange rate movements also affect the US dollar value of costs denominated in other currencies.

We had foreign currency denominated loans of Euro 2.2 million outstanding at December 31, 2007. Had the US dollar been 10% weaker against the Euro at that day, a \$0.3 million exchange loss would have resulted. We had foreign currency cash and cash equivalents of Euro 17.7 million and £2.6 million at December 31, 2007. A 10% negative movement of the value of the US dollar against these currencies would have resulted in a \$3.1 million exchange profit at this date.

At December 31, 2006 we had foreign currency denominated loans of Euro 3.9 million outstanding. A 10% reduction in the value of the US dollar against the Euro at that day would have resulted in a \$0.5 million exchange loss. We had foreign currency cash and cash equivalents of Euro 6.9 million and £0.6 million at 31 December 2006. A 10% negative movement of the value of the US dollar against these currencies at that date would have resulted in a \$1 million exchange profit.

### Commodity Price Sensitivity

The market price of gold has a significant effect on our results of operations, our ability to pay dividends and undertake capital expenditures and the market prices of our ordinary shares.

Gold prices have historically fluctuated widely and are affected by numerous industry factors over which we have no control. The aggregate effect of these factors is not possible for us to predict.

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Details of the derivative financial instruments at December 31, 2007 are:

Hedging instruments Maturity Dates Forward Sales of Gold Ounces \$/oz Loulo (100%)

December 31, 2008 80,496 429 December 31, 2009 84,996 435 December 31, 20010 41,748 500 207,240 446

And at December 31, 2006:

Hedging instruments Maturity Dates Forward Sales of Gold Ounces \$/oz Loulo (100%)

December 31, 2007 132,583 438 December 31, 2008 80,498 431 December 31, 2009 84,994 437 298,075 436

The forward price of gold is sensitive to fluctuations in the gold spot price, interest rates and the gold lease rate. The following table sets forth a sensitivity analysis of the mark-to-market valuations of our hedges as at December 31, 2007:

Sensitivity to Change in Gold Price at December 31, 2007 Loulo (100%):

Change in \$ gold price \$20 \$10 \$5 \$2 (\$2) (\$5) (\$10) (\$20) Mark-to-market valuation\*

(\$ millions) -89.6 -87.6 -86.6 -86.0 -85.2 -84.6 -83.6 -81.7

Sensitivity to Change in Weighted Average \$ Interest Rate at December 31, 2007 Loulo (100%): Change in rate 1 % 0.5 % 0.2 % (0.2%)(0.5%)(1%)Mark-to-market valuation\* (\$ millions) -87.6-86.6-85.2-84.6-86.0-83.6

Sensitivity to Change in Gold Lease Rate at December 31, 2007 Loulo (100%): 1 % 0.5 % 0.2 % (0.5%)Change in rate (0.2%)(1%)Mark-to-market valuation\* (\$ millions) -83.9-84.8-85.3-86.0-86.5-87.3

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actual mark-to-market valuation at December 31, 2007 was negative \$85.6 million.

During 2004 a hedging program totaling 365,000 ounces was put in place in terms of a requirement of the Loulo loan. We have used four counterparties for our current hedge book. These counterparties are international banks which have not failed to perform as required under our hedging arrangements.

During January 2006, 10,000 ounces previously sold in even amounts over the period January 2006 to June 2006 at \$430 per ounce were rolled forward into the period January 2009 to June 2009, with a new forward price of \$489 per ounce. In the same month, 6,667 ounces from the January 2006 forward sales, previously priced at \$430 per ounce,

were rolled forward into May and June 2006 at a price of \$437 per ounce. In February 2006, we moved 20,000 ounces previously sold

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forward over the period February 2006 to April 2006 at a price of \$430 per ounce, into the period June 2006 to December 2006 at a price of \$441 per ounce.

In August 2006, 5,999 ounces previously sold forward at \$425.91 were rolled out in equal quantities into January 2007 and April 2007 at prices of \$431.81 and \$434.06, respectively.

In December 2006, we moved 10,580 ounces previously sold forward at \$435.33 in equal quantities into February and March 2007 at new forward prices of \$437.90 and \$438.18, respectively.

During the first quarter of 2007, 10,752 ounces previously sold forward at \$444.81, were rolled out to the second and third quarters of 2007, 3,583 ounces at \$454.51 into the second quarter and 7,168 ounces at \$456.09 into the third quarter.

The Revolving Credit Facility replaced the Loulo Loan in May 2007. As the HVB Group, which previously participated in the Loulo Loan, is not a lender in the Revolving Credit Facility, the 40,248 ounces of the remaining 2007, 2008 and 2009 hedged ounces which pertained to the HVB Group was novated to other counterparties in May 2007. The 11,748 ounces at an average forward price of \$436.69 per ounce due for delivery in 2007, were novated and subsequently rolled forward to 2010 at \$472 per ounce. The new price is net of any novation charges. The 28,500 ounces at a previous average forward price of \$429.95 due for delivery in 2008 and 2009 were novated at \$418.58, the lower price being the result of novation charges pertaining to these ounces. Also in May 2007, 30,000 ounces previously sold forward in 2007 at an average price of \$447.29 per ounce, were rolled into 2010 at a new average forward price of \$511.28 per ounce.

Details of the derivative financial instruments at May 31, 2008 are:

### Hedging instruments

Forward Sales of Gold Maturity Dates Ounces \$/oz Loulo (100%) December 31, 2008 51,331 429 December 31, 2009 84,996 435 December 31, 2010 41,748 500 178,075 449 The accounting effects of our hedging activities are as follows:

The total fair value of the above financial instruments as at December 31, 2007 was a loss of \$85.5 million (December 31, 2005: loss of \$67.5 million).

During the year ended December 31, 2005, we sold 322,915 ounces of gold at an average price of \$469 per ounce. At the average spot gold price for the year of approximately \$444 per ounce, product sales would have amounted to approximately \$143.4 million for the year, a decrease of approximately \$8.1 million in sales.

During the year ended December 31, 2006, we sold 448,242 ounces of gold at an average price of \$576 per ounce. At the average spot gold price for the year of approximately \$604 per ounce, product sales would have amounted to approximately \$270.70 million for the year, an increase of approximately \$12.4 million in sales.

During the year ended December 31, 2007, we sold 444,573 ounces of gold at an average price of \$636 per ounce. At the average spot gold price for the year of approximately \$695 per ounce, product sales would have amounted to approximately \$309 million for the year, an increase of approximately \$26.2 million in sales.

# Interest Rate Sensitivity

We generally do not undertake any specific actions to cover our exposure to interest rate risk and at December 31, 2007 were not party to any interest rate risk management transactions.

At December 31, 2006 the fair value of our borrowings, including the short-term portion of these liabilities, excluding loans from outside shareholders in subsidiaries, was estimated at \$50.5 million.

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The aggregate hypothetical loss in earnings on an annual basis from a hypothetical increase of 10% of the three month LIBOR rate is estimated to be \$0.3 million.

At December 31, 2007 the fair value of our borrowings, including the short-term portion of these liabilities, excluding loans from outside shareholders in subsidiaries, was estimated at \$6.4 million. The aggregate hypothetical loss in earnings on an annual basis from a hypothetical increase of 10% of the three month LIBOR rate is negligible.

As our net earnings exposure with respect of debt instruments was mostly to the one month LIBOR, the hypothetical loss was modeled by calculating the 10% adverse change in one month LIBOR multiplied by the fair value of the respective debt instrument.

Item 12. Description of Securities Other Than Equity Securities

Not applicable.

### **PART II**

Item 13. Defaults, Dividend Arrearages and Delinquencies

There have been no material defaults in the payment of principal, interest, a sinking fund or purchase fund installment or any other material default with respect to any of our indebtedness.

Item 14. Material Modification to the Rights of Security Holders and Use of Proceeds

Effective on June 11, 2004, we undertook a subdivision of our ordinary shares, which increased our issued share capital from 29,273,685 to 58,547,370 ordinary shares. In connection with this "share split", our ordinary shareholders of record on June 11, 2004 received two additional \$0.05 ordinary shares for every one \$0.10 ordinary share they held. Following the share split, each shareholder held the same percentage interest in us, however, the trading price of each share was adjusted to reflect the share split. ADS holders were affected the same way as shareholders and the ADS ratio remains one ADS to one ordinary share.

### Item 15. Controls and Procedures

- (a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures: Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on such evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures, including controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Act, is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timeous decisions regarding required disclosure, are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the required time periods.
- (b) Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 defines internal control over financial reporting in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) as a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers and effected by the company's board of directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and includes those policies and procedures that:

• Pertain to

the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company;

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• Provide reasonable

assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and

• Provide reasonable

assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007. In making this assessment, our management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in Internal Control-Integrated Framework.

Based upon its assessment, our management concluded that, as of December 31, 2007, our internal control over financial reporting is effective based upon those criteria.

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm that audited the consolidated financial statements included in this annual report on Form 20-F, has issued an attestation report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007.

- (c) See report of BDO Stoy Hayward LLP, an Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm included under "Item 18 Financial Statements", on page F-1.
- (d) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting: There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2007 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 16. Reserved

Item 16A. Audit Committee Financial Expert

Our board has determined that Bernard Asher is an ''audit committee financial expert'' as defined in Item 16A of Form 20-F. Mr. Asher and each of the other members of the audit committee (being Dr. Voltaire and Dr. Paverd) are independent directors.

Item 16B. Code of Ethics

Our board has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the Chief Executive Officer, Financial Director and all financial officers. This code of ethics is posted on our website, www.randgoldresources.com.

Item 16C. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

BDO Stoy Hayward has served as our independent registered public accounting firm for the financial year ended December 31, 2007. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP served as our independent registered public accounting firm for the

financial years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, for which audited financial statements appear in this Annual Report on Form 20-F.

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The following table presents the aggregate fees for professional services and other services rendered by our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm to us in 2007 and 2006.

2007

\$ 2006

 $\$  (in millions) Audit Fees(1)  $\$  0.7  $\$  0.74 Audit-related Fees(2)  $\$  — Tax Fees — All Other Fees — Total  $\$  0.7  $\$  0.7

(1) The Audit Fees consist of fees billed for the annual audit services engagement and other audit services, which are those services that only the external auditor reasonably can provide, and include our audit and statutory audits. (2) Audit-related fees include fees billed relating to comfort letters and consents; attest services; and assistance with and review of documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

Below is a summary of the Audit committee's pre-approved policies and procedures:

The Audit Committee comprises only independent non-executive directors and its mandate covers the sphere of duties relating to accounting policies, internal control, financial reporting practices, identification of exposure to significant risks and all corporate governance issues.

The Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment, removal and oversight of the activities of the external auditors. In addition the Audit Committee sets the principles for recommending the use of external auditors for non-audit services. The Audit Committee approves all external consulting services and other charges levied by the external auditors.

The Audit Committee met 6 times during 2007. At some of these meetings the committee met with the external audit partner and the finance director, to review the audit plans of the external auditors, to ascertain the extent to which the scope of the audit can be relied upon to detect weaknesses in internal controls and to review the quarterly and half-yearly financial results, the preliminary announcement of the annual results and the annual financial statements, as well as all statutory submissions of a financial nature, prior to approval by the board.

During 2007, all Audit-related Fees provided to us by BDO Stoy Hayward LLP were approved by the Audit Committee pursuant to the de minimis exception to the pre-approval requirement provided by paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

No work was performed by persons other than BDO Stoy Hayward's full-time, permanent employees on the BDO Stoy Hayward's' engagement to audit our financial statements for 2007.

During 2007, the audit committee has overseen work undertaken to ensure compliance with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act.

Item 16D. Exemptions from the Listing Standards for Audit Committees

Not Applicable.

Item 16E. Purchase of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers

Neither the issuer nor any affiliate of the issuer purchased any of our shares during 2007.

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**PART III** 

Item 17. Financial Statements

Not Applicable.

Item 18. Financial Statements

Reference is made to the financial statements, pages F-1 to F-72, and the financial statement schedule, pages S-1 to S-3.

Item 19. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Annual Report:

Exhibit No.

Exhibit 1.1\* Memorandum of Association of Randgold Resources Limited, as amended. 1.2\* Articles of Association of Randgold Resources Limited, as amended. 2.1 Memorandum of Association of Randgold Resources Limited, as amended (see Exhibit 1.1), 2.2+++ Form of Deposit Agreement, dated as of July 1, 1997, as amended and restated as of June 26, 2002 and further amended and restated as of July, 2002 among Randgold Resources Limited, The Bank of New York, Depositary, and owners and holders from time to time of American Depositary receipts issued thereunder. 2.3+++ Form of American Depositary Receipt. 2.4\* Excerpts of relevant provisions of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991. 2.5\* Shareholder's Agreement (English translation), dated June 23, 2000, between the Government of Mali and Morila Limited. 4.1\* Deed Governing the Relationship Between the Parties Upon Admission between Randgold & Exploration Company Limited and Randgold Resources Limited, dated June 26, 1997 (Relationship Agreement). 4.2\* License Agreement, dated June 26, 1997, between Randgold & Exploration Company Limited and Randgold Resources Limited. 4.3\* Agreement, dated December 21, 1999, between Société des Mines de Morila SA, Randgold Resources Limited and Morila Limited (loan from Randgold Resources Limited to Morila Limited), 4.4\* Sale of Shares Agreement, dated May 29, 2000, between AngloGold Limited, Randgold Resources Limited and Randgold Resources (Morila) Limited. 4.5\* Venture Agreement, dated May 29, 2000, between AngloGold Limited and Randgold Resources Limited. 4.6\* Operator Agreement, dated May 29, 2000, between Société des Mines de Morila SA and AngloGold Services Mali SA. 4.7\* Cession of Shareholder's Loan – Memorandum of Agreement, dated July 3, 2000, between Randgold Resources Limited and AngloGold Morila Holdings Limited. 4.8\* Deferred Terms Agreement by and between Société des Mines de Morila SA and Rolls-Royce Power Ventures Limited, dated December, 1999. 94

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Deed of Guarantee, dated August 25, 2000, between Randgold Resources Limited, Randgold & Exploration Company Limited and SYPPS. 4.10\* Deferred Terms Agreement by and between Société des Mines de Morila SA and Rolls-Royce Power Ventures Limited, dated December 9, 1999. 4.11\* Deed of Guarantee given under the Morila Deferred Terms Agreement, dated March 3, 2000, between Randgold Resources Limited, Randgold & Exploration Company Limited and Mopps. 4.12\* Morila Exploitation Permit (English translation). 4.13\* Transfer of Morila Exploitation Permit from Randgold Resources Limited to Morila SA. 4.14+ Metals Option and Loan Confirmation, dated August 30, 2002, between Randgold Resources Limited and NM Rothschild & Sons Limited. 4.15+ Third Contract of Employment between Randgold Resources Limited and Services Agreement between Randgold & Exploration Company Limited and Roger Ainsley Ralph Kebble. 4.16+ Randgold Resources Limited, dated February 2, 2003. 4.17++ Shareholder Loan Agreement dated August 1, 2004, between Randgold Resources Limited and Randgold Resources (Somilo) Limited. 4.18++ Termination Agreement, dated November 9, 2004, between Randgold Resources Limited and Mr. R.A.R.Kebble. 4.19++ of Assignment, dated December 20, 2004, between Randgold Resources Limited and Société des Mines de Loulo S.A. International Swap Dealers Association Inc. Master Agreement, dated December 21, 2004, between Randgold Resources Limited and Absa Bank Limited. 4.21++ Amendment to Shareholders' Loan Agreement, between Randgold Resources Limited and Randgold Resources (Somilo) Limited. 4.22# Fifth Contract of Employment, dated January 31, 2005, between Randgold Resources Limited and Dennis Mark Bristow. 4.23§ Mining Contract Agreement, dated February 15, 2005, between Société des Mine de Loulo S.A and BCM Mali S.A. 4 Third Contract of Employment, dated April 20, 2006, between Randgold Resources Limited and Roger A. Williams. 4.25# International Swap Dealers Association Inc. Master Agreement and Schedule thereto, dated April 23, 2007, between Fortis Bank NV/SA Limited and Randgold Resources Limited. 4 .26# International Swap Dealers Association Inc. Novation Agreement, dated April 23, 2007, between Randgold Resources Limited, Société Générale and Fortis Bank NV/SA. 4.27# Revolving Credit Facility Agreement, dated May 1, 2007, among Randgold Resources (Somilo) Limited, Randgold Resources Limited, various Banks and Other Financial Institutions and NM Rothschild & Sons Limited. 95

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Exhibit 4.28# Charge Over Shares, dated May 8, 2007, between Randgold Resources Limited and NM Rothschild & Sons Limited. 4.29# Charge Over Shares, dated May 8, 2007, between Mining Investments (Jersey) Limited and NM Rothschild & Sons Limited. 4.30# Deed of Guarantee and Indemnity, dated May 8, 2007, between Randgold Resources Limited and NM Rothschild & Sons Limited. 4.31# Deed of Guarantee and Indemnity, dated May 8, 2007, between Société des Mines de Loulo S.A. and NM Rothschild & Sons Limited. 4.32# Deed of Assignment, dated May 8, 2007, between Randgold Resources Limited and NM Rothschild & Sons Limited. 4.33# Registered Share Pledge Agreement, dated May 9, 2007, between Randgold Resources (Somilo) Limited and NM Rothschild & Sons Limited. 4.34## Joint Venture Agreement, dated April 4, 2008, between New Mining CI and Randgold Resources (Côte d'Ivoire) Limited. 4.35\*\* Addendum to the Joint Venture Agreement, dated April 4, 2008, between New Mining CI and Randgold Resources (Côte d'Ivoire) Limited. 4.36\*\* Employment Contract, dated April 28, 2008, between Randgold Resources Limited and Dennis Mark Bristow. 4.37\*\* First Contract of Employment, dated April 28, 2007, between Randgold Resources Limited and Graham P. Shuttleworth. 4.38\*\* Addendum to the Joint Venture Agreement, dated April 22, 2008, between AngloGold Ashanti Limited and Randgold Addendum to the Operatorship Agreement, dated April 22, 2008, between AngloGold Resources Limited. 4.39\*\* Ashanti Limited, AngloGold Services Mali SA, Société des Mine de Morila SA and Mining Investments Jersey Limited. 8.1\*\* List of Subsidiaries. 12.1\*\* Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. 12.2\*\* Certification by Financial Director pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. 13.1\*\* Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. 13 .2\*\* Certification by Financial Director pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. 15.1\*\* Consent of BDO Stoy Hayward LLP. 15.2\*\* Consent of BDO Stoy Hayward LLP. 15.3\*\* Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. 15.4\*\* Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.

Incorporated herein by reference to Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-90972), filed on June 21, 2002.

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## **SIGNATURES**

The registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this Annual Report on its behalf.

## RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED

By: /s/ D. Mark Bristow Name: D. Mark Bristow Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 20, 2008

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#### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors and Shareholders

Randgold Resources Limited

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Randgold Resources Limited as of December 31, 2007 and the related consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of changes in equity and statement of consolidated cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2007. Our audit also included the financial statement schedule included on page S1 of this Form 20-F. We have also audited Randgold Resources Limited's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). Randgold Resources Limited's management is responsible for these financial statements, financial statement schedule, maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying item 15B, 'Controls and Procedures'. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the schedule are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Randgold Resources Limited as of December 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). Also, in our opinion, Randgold Resources Limited maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on the COSO criteria.

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In addition, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

/s/ BDO Stoy Hayward LLP BDO Stoy Hayward LLP London 20 June 2008

#### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Randgold Resources Limited:

In our opinion, the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2006 and the related consolidated statements of operations, cash flows and changes in shareholders' equity for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2006 present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Randgold Resources Limited and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2006 in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit of financial statements includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants London, United Kingdom June 25, 2007

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RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

US\$000 Notes 2007 2006 2005 REVENUE Gold sales on spot 313,421 274,907 151,502 Loss on matured hedges (23,580)(12,190)— Non-cash loss on roll forward of hedges 151,502 OTHER INCOME (7,036)(4,413)— Total revenue 282,805 258,304 Other income 1,303 TOTAL INCOME 967 1,168 283,772 259,472 152,805 **COSTS AND EXPENSES** Mining and processing costs 24 159,403 137,694 67,216 Transport and refining costs 1,595 360 Royalties 16,979 10,273 711 18,307 28,805 5,008 Exploration and corporate expenditure 25 35,920 24,049 Other expenses 3,667 1,470 TOTAL COSTS 220,233 187,856 103,368 Finance income 26 9,167 8,723 2,064 Finance costs 26 (5,805)(6.366)(3,475) Finance income – net 26 3,362 2,357 (1,411) PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX 66,901 73,973 48,026 Income tax expense 4 (170) NET PROFIT 45,628 50,876 47,856 Attributable to: (21,273)(23,097)Equity shareholders 42,041 47,564 45,507 Minority shareholders 3,587 3.312 2,349 47,856 BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE (US\$) 45,628 50,876 5 0.60 0.70 0.74 DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (US\$) 5 0.60 0.69 0.71 The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS AT DECEMBER 31,

| US\$000 Notes 2007 2006 ASSETS   | NON-CURRENT ASSETS                 | Property, plant and  |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| equipment 9 269,896 241,300 Cost 347,422 297,839 Accumulated depreciation and                      |                                    |                      |
| amortization (77,526) (56,539) Deferred taxation 10 2,163 2,993 Long term ore stockpiles           |                                    |                      |
| 8 43,190 41,614 Receivables 7 22,823   | 13,702 TOTAL NON-CURRENT A         | ASSETS 338,072       |
| 299,609 CURRENT ASSETS Inventories and ore stockpiles 8 57,410 34,200                              |                                    |                      |
| Receivables 7 42,104 34,999 Available-for-sale financial assets 11 48,950 — Cash and cash          |                                    |                      |
| equivalents 294,183 143,356 TOTAL CU   |                                    |                      |
| ASSETS 780,719 512,164 EQUITY ANI  | D LIABILITIES SHARE                | CAPITAL AND          |
| RESERVES Share capital US cents each, for both years presented                                     | Authorized: 80 000 000             | ordinary shares of 5 |
| US cents each, for both years presented  | I Issued: 76                       | 5 140 330 ordinary   |
| shares (2006: 68 763 561) 3,809 3,440 Sh   | hare premium 450,814 213,65        | Accumulated profit   |
| 213,567 178,400 Other reserves (69   | 9,391) (59,430) Shareholders' equi | ty 598,799           |
| 336,063 Minority interest 15 8,294 4,707   |                                    |                      |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES Long   |                                    |                      |
| minority shareholders in subsidiaries 15 3,096 2,773 Financial liabilities – forward gold sales 16 |                                    |                      |
| 51,953 39,969 Deferred taxation 10 1,451 462 Provision for environmental rehabilitation 13         |                                    |                      |
| 11,074 8,842 TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES 70,347 77,712 CURRENT LIABILITIES                       |                                    |                      |
| Financial liabilities – forward gold sales 16 33,672 27,525 Accounts payable and accrued           |                                    |                      |
| liabilities 12 63,330 39,461 Taxation payal  | -                                  |                      |
| borrowings 14 3,647 24,818 TOTAL CUR   |                                    | 93,682 TOTAL         |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES 780,719 512,164   |                                    |                      |
| The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.                         |                                    |                      |

RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

Attributable to Equity Shareholders

### US\$000 Number of

```
ordinary
shares Share
capital Share
premium Accumulated
profit Other
reserves Total Minority
interest Total BALANCE AT December 31, 2004 59,226,694
                                                2,961 102,342
                                                               85.329
                                                                       (14.347)
                                                — 45,507
        (954) 175,331 Net income - 45,507
                                                           2,349 47,856 Movement on
176,285
                                      cash flow hedges
(45) — (45) Fair value movement on financial instruments — — — (27,422) (27,422)
(27,422) Total recognized income/(loss) — — 45,507
                                             (27,467) 18,040 2,349
Share-based payments — — — 2,243 2,243 — 2,243 Exercise of employee stock options
             1,838 - 1,869 - 1,869 Shares vested # 103,910 - 6 1,429 - (1,429)
617,260 31
 6 — 6 Capital raising 8,125,000 406 109,281 — 109,687 Costs
associated with capital raising - (6,308) - (6,308) - (6,308) BALANCE AT
                                 208,582 130,836 (41,000)
December 31, 2005 68,072,864
                          3,404
                                                           301,822
                                                                   1.395
                                                                          303,217
Net income ---47.564 - 47.564
                                   3,312
                                           50,876 Movement on cash flow hedges
                Transfer to income statement - - - 17.256
                                                          17,256 — 17,256 Fair
recognized income/(loss) - - 47,564 (19,347)
                                                    3,312
                                                           31,529 Share-based payments
                                            28,217
 _ _ _ _ 2,369
                   2,369 — 2,369 Exercise of employee stock options 633,867
                                                                          3.619
  — 3,653 — 3,653 Shares vested # 56,830 2 802 — (802)
                                                           2 — 2 Exercise of
options previously expensed under IFRS 2 — 650 — (650) — — BALANCE AT
                                              (59,430) 336,063
DEC 31, 2006 68,763,561
                       3,440
                             213,653
                                    178,400
                                                                4,707
                                                                       340,770
Movement on cash flow hedges
                                                Transfer to income statement
        30.371 — 30.371 Fair value movement on financial instruments — — — (41.712)
 30.371
(41,712) — (41,712) Net income recognized directly in equity — — — (11,341) (11,341)
 (11,341) Net profit — — 42,041 — 42,041 3,587 45,628 Total recognized income/(loss)
                                3,587 34,287 Share-based payments — — — 2,847
  - 42,041
              (11,341)
                        30,700
                                                  — — 4,381 — 4,381 Shares
      — 2,847 Share options exercised 545,667 28
2,847
                                             4,353
             — 170 — (170) — — Exercise of options previously expensed under IFRS 2 —
 -1,297 -(1,297) -- Dividends relating to 2006 -- -(6,874) -(6,874)
                                 240,099 — 240,440 — 240,440 Costs associated with
(6,874) Capital raising 6,821,000 341
capital raising - (8,758) - (8,758) - (8,758) BALANCE AT DEC 31, 2007 76,140,330
                         (69,391) 598,799 8,294 607,093
         450,814
  3,809
                 213,567
F-7
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Other reserves include the cumulative charge recognized under IFRS 2 in respect of share option schemes (net of amounts transferred to share capital and share premium) and the mark-to-market valuation of derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges (refer note 21).

At December 31, 2007, the balance of the share-based payment reserve amounted to US\$4.4 million (December 31, 2006: US\$3.1 million). The balance of the hedging reserve amounted to US\$73.8 million (December 31, 2006: US\$62.5 million). Refer to note 20 for further details on the hedging reserve.

# Restricted shares were issued to directors as remuneration. Of these shares, 57 000 (2006: 56 830) have vested, while the remainder of the shares, 7 704 (2006: 9 760) are still held by the company as treasury shares. The transfer between 'other reserves' and 'share premium' in respect of the shares vested represents the cost calculated in accordance with IFRS 2.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

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US$000 Note 2007 2006 2005 CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES
                                                                                                  Profit
               45,628
                         50,876
                                   47,856 Income tax expense
                                                                    21.273
                                                                              23,097
                                                                                        170 Profit before
after tax
                           73,973
                 66,901
                                      48,026 Net interest received
                                                                       (2,636)
                                                                                  (1,559)
                                                                                             (203)
income tax
                                                       11,910 Ineffectiveness on cash flow hedges
Depreciation and amortization
                                   20.987
                                             22,844
                                                                                                       323
          (45) Effect of roll forward of hedges
                                                                     — Unwind of discount on provisions for
                                                   7,036
                                                            4,413
environmental rehabilitation
                                        541
                                                254 Share-based payment
                                                                               2,847
                                                                                        2,369
                                 554
                                                                                                 2,243
    96,012
              103,234
                         62,185 Effects of changes in operating working capital items:
                                         (12,101) • inventories and ore stockpiles
receivables
                  (23,289)
                              (9,640)
                                                                                     (24,786)
                                                                                                  (19,428)
  (34,569) • accounts payable and accrued liabilities
                                                       23,897
                                                                 9,469
                                                                          14,408 Cash generated from
operations before interest and tax
                                     71,834
                                               83,635
                                                         29,923 Interest received
                                                                                        7,887
2,064 Interest paid
                                    (5,825)
                         (5,251)
                                               (1,861) Income tax paid
                                                                              (12,237)
                                                                                          (14,784)
                                                                                                      (390
) Net cash generated from operating activities
                                                 62,233
                                                           70,410
                                                                     29,736 CASH FLOW FROM
INVESTING ACTIVITIES
                                           Additions to property, plant and equipment
                                                                                          (47,905)
(61.508)
            (73,217) Repayments from contractors
                                                   23
                                                         — 105
                                                                    (11,276) Acquisition of
available-for-sale financial assets
                                                 — — Net cash used by investing activities
                                     (48,950)
                                                                                               (96,855)
(61,403)
            (84,493) CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES
                                                                                     Ordinary shares issued
                          105,248 Long term loans repaid
                                                               (43,740)
      236,063
                 3,653
                                                                            (21,756)
                                                                                        (1,156) Dividends
                                                                                  — — 24,877 Cash
paid to company's shareholders
                                   (6,874)
                                              — — Long term loans received
generated from/(used by) financing activities
                                                185,449
                                                           (18,103)
                                                                        128,969 NET
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS
                                                                150,827
                                                                           (9,096)
                                                                                      74,212 CASH AND
CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR
                                                         143,356
                                                                    152,452
                                                                               78,240 CASH AND CASH
EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR
                                          294,183
                                                                152.452 Cash at bank and in hand
                                                     143,356
                                                                                137,099
11,447
          10,948
                    15,353 Short term bank deposits
                                                         282,736
                                                                     132,408
                                                                                                 294,183
143,356
           152,452
The effective interest rate on short term bank deposits was 4.56% (2006: 4.82%). These deposits have an average
maturity of thirty days.
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1.

#### NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The company and its subsidiaries (the 'group') together with its joint ventures carry out gold mining activities and exploration. Currently there are two operating mines in Mali, West Africa: the Morila gold mine, which commenced production in October 2000, and the Loulo mine, which commenced production in November 2005. The group also has a portfolio of exploration projects in West and East Africa. The interests of the group in its operating mines are held through Morila SA ('Morila') which owns the Morila mine and Somilo SA ('Somilo') which owns the Loulo mine. Randgold Resources holds an effective 40% interest in Morila, following the sale to AngloGold Ashanti Limited on 3 July 2000 of one-half of Randgold Resources' wholly-owned subsidiary, Morila SA. Management of Morila Limited, the 80% shareholder of Morila, is effected through a joint venture committee, with Randgold Resources and AngloGold Ashanti each appointing one-half of the members of the committee. During 2007 AngloGold Services Mali SA ('Anser'), a subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti, was the operator of Morila. On 15 February 2008 Randgold Resources assumed responsibility for the operatorship.

Randgold Resources holds an effective 80% interest in Loulo. The remaining 20% interest is held by the Malian government. Randgold Resources is the operator of Loulo.

The group has various exploration programmes ranging from substantial to early stage in Mali West, around Morila and in Senegal, Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana.

A feasibility study and an extensive drilling programme have been completed for the Tongon project in Côte d'Ivoire and the board of the company approved on 31 January 2008 the development of a new mine at Tongon subject to the approval of the mining convention by the Côte d'Ivoire Minister of Mines and Energy.

2.

### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The company changed its accounting policy on deferred stripping costs in 2006. Refer to note 6.

BASIS OF PREPARATION: The consolidated financial statements of Randgold Resources Limited and its subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets, and various financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) which are carried at fair value. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a high degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

The following standards and interpretations which have been recently issued or revised have not been adopted early by the group. Their expected impact is discussed below:

• IFRS 8

Operating Segments (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009)

The objective of this IFRS is to require entities to disclose information to enable users of its financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business activities in which it engages and the economic environments in which it operates. The company will apply IFRS 8 from January 1, 2009, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

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IAS 23 Borrowing Costs (revised) (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2009). The main change from the previous version is the removal of the option of immediately recognizing as an expense borrowing costs that relate to assets that take a substantial period of time to get ready for use or sale. The company will apply IAS 23 (revised) from January 1, 2009, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group, as the policy applied by the company is in line with the revised IAS 23.

IFRIC

Interpretation 11 IFRS 2 Share-based Payment – Group and Treasury Share Transactions (effective for annual periods beginning on or after March 1, 2007)

This interpretation addresses the classification of a share-based payment transaction (as equity- or cash-settled), in which equity instruments of the parent or another group entity are transferred, in the financial statements of the entity receiving accounts of the company or group. The company will apply IFRIC Interpretation 11 from March 1, 2007, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

• IFRIC

Interpretation 12 Service Concession Arrangements (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2008)

This interpretation provides guidance to private sector entities on certain recognition and measurement issues that arise in accounting for public to private service concession arrangements. The company will apply IFRIC 12 from January 1, 2008, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

• IFRIC 13

Customer loyalty programs (for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2008)

This interpretation addresses sale transactions in which the entities grant customers aware credits that, subject to meeting any further qualifying conditions, the customers can redeem in future for free discounted goods or services. The company will apply IFRIC 13 from July 1, 2008, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

• IFRIC 14

and IAS 19 The limits on defined asset, minimum funding requirements and their interaction – (for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2008)

This interpretation clarifies when refunds or reductions in future contributions should be regarded as available in accordance with paragraph 58 of IAS19, how a minimum funding requirement might affect the availability of reductions in future contributions and when a funding requirement might give rise to a liability. The company will apply IFRIC 14 from January 1, 2008, but it is not expected to have any impact on the accounts of the company or group.

The group has adopted the following standards which is effective for the first time this year. The impact is discussed below:

• IFRS 7

Financial Instruments Disclosure and complementary amendment to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements – Capital Disclosures (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2007)

The objective of this IFRS is to require entities to provide disclosures in their financial statements that enable users to evaluate the significance of financial instruments for the entity's financial position; and the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments to which the entity is exposed during the period and at the reporting date, and how the entity manages those risks. The amendment to IAS 1 introduces disclosures about the level of an entity's capital and how it manages capital. The adoption of IFRS 7 and the amendment to IAS 1 had a significant impact on disclosures. The disclosures are included in notes 7, 15, 20 and 21.

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The group has adopted the following standards and interpretations which are effective for the first time this year without any significant impact:

IFRIC

Interpretation 7, Applying the restatement approach under IAS 29, Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies (effective for accounting periods beginning on or after March 1, 2006)

• IFRIC Interpretation 8

Scope of IFRS 2 (effective for annual periods beginning on or after May 1, 2006)

• IFRIC Interpretation 9

Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives (effective for annual periods beginning on or after June 1, 2006)

• IFRIC Interpretation

10 Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment (effective for annual periods beginning on or after November 1, 2006)

CONSOLIDATION: The consolidated financial information includes the financial statements of the company, its subsidiaries and the company's proportionate share in joint ventures using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances.

SUBSIDIARIES: Subsidiaries are entities over which the group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying an interest of more than one half of the voting rights. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the group. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases. The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries by the group. The cost of an acquisition is measured at the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired (including mineral property interests) and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any minority interest. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognized directly in the income statement.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealized gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the group.

JOINT VENTURES: Joint ventures are those entities in which the group holds a long term interest and which are jointly controlled by the group and one or more joint venture partners under a contractual arrangement. The group's interest in such jointly controlled entities is accounted for by proportionate consolidation. Under this method the group includes its share of the joint venture's individual income and expenses, assets and liabilities and cash flows on a line by line basis with similar items in the group's financial statements. Inter company accounts and transactions are eliminated on consolidation. The group recognizes the portion of gains or losses on the sale of assets by the group to the joint venture that is attributable to the other joint venture partners. The group does not recognize its share of profits or losses from the joint venture that result from the purchase of assets by the group from the joint venture until it resells the assets to an independent party. However, if a loss on the transaction provides evidence of a reduction in the net realizable value of current assets or an impairment loss, the loss is recognized immediately.

The results of joint ventures are included from the effective dates of acquisition and up to the effective dates of disposal.

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SEGMENT REPORTING: A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in performing mining or other services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments. A geographic segment is engaged in providing products or services within a particular economic environment that is subject to risks and returns that are different from those of segments operating in other economic environments. The group has only one business segment, that of gold mining. Segment analysis is based on individual mining operations. Corporate and exploration income and costs not directly related to the mining operations are not allocated to segments.

#### FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION:

(a)

### Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in US dollars, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

(b)

#### Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the relevant functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the income statement.

## PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

a)

## Undeveloped properties

Undeveloped properties upon which the group has not performed sufficient exploration work to determine whether significant mineralization exists are carried at original acquisition cost. Where the directors consider that there is little likelihood of the properties being exploited, or the value of the exploitable rights has diminished below cost, an impairment is recorded.

#### b) Long-lived assets

Long-lived assets including development costs and mine plant facilities are initially recorded at cost. Where relevant the estimated cost of dismantling the asset and remediating the site is included in the cost of property, plant and equipment, subsequently they are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment. Development costs and mine plant facilities relating to existing and new mines are capitalized. Development costs consist primarily of direct expenditure incurred to establish or expand productive capacity, and are capitalized until commercial levels of production are achieved, after which the costs are amortized.

Short-lived assets

c)

Short-lived assets including non-mining assets are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment.

d)

Depreciation and amortization

Long-lived assets include mining properties, such as freehold land, metallurgical plant, tailings and raw water dams, power plant and mine infrastructure, as well as mine

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development costs. Depreciation and amortization are charged over the life of the mine (or over the remaining useful life of the asset, if shorter) based on estimated ore tonnes contained in proven and probable reserves, to reduce the cost to estimated residual values. Proven and probable ore reserves reflect estimated quantities of economically recoverable reserves, which can be recovered in the future from known mineral deposits. Total proven and probable reserves are used in the depreciation calculation. The remaining useful lives for Morila and Loulo are estimated at five and a minimum of sixteen years respectively. Any changes to the expected life of the mine (or asset) are applied prospectively in calculating depreciation and amortization charges. Short-lived assets which include motor vehicles, office equipment and computer equipment are depreciated over estimated useful lives of between two to five years but limited to the remaining mine life.

e)

### **Impairment**

The carrying amount of the property, plant and equipment of the group is compared to the recoverable amount of the assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the net book value may not be recoverable. The recoverable amount is the higher of value in use and the fair value less cost to sell. In assessing the value in use, the expected future cash flows from the assets is determined by applying a discount rate to the anticipated pre-tax future cash flows. The discount rate used is derived from the group's weighted average cost of capital. An impairment is recognized in the income statement to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the assets' recoverable amount. The revised carrying amounts are amortized in line with group accounting policies. A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed if the recoverable amount increases as a result of a reversal of the conditions that originally resulted in the impairment. This reversal is recognized in the income statement and is limited to the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognized in prior years. Assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units) for purposes of assessing impairment. The estimates of future discounted cash flows are subject to risks and uncertainties including the future gold price. It is therefore reasonably possible that changes could occur which may affect the recoverability of mining assets.

#### STRIPPING COSTS

All stripping costs incurred during the production phase of a mine are treated as variable production costs and as a result are included in the cost of inventory produced during the period that the stripping costs are incurred. Refer to note 6.

#### **INVENTORIES**

Include ore stockpiles, gold in process and supplies and spares and are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value. The cost of ore stockpiles and gold produced is determined principally by the weighted average cost method using related production costs. Costs of gold inventories include all costs incurred up until production of an ounce of gold such as milling costs, mining costs and directly attributable mine general and administration costs but exclude transport costs, refining costs and royalties. Net realizable value is determined with reference to current market prices. Morila uses a selective mining process and has a few grade categories. Full grade ore is defined as ore above 1.4g/t and marginal ore is defined as ore below 1.4g/t. For Loulo, high grade ore is defined as ore above 3.5g/t and medium grade is defined as ore above 1.2g/t. All stockpile grades are currently being processed and all ore is expected to be

fully processed. This does not include high grade tailings at Morila, which are carried at zero value due to uncertainty as to whether they will be processed through the plant. The processing

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of ore in stockpiles occurs in accordance with the life of mine processing plan that has been optimized based on the known mineral reserves, current plant capacity and mine design. Stores and materials consist of consumable stores and are valued at weighted average cost after appropriate impairment of redundant and slow moving items. Consumable stock for which the group has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are brought on to the balance sheet.

#### INTEREST/BORROWING COST

Is recognized on a time proportion basis, taking into account the principal outstanding and the effective rate over the period to maturity. Borrowing cost is expensed as incurred except to the extent that it relates directly to the construction of property, plant and equipment during the time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use, when it is capitalized as part of property, plant and equipment. Borrowing cost is capitalized as part of the cost of the asset where it is probable that the asset will result in economic benefit and where the borrowing cost can be measured reliably.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

These are measured as set out below. Financial instruments carried on the balance sheet include cash and cash equivalents, investments in subsidiaries and joint venture, receivables, accounts payable, borrowings and derivative financial instruments.

#### **DERIVATIVES**

Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs on the date a derivative contract is entered into (trade date) and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value, unless they meet the criteria for the 'normal purchases normal sales' exemption. On the date a derivative contract is entered into, the group designates the derivative for accounting purposes as either a hedge of the fair value of a recognized asset or liability (fair value hedge) or a hedge of a forecast transaction (cash flow hedge). The group does not have any fair value hedges. Certain derivative transactions, while providing effective economic hedges under the group's risk management policies, do not qualify for hedge accounting. The group formally documents all relationships between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. This process includes linking derivatives designated as hedges to specific assets and liabilities or to specific forecasted transactions. The group formally assesses, both at the hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in the fair value or cash flows of the hedged item. Changes in the fair value of a derivative that is highly effective in offsetting changes in the cash flow of the hedged item, and that is designated and qualifies as a cash flow hedge, are recognized directly in equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion of derivatives that qualify for hedge accounting is recognized immediately in the income statement within other expenses. Amounts deferred in equity are transferred to the income statement in the same periods during which the hedged forecasted transaction affects net profit or loss. Changes in the fair value of derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are recognized in the income statement. When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognized when the forecast transaction occurs and is ultimately recognized in the income statement. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in equity is immediately transferred to the income statement.

The fair values of derivative instruments used for hedging purposes are disclosed in note 20. Movements on the hedging reserve in shareholders' equity are shown in note 20. The full fair

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value of a hedging derivative is classified as a non-current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item is more than 12 months; it is classified as a current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item is less than 12 months.

### **RECEIVABLES**

Are recognized initially at fair value. There is a rebuttable presumption that the transaction price is fair value unless this could be refuted by reference to market indicators. Subsequently, receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less for provision for impairment. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganization, and default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators that the trade receivable is impaired. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate. The amount of the provision is recognized in the income statement.

## CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase and bank overdrafts. In the balance sheet, bank overdrafts are included in borrowings in current liabilities.

#### AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivatives that are either designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. Available-for-sale financial assets are designated on acquisition. They are included in current assets and are carried at fair value. Where a decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset constitutes objective evidence of impairment, the amount of the loss is recognized in the income statement.

#### REHABILITATION COSTS

The net present value of estimated future rehabilitation costs is provided for in the financial statements and capitalized within mining assets on initial recognition. Rehabilitation will generally occur on closure or after closure of a mine. Initial recognition is at the time of the disturbance occurring and thereafter as and when additional disturbances take place. The estimates are reviewed annually to take into account the effects of inflation and changes in estimates and are discounted using rates that reflect the time value of money. Annual increases in the provision due to the unwinding of the discount are recognized in the income statement as a finance cost. The present value of additional disturbances and changes in the estimate of the rehabilitation liability are capitalized to mining assets against an increase in the rehabilitation provision. The rehabilitation asset is amortized as noted previously. Rehabilitation projects undertaken, included in the estimates, are charged to the provision as incurred.

Environmental liabilities, other than rehabilitation costs, which relate to liabilities arising from specific events, are expensed when they are known, probable and may be reasonably estimated.

## **PROVISIONS**

Are recognized when the group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events where it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

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#### **BORROWINGS**

Are recognized initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortized cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method. Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the balance sheet date.

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable and other short term monetary liabilities, are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

#### **CURRENT TAX**

Current tax is the tax expected to be payable on the taxable income for the year calculated using rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. It includes adjustments for tax expected to be payable or recoverable in respect of previous periods.

#### **DEFERRED TAXATION**

Deferred tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, if the temporary difference arise from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, it is not accounted for. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realized or the deferred tax liability is settled. Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds.

### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Pension obligations

The group has defined contribution plans. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The group has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. For defined contribution plans, the group pays contributions to publicly or privately administered provident funds on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The group has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognized as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognized as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

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#### Termination benefits

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated before the normal retirement date, or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The group recognizes termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either: terminating the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal; or providing termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Benefits falling due more than 12 months after balance sheet date are discounted to present value.

### Profit-sharing and bonus plans

The group recognizes a liability and an expense for bonuses. The group recognizes a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

### Share-based payments

The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of options or shares after November 7, 2002 is recognized as an expense. The total amount to be expensed rateably over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options or shares determined at the grant date, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions. Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable or the number of shares that the employee will ultimately receive. This estimate is revised at each balance sheet date and the difference is charged or credited to the income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

The proceeds received on exercise of the options net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to equity.

### FINANCE LEASES

Determining whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement and requires an assessment of whether fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and whether the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset. Leases of plant and equipment where the group assumes a significant portion of risks and rewards of ownership are classified as a finance lease. Finance leases are capitalized at the estimated present value of the underlying lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and the finance charges to achieve a constant rate on the finance balance outstanding. The interest portion of the finance payment is charged to the income statement over the lease period. The plant and equipment acquired under the finance lease are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets, or over the lease term if shorter.

### **OPERATING LEASES**

Determining whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement and requires an assessment of whether fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and whether the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset. Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating

leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

# REVENUE RECOGNITION

The company enters into contracts for the sale of gold. Revenue arising from gold sales under these contracts is recognized when the price is determinable, the product has been delivered in

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accordance with the terms of the contract, the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the customer and collection of the sales price is reasonably assured. These criteria are met when the gold leaves the mines' smelt houses. As sales from gold contracts are subject to customer survey adjustment, sales are initially recorded on a provisional basis using the group's best estimate of the contained metal. Subsequent adjustments are recorded in revenue to take into account final assay and weight certificates from the refinery, if different from the initial certificates. The differences between the estimated and actual contained gold have not been significant historically.

# **EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION COSTS**

The group expenses all exploration and evaluation expenditures until the directors conclude that a future economic benefit is more likely than not of being realized, i.e. 'probable'. While the criteria for concluding that an expenditure should be capitalized is always probable, the information that the directors use to make that determination depends on the level of exploration.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure on greenfield sites, being those where the group does not have any mineral deposits which are already being mined or developed, is expensed as incurred until a final feasibility study has been completed, after which the expenditure is capitalized within development costs if the final feasibility study demonstrates that future economic benefits are probable.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure on brownfield sites, being those adjacent to mineral deposits which are already being mined or developed, is expensed as incurred until the directors are able to demonstrate that future economic benefits are probable through the completion of a prefeasibility study, after which the expenditure is capitalized as a mine development cost. A 'prefeasibility study' consists of a comprehensive study of the viability of a mineral project that has advanced to a stage where the mining method, in the case of underground mining, or the pit configuration, in the case of an open pit, has been established, and which, if an effective method of mineral processing has been determined, includes a financial analysis based on reasonable assumptions of technical, engineering, operating economic factors and the evaluation of other relevant factors. The prefeasibility study, when combined with existing knowledge of the mineral property that is adjacent to mineral deposits that are already being mined or developed, allow the directors to conclude that it is more likely than not that the group will obtain future economic benefit from the expenditures.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure relating to extensions of mineral deposits which are already being mined or developed, including expenditure on the definition of mineralization of such mineral deposits, is capitalized as a mine development cost following the completion of an economic evaluation equivalent to a prefeasibility study. This economic evaluation is distinguished from a prefeasibility study in that some of the information that would normally be determined in a prefeasibility study is instead obtained from the existing mine or development. This information when combined with existing knowledge of the mineral property already being mined or developed allow the directors to conclude that more likely than not the group will obtain future economic benefit from the expenditures. Costs relating to property acquisitions are also capitalized. These costs are capitalized within development costs.

### DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognized as a liability in the group's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the board of directors and declared to shareholders.

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#### **EARNINGS PER SHARE**

Is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

### FULLY DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

Is presented when the inclusion of potential ordinary shares has a dilutive effect on earnings per share.

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### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

Some of the accounting policies require the application of significant judgment by management in selecting the appropriate assumptions for calculating financial estimates. By their nature, these judgments are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty and are based on historical experience, terms of existing contracts, management's view on trends in the gold mining industry and information from outside sources.

The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

### Future rehabilitation obligations

The net present value of current rehabilitation estimates have been discounted to their present value at 4% per annum (2006: 6%), for Morila, being an estimate of the prevailing interest rates. A 4% (2006: 6.5%) discount rate was used for Loulo. Expenditure is expected to be incurred at the end of the respective mine lives. For further information, including the carrying amounts of the liabilities, refer to note 14. A 1% change in the discount rate on the group's rehabilitation estimates would result in a US\$1.2 million (2006: US\$1 million) impact on the provision for environmental rehabilitation.

# Gold price assumptions

The following gold prices were used in the mineral reserves optimization calculations:

2007 2006

Morila US\$525 US\$475 Loulo : Open pit US\$550 US\$475 Loulo : Underground US\$550 US\$475 Tongon US\$525 US\$475

An increase in the gold price used would result in an increase in the mineral reserve optimization calculations.

### Determination of ore reserves

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating ore reserves, and assumptions that are valid at the time of estimation may change significantly when new information becomes available. Changes in the forecast prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs or recovery rates may change the economic status of reserves and may,

ultimately, result in the reserves being restated.

Uncertainties relating to transactions with a contractor

As explained in note 23 to the financial statements, there are uncertainties relating to the value of the securities held in respect of advances to a contractor and also a claim relating to the Loulo development. The amounts reflected in the financial statements reflect the directors' best estimate of the amount that will be recovered in respect of the advances and the outcome of the dispute relating to the cost of the development.

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### Exploration and evaluation expenditure

The group has to apply judgment in determining whether exploration and evaluation expenditure should be capitalized or expensed. Management exercises this judgment based on the results of economic evaluations, pre-feasibility of feasibility studies. Costs are capitalized where those studies conclude that future economic benefit is more likely than not.

#### Indirect taxes receivable

Given their slow-moving nature, the group has had to apply judgment in determining when amounts will be recovered with respect to indirect taxes owing to Morila and Loulo by the Mali Government. The amounts reflected in the financial statements are the directors' best estimate of the timing of the recovery of these amounts. For further information, including the carrying amount of the assets, refer to note 7.

## Depreciation

There are several methods for calculating depreciation, i.e. the straight line method, the production method using ounces produced and the production method using tons milled. The directors believe that the tons milled method is the best indication of plant and infrastructure usage.

#### Derivative valuation

The company uses valuations obtained from banks for the mark-to-market estimation of the Loulo hedge book. The banks use the following key inputs in the valuations:

Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31,

2006 • LIBOR rates 5.36 - 4.70% 5.32 - 5.33% • Spot gold prices US\$836.60 US\$635.70 • Gold lease rates 0.12 - 0.26% 0.09 - 0.17%

Share-based payments

Refer to note 17 for the key assumptions used in determining the value of share-based payments.

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### **INCOME AND MINING TAXES**

US\$000

Note Dec 31, 2007 Dec 31, 2006 Dec 31. 2005 Current taxation 19,454 22,671 3,127 Deferred taxation 10 1.819 426 (2.957)# 170 # The tax on the group's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that 21.273 23,097 would arise using the statutory tax rate applicable to the group's Malian operations. Profit before 48.026 # Tax calculated at tax rate of 35% 66,901 73,973 23,415 25,891 16,809 Reconciling items • Income taxed at 0% (3.418)(3,290)(370) • Expenses deductible at 0% 7.495 • Mali tax holiday permanent differences 11,201 8,426 (10.981)(22,553) • Other permanent differences 1,195 (1,211) Taxation charge (9,125)1,056 21,273 23,097 170

# Restated due to change in accounting policy relating to stripping costs. Refer note 6.

The company is not subject to income tax in Jersey. Morila SA benefited from a five year tax holiday until November 14, 2005. Somilo SA also benefits from a five year tax holiday in Mali. The tax holiday commenced on November 8, 2005. The benefit of the tax holiday to the group was to increase its net profit by US\$11 million, US\$9.1 million and US\$22.6 million respectively for the years ended December, 31 2007, 2006 and 2005. Accordingly, had the group not benefited from the tax holiday in Mali, earnings per share would have been reduced by US\$0.16,US\$0.14 and US\$0.37 for the years ended 31 December 2007,2006 and 2005 respectively. Under Malian tax law, income tax is based on the greater of 35% of taxable income or 0.75% of gross revenue. The Morila and Loulo operations have no assessable capital expenditure carry forwards or assessable tax losses, as at December 31, 2007 and 2006 respectively, for deduction against future mining income.

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Restated due to change in accounting policy relating to stripping costs. Refer note 6.

5.

### EARNINGS AND DIVIDENDS PER SHARE

**FOR** 

THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 Income (numerator) US\$000 Shares (denominator) Per share Amount **US\$ BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE** Shares outstanding January 1, 2007 -68,763,561— Income available to shareholders 42,041 Weighted number of shares issued 69,588,983 **—** 825,422 0.60 EFFECT OF DILUTIVE SECURITIES Weighted stock options issues to employees — Diluted earnings per share 42,041 682,932 70,271,915 0.60 **FOR** THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006 Shares outstanding January 1, 2006 -68,072,864— Weighted number of shares issued **—** 318,928 — Income available to shareholders 47,564 68,391,792 0.70 EFFECT OF DILUTIVE SECURITIES Weighted stock options issues to employees **—** 939,243 — Diluted earnings per share 47,564 69,331,035 0.69 **FOR** THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005 Shares outstanding January 1, 2005 59,226,694 — Weighted number of shares issued — Income available to shareholders45,507 # 2,475,088 61,701,782 0.74 # EFFECT OF DILUTIVE SECURITIES Weighted stock options issues to employees -2,127,214— Diluted earnings per share45,507 # 63,828,996 0.71 # Refer to note 17 for details on share options issued to employees. US\$6.9 million (US\$0.10 per share) was paid as dividends in 2007 (2006: 0). On January 31, 2008, the board of directors approved an annual dividend of 12.0 US cents per share which resulted in an aggregate dividend payment of US\$9.1 million and that was paid in March 2008.

# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

6.

# CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

The group changed its accounting policy on stripping costs, under both IFRS and US GAAP, in 2006. Previously, costs of production stage waste stripping in excess of the expected pit life average stripping ratio were deferred and then charged to production when the actual stripping ratio was below the expected pit life average stripping ratio. Under the revised accounting policy, all stripping costs incurred during the production phase of a mine are treated as variable production costs and as a result are included in the cost of the inventory produced during the period that the stripping costs are incurred.

Under US GAAP, EITF 04-06 'Accounting for Stripping Costs incurred during Production in the Mining Industry' is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2005. The consensus does not permit the deferral of any waste stripping costs during the production phase of a mine, but requires instead that they should be treated as variable production costs. The directors have decided to adopt the same treatment under IFRS which will ensure that the accounting policies applied under IFRS and US GAAP remain in line.

With regard to the conclusions reached by the EITF, the directors believe the revised policy will mean that the financial statements provide reliable and more relevant information about the group's financial position and its financial performance. In accordance with the requirements of IAS 8 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', the change in the IFRS policy was applied retrospectively and hence the 2005 figures were restated.

The adjustment reported in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2006 arising from the change in the IFRS accounting policy is set out below:

US\$000 Dec

31,

2006 Dec 31,

8.342 Decrease 2005 Decrease in deferred stripping asset 2,115 3,687 Decrease in ore stockpiles 6.324 36 51 Decrease in deferred taxation liability 1.227 Increase in deferred taxation in gold in process 740 asset 2,938 Decrease in opening retained earnings 14,884 Increase in net profit 2,966 7,915 6,969 Increase in basic earnings per share (cents per share) 5 12 Increase in fully diluted earnings per share (cents per share) 5 11 F-24

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7.

**RECEIVABLES** 

US\$000

Notes Dec 31, 2007 Dec 31,

2006 Trade 12.064 Taxation debtor 25,405 12.545 Advances to contractors 7.1 12,064 7.2 19,911 1.935 66.063 20,322 Prepayments 8,606 5.018 Other 77 51.884 (3,183) Total 64,927 48,701 Less: current portion Impairment provision (1,136)(42,104)(34,999) Long term portion 22,823 13,702

7.1

Advances to contractors comprise advances made to a contractor at Loulo, MDM Ferroman (Pty) Ltd (in liquidation) ("MDM"). MDM was the contractor responsible for construction of the Loulo mine until the main construction contract was taken back on December 30, 2005. Significant uncertainties exist relating to the recoverability of these advances. More detail is given in note 23 to the financial statements.

7.2 The taxation

debtor relates to indirect taxes owing to the group by the State of Mali.

US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31,

2006 The fair values of trade and other receivables are as follows: Trade 25,405 12,545 Advances to contractors 12,064 12,064 Taxation debtor 18,775 17,139 Prepayments 8,606 5,018 Other 77 1.935 64,927 48,701

Movements on the provision for impairment and present valuing of trade receivables are as follows:

AT JANUARY, 1

3,183 1,633 Provision for receivables impairment — 1,550 Unused amounts reversed (2,047) — AT DECEMBER, 31 1,136 3,183

The creation and release of provision for impaired receivables have been included in mining and processing costs in the income statement. The unwinding of the discount is included in finance costs in the income statement.

The other classes within trade and other receivables do not contain impaired assets.

The credit quality of receivables that are not past due or impaired remains very high. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable mentioned above. The Group does not hold any collateral as security. Refer to note 19 for further information on the concentration of credit risk.

US\$9.2 million of advances to contractors and the taxation debtor falls due within 12 months, whilst the balance falls due thereafter. All other receivable balances are due within 30 days.

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

8.

### INVENTORIES AND ORE STOCKPILES

US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31,

2006 Consumable stores 31,993 18,739 Short term portion of ore stockpiles 21,383 12,041 Gold in 3,420 Total current asset inventories and ore stockpiles process 4.034 57,410 34,200 Long term portion 43,190 41,614 Total inventories and ore stockpiles of ore stockpiles 100,600 Ore stockpiles have been split between long and short term based on current life of mine plan estimates.

9.

### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31,

2006 Mine properties, mine development costs and mine

plant facilities and equipment At the beginning of year 297,839 236,331 Disposals Cost 297,839 Accumulated depreciation and amortization — — Additions 49,583 61,508 347,422 At the beginning of the year 56,539 — Charge for the year 20,987 33,695 Disposals 22,844 56,539 NET BOOK VALUE 77,526 269,876 241,300

LONG-LIVED ASSETS

Included in property, plant and equipment are long-lived assets which are amortized over the life of the mine and comprise the metallurgical plant, tailings and raw water dams, power plant and mine infrastructure. The net book value of these assets was US\$254.1million as at December 31, 2007 (2006: US\$226.4 million).

### SHORT-LIVED ASSETS

Included in property, plant and equipment are short-lived assets which are amortized over their useful lives and are comprised of motor vehicles and other equipment. The net book value of these assets was US\$7.2 million as at December 31, 2007 (2006: US\$5.2 million).

# UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY

Included in property, plant and equipment are undeveloped property costs of US\$8.6 million (2006: US\$9.7 million).

Refer to note 14 for assets collateralized and under finance lease. No borrowing costs were capitalized as part of additions during the year (2006: US\$0 million).

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Refer to the property, plant and equipment accounting policy note on page Fx and Fx for details of each asset category's useful economic life.

10.

### **DEFERRED TAXATION**

US\$000 Note

Dec 31, 2007 Dec 31, 2006 Deferred tax is calculated on temporary differences under the liability method using a tax rate of 35% (2006: The movement on deferred taxation is as follows: At the beginning of the year 426 At the end of the year (2,531)(2,957) Income statement charge 1.819 (712)(2,531) Deferred taxation assets and liabilities comprise the following: Decelerated tax depreciation 462 Deferred taxation liability 1,451 462 Deferred stripping 1.451 (2,163)(2,966)Accelerated tax depreciation — (27) Deferred taxation asset (2,993) Net deferred (2,163)taxation asset

US\$0.8 million is expected to be recovered in more than 12 months (2006: US\$2.1 million). Temporary differences which are expected to be realized during the Loulo tax holiday are recognized at 0%.

11.

#### AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE FINANCIAL ASSETS

(712)

(2,531)

US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31.

2006 BEGINNING OF YEAR — — Acquisition of auction rate securities 48,950 — END OF YEAR 48,950

There were no disposals or impairment provisions on available-for-sale financial assets in 2007 or 2006.

Available-for-sale financial assets include the following:

2007 2006

Investments in US auction rate securities 48,950

This relates to the company's portfolio of short term asset-backed securities and other corporate debt instruments, previously included in cash and cash equivalents. The trading market for these instruments has become substantially illiquid as a result of unusual conditions in the credit markets. The company continues to receive interest payable on these securities.

# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

12.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31,

2006 Trade payables 19,635 15,410 Payroll and other compensation 4,540 3,301 Accruals 39,021 20,598 Other 134 152 63,330 39,461

13.

### PROVISION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION

US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31,

2006 Opening balance 8,842 9,480 Unwinding of discount 554 541 Changes in estimates 1,678 (1,179) 11,074 8,842

As at December 31, 2007, US\$6.6 million of the provision relates to Loulo (December 31, 2006: US\$4.8 million). The remaining US\$4.5 million relates to Morila (December 31, 2006: US\$4 million). The provisions for rehabilitation costs include estimates for the effect of inflation and changes in estimates and have been discounted to their present value at 4% (2006: 6%) per annum for Morila, being an estimate derived from the risk free rate. A 4% (2006: 6.5%) discount rate was used for Loulo. Limited environmental rehabilitation regulations currently exist in Mali to govern the mines, so the directors have based the provisions for environmental rehabilitation on standards set by the World Bank, which require an environmental management plan, an annual environmental report, a closure plan, an up-to-date register of plans of the facility, preservation of public safety on closure, carrying out rehabilitation works and ensuring sufficient funds exist for the closure works. However, it is reasonably possible that the group's estimate of its ultimate rehabilitation liabilities could change as a result of changes in regulations or cost estimates. The group is committed to rehabilitation of its properties. It makes use of independent environmental consultants for advice and it also uses past experience in similar situations to ensure that the provisions for rehabilitation are adequate. Current Life of Mine plans envisage the expected outflow to occur at the end of the Life of Mine, which is 2013 for Morila and 2024 for Loulo.

14.

### **BORROWINGS**

US\$000 Note

Dec 31, 2007 Dec 31,

2006 Morila power plant finance lease 14.1 2,702 3,828 Morila oxygen plant finance lease 14.2 546 718 Loulo project finance loan 14.3 — 40,800 Corporate revolving credit facility — — Loulo 14.3 CAT finance lease 15.4 3.172 50,484 Less: current portion 5.138 6,420 (3,647)(24.818)2,773 25,666

All loans are secured and have variable interest rates, except for the Loulo CAT finance lease which has a fixed rate.

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

14.1

### Morila power plant finance lease

The Morila power plant finance lease relates to five generators leased from Rolls-Royce for Morila. The lease is repayable over ten years commencing 1 April 2001 and bears interest at a variable rate of interest which as at December 31, 2007 was approximately 23% (2006: 21%) per annum. The lease is collateralized by plant and equipment, the net book value of which at December 31, 2007 amounted to US\$3.6 million (2006: US\$4.1 million). Average annual lease payments of US\$1.5 million are payable in installments over the term of the lease. The group has guaranteed the repayment of this lease.

14.2

## Morila oxygen plant finance lease

The Morila oxygen plant finance lease relates to three oxygen generating units leased from Air Liquide for Morila. The lease is payable over 10 years commencing December 1, 2000 and bears interest at a variable rate which as at December 31, 2007 was approximately 3.09% (2006: 3.48%) per annum. The lease is collateralized by the production units, the net book value of which at December 31, 2007 amounted to US\$0.5 million (2006: US\$0.6 million).

14.3 Loulo

### project finance loan

The Loulo project finance facility was replaced in early May of 2007 with a US\$60 million corporate revolving credit facility to Randgold Resources. The facility is NM Rothschild, Société Générale, Fortis and Barclays. It carries interest at rates of between LIBOR + 1.4% and LIBOR + 1.6%. The facility was fully repaid in December 2007. The corporate facility remains in place should it be required. The maximum amounts outstanding under the facility are: prior to 1 November 2009 – US\$60 million; up to 1 May 2010 – US\$48 million; up to 1 November 2010 – US\$36 million; up to 1 May 2011 – US\$24 million.

14.4 Loulo

## CAT finance lease

The Euro denominated Caterpillar finance facility relates to fifteen 3512B HD generator sets and ancillary equipment purchased from JA Delmas and financed by a loan from Caterpillar Finance for Loulo. The lease is payable quarterly over 42 months commencing on August 1, 2005, and bears interest at a fixed rate of 6.03% (2006: 6.03%) per annum. The company together with Randgold Resources (Somilo) Limited jointly guaranteed the repayment of this lease. The average lease payments of US\$0.5 million are payable in installments over the term of the lease.

The exposure of the group's borrowings to interest rate changes at the balance sheet dates are as follows:

2007 2006 0 -

12 months 1,086 22,508 1-5 years 2,162 22,838 3,248 45,346 The carrying amounts and fair value of the non-current borrowings are as follows:

Carrying amount Fair value 2007 2006 2007 2006 Corporate revolving credit facility — 19,500 — 19,500 Finance leases 2,773 6,166 2,773 6,166 2,773 25,666 2,773 25,666 F-29

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The fair value of current borrowings equals their carrying amount, as the impact of discounting is not significant. The fair values are based on cash flows discounted using a rate based on the borrowing rate.

The carrying amounts of the group's borrowings are denominated in the following currencies:

2007 2006

US Dollar 3,248 45,346 Euro 3,172 5,138 6,420 50,484 The group has the following undrawn borrowing facilities:

Floating rate:

- Expiring within one year — — Expiring beyond one year 60,000 — 60,000 — 14.5

**Maturities** 

US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31.

2006 The borrowings mature over the following periods: Not later than 1 year 3,647 24,818 Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years 2,773 25,666 Later than 5 years — 6,420 50,484 14.6

Finance lease liabilities – minimum lease payments

US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31,

2006 Balance of leases outstanding 8,070 12,405 Future finance charges on leases (1,650) (2,721) Present value of finance lease liabilities 6,420 9,684

At the date of origination, there was no material fair value attributable to the guarantees issued by the company on behalf of group entities to third parties. Had the value been recognized, the depreciated carrying amount would have been insignificant.

15.

# LOANS FROM MINORITY SHAREHOLDERS IN SUBSIDIARIES

US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31,

2006 SOMILO Government of Mali – principal amount 685 614 Deferred interest 2,411 2,159

Loans 3,096 2,773 Minority interest in accumulated profits 8,294 4,707

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The government of Mali loan to Somilo is uncollateralized and bears interest at the base rate of the Central Bank of West African States plus 2%. The accrual of interest ceased in the last quarter of 2005 per mutual agreement between shareholders. The loan is repayable from cash flows of the Loulo mine after repayment of all other loans. In the event of a liquidation of Somilo the shareholder loans and deferred interest are not guaranteed.

16.

# FINANCIAL LIABILITIES — FORWARD GOLD SALES

US\$000 Dec

31,

2007 Dec 31,

2006 Forward gold sales 85,625 67,494 Less: current portion (33,672) (27,525) Non-current portion 51,953 39,969

The financial liabilities relate to the Loulo forward gold sales all of which qualify for hedge accounting. These derivative instruments are further detailed in note 20.

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

17.

#### **EMPLOYMENT COSTS**

The group contributes to several defined contribution provident funds. The provident funds are funded on the "money accumulative basis" with the members and group having been fixed in the constitutions of the funds. All the group's employees, other than those directly employed by West African subsidiary companies, are entitled to be covered by the abovementioned retirement benefit plans. Retirement benefits for employees employed by West African subsidiary companies are provided by the state social security system to which the company and employees contribute a fixed percentage of payroll costs each month.

Total employee benefit cost was as follows:

US\$000

```
Dec 31.
2007 Dec 31.
2006 Dec 31.
                                                                                         200 Share-based
2005 Short term benefits
                          4.187
                                   3.235
                                            5,523 Pension contributions
                                                                          174
                                                                                  237
payments
            2,847
                     2.369
                              2,243 Total
                                             7.208
                                                      5,841
                                                               7,966
       Share-based payments
```

The fair value of employee services received as consideration for equity instruments (equity settled) of the group is calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The key assumptions used in this model for options granted during the year were as follows:

US\$000 Note

```
Dec 31,
2007 Dec 31.
2006 Expected life
                        3 years Volatility
                                                    17.1
                                                           30.06 %
                                                                       48.96 % Risk free interest rate
                                       0%
4.34 %
          4.64 % Dividend yield
                                              0 % Weighted average share price on grant and valuation date
17.2
                    US$22.50 Weighted average exercise price
                                                                        US$22.19
       US$22.19
                                                                17.3
                                                                                     US$22.50
                                                                                                 17.1
```

Volatility is based on the three year historical volatility of the company's shares on each grant date.

17.2 Weighted

average share price for the valuation is calculated taking into account the market price on all grant dates.

17.3 The weighted

average exercise price is calculated taking into account the exercise price on each grant date. The following table provides details on share options, including the number and weighted average exercise price of share options outstanding at the beginning and end of each period, options granted, exercised and lapsed during the period.

# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

**Share Option Scheme** 

```
Available Granted Average
US$ price Exercised Average
US$ price Total* Balance at December 31, 2005
                                                1,869,951
                                                             2,163,714
                                                                               6.950.503
                                                                                                10,984,168
Adjustment to balance following increase in share capital
                                                       96,394
                                                                                   96,394 Shares exercised
during the period
                       (633,867)
                                         633,867
                                                          Shares granted during the period
                                                                                           (192,000)
192,000
           22.50
                                                                       (87,000)
                             Shares lapsed during the period
                                                             87,000
                                                                                    10.75
                               1,861,345
                                            1,634,847
                                                             7,584,370
Balance at December 31, 2006
                                                                               11,080,562 Adjustment to
                                                      — — — 1,106,206 Shares exercised during the
balance following increase in share capital
                                          1,106,206
        -(545,667)
                              545,667
                                         — — Shares granted during the period (1,521,000)
                                                                                               1,521,000
22.19
         — — Shares lapsed during the period 73,666
                                                           (73,666)
                                                                        12.08
                                                                                 — — Balance at
                                  2,536,514
December 31, 2007
                   1,520,217
                                                   8.130,037
                                                                    12,186,768
* This shows the total options exercised, granted and available since the inception of the Scheme.
```

of the options issued in 2007 is subject to a satisfactory performance level being achieved during the 12 month period prior to the exercise date of each tranche of options. The minimum performance level to be achieved is defined as level 3 in the group's performance management system. No performance criteria was attached to the options that were issued in 2006.

The table below summarizes the information about the options outstanding:

```
OUTSTANDING OPTIONS Range of Exercise Price (US$) Number of
Shares Weighted
Average
Contractual
Life
(in years) Weighted
Average
Exercise
Price
(US$) AT DECEMBER 31, 2007
                                          1.25 - 2.13 89.456
                                                               3.08
                                                                      2.31
                             8.05 \ 12.78 - 16.15 \ 172,000
  3.23 \ 5.00 - 8.25 \ 116,556
                                                        6.59
                                                                                            7.61
14.31 22.50 - 22.50 192,000
                                                                    9.64
                                     22.50 22.19 - 22.19 1,500,000
                                                                            22.19
                              8.92
                                                                                     2,536,614
                                                 1.25 - 2.13 89,456
8.17
       17.30 AT DECEMBER 31, 2006
                                                                      4.08
                                                                             1.81 \ \ 2.50 - 3.50 \ \ \ 43.302
         3.24 \ 5.00 - 8.25 \ 116,556
                                           8.25 \ 8.05 - 8.05 \ 974,633
                                                                      7.59
 4.34
                                   0.61
                                                                             8.05 \ 12.78 - 16.15
219,000
          8.56
                 13.98 22.50 - 22.50 192,000
                                               9.92
                                                       22.50 22.19 – 22.19 — — —
                                                                                      1.634.947
7.22
       10.09
```

17.4 The exercise

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The table below summarizes the information about the Randgold Resources Limited share option scheme options that are exercisable as at

December 31, 2007 and 2006:

Range of

Exercise Price (US\$) Number of shares Weighted Average Exercise Average (US\$) AT 31 DECEMBER, 2007  $3.23 \ 5.00 - 8.25$ 1.25 - 2.13 89,456 116,556 8.25 8.05 – 16.15 111,966 9.93 341,280 6.77 AT 31 DECEMBER, 2006 1.25 -2.13  $1.81 \ \ 2.50 - 3.50 \ \ \ 43,302$  $3.24 \ 5.00 - 8.25 \ 116,556$  $8.25 \ 8.05 - 8.05 \ 154,633$ 8.05 89,456 403,947 6.21 F-34

share of

F-35

# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

18.

### SEGMENT INFORMATION

The group's mining and exploration activities, which are included in the corporate and exploration segment, are conducted in West and East Africa. An analysis of the group's business segments, excluding intergroup transactions, is set out below.

US\$000 Group's 40%

Morila Mine Loulo Mine Corporate and Exploration Total A) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007 PROFIT AND LOSS Gold sales on spot 127,687 185,734 **—** 313,421 Loss on matured -(23,580)Non-cash loss on roll forward of hedges hedges -(23,580)-(7,036)- (7,036 Total revenue 127,687 155,118 -282,805Mining and processing costs excluding depreciation -(138,416)Depreciation and amortization (5,428)(15,559)(50,536)(87,880)- (20.987) Mining and processing costs (55,964)(103,439)-(159,403)Transport and refining costs (1.318)-(18,307)(277)-(1.595)**Royalties** (8,949)(9.358)Exploration and corporate expenditure (832)(4,184)(30,904)(35,920)Other (expenses)/income 894 Finance costs (4,448)-(5,805)(2,247)(4,041)(1.357)Finance income 147 9.167 151 8,869 Profit before income tax 57,767 30,275 (21,141)66,901 Income tax (20,725)(548)-(21,273)Net profit 37,042 29,727 (21,141)45,628 expense CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (678)(47,227)-(47,905)TOTAL ASSETS 132,442 308,224 TOTAL EXTERNAL LIABILITIES 340,053 780,719 (26,863)(132,637)(11,030)(170,530)(29,000) -29,000DIVIDENDS (PAID)/RECEIVED NET CASH FLOWS GENERATED 42,025 62,233 NET CASH FLOWS UTILISED BY/(UTILISED IN) OPERATIONS 24,109 (3,901)IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES (678)(47,227)(48,950)(96,855)**NET CASH (UTILISED** IN)/GENERATED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (1,297)(42,443)229,189 185,449 NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS 22,134 (47,645)176,338 150,827

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```
US$000 Group's 40%
share of
Morila
 Mine
         Loulo
Mine Corporate
and
Exploration Total A) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
PROFIT AND LOSS
                                                                     — 274,907
                              Gold sales on spot
                                                 125,951
                                                           148,956
                                                                                   Loss on matured
                                     Non-cash loss on roll forward of hedges
       -(12,190)
                       -(12,190)
                                                                        -(4,413)
                                       — 258,304
    Total revenue
                  125,951
                            132,353
                                                    Mining and processing costs excluding depreciation
                                     Depreciation and amortization
                                                                 (6,233) (16,611)
(44,264)
          (70,586)
                      -(114,850)
    Mining and processing costs
                              (50,497)
                                         (87,197)
                                                    -(137,694)
                                                                    Transport and refining costs
(244)
        (467)
                — (711)
                            Royalties
                                      (8,802)
                                                 (8,177)
                                                          -(16,979)
                                                                          Exploration and corporate
                                            (28,805) Other (expenses)/income
                                                                              (68)
expenditure
            (2,643)
                      (2,886)
                                (23,276)
                                                                                      (4,042)
2,409
        (1,701)
                  Finance costs
                                (1,258)
                                          (4,567)
                                                    -(5.825)
                                                                  Finance income
                                                                                  137
                                                                                         256
                                                25,273
6,991
        7.384
                Profit before income tax
                                       62,576
                                                          (13,876)
                                                                     73,973
                                                                              Income tax expense
(23,025)
                (99)
                        (23,097)
                                   Net profit
                                              39,551
                                                       25,300
                                                                (13.975)
                                                                            50,876
                                                                                     CAPITAL
           27
                 (1,160)
                                      (103)
                                                          TOTAL ASSETS
                                                                           117,470
EXPENDITURE
                           (60,245)
                                               (61,508)
                                                                                      258,557
          512,164
                    TOTAL EXTERNAL LIABILITIES
                                                      19,084
                                                               146,228
                                                                         3,309

    NET CASH FLOWS GENERATED

DIVIDENDS (PAID)/RECEIVED
                               (30,400)
                                          — 30,400
BY/(UTILISED IN) OPERATIONS
                                 32,900
                                          48,482
                                                   (10,972)
                                                              70,410
                                                                        NET CASH FLOWS
UTILISED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES
                                                           (103)
                                     (1,160)
                                                (60,140)
                                                                    (61,403)
                                                                               NET CASH
(UTILISED IN)/GENERATED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES
                                                           (1,130)
                                                                     (20.626)
                                                                                 3,653
                                                                                         (18,103)
 NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
                                                                  30,610
                                                                           (32,284)
                                                                                      (7,422)
(9.096)
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US$000 Group's
40% share of
Morila
Mine Somilo Corporate
and
Exploration Total B) YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005
PROFIT AND LOSS
                               Gold sales on spot
                                                  120,814
                                                            30,688
                                                                      — 151,502
                                                                                    Loss on matured
                                                                   — Total revenue
         — — — Non-cash loss on roll forward of hedges
hedges
                                                                                          120,814
                       Mining and processing costs excluding depreciation
                                                                       (46,048)#
30,688
         — 151,502
                                                                                   (9,258)
            Depreciation and amortization
                                         (7,206)
(55,306) #
                                                    (4,704)
                                                              -(11.910)
                                                                             Mining and processing
       (53,254) #
                    (13,962)
                               — (67,216)#
                                                                                    (72)
costs
                                                Transport and refining costs
                                                                           (288)
                                                                                            - (360)
                                    -(10,273)
                                                   Exploration and corporate expenditure
                                                                                       (442)
    Royalties
               (8,398)
                         (1.875)
(2,193)
          (21,414)
                     (24,049)
                                 Other (expenses)/income
                                                         (740)
                                                                  45
                                                                        528
                                                                               (167)
                                                                                       Finance costs
                                        Finance income
                                                         174
                                                                -1,890
                                                                                    Profit before
(1,434)
          (681)
                   (1,360)
                              (3,475)
                                                                            2,064
income tax
            56,432 #
                       11,950
                                 (20,356)
                                            48.026 #
                                                       Income tax expense
                                                                           (170)#
                                                                                     -- (170)#
            56,262 #
                                             47,856 #
                                                        CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
 Net profit
                        11,950
                                 (20,356)
                                                                                   (1,742)
                                                                                              (82,950
    -(84,692)
                   TOTAL ASSETS
                                     111,959 #
                                                 206,412
                                                            143,978
                                                                       462,349 #
                                                                                   TOTAL
EXTERNAL LIABILITIES
                           22,456 #
                                                         156,649 #
                                                                     DIVIDENDS (PAID)/RECEIVED
                                      130,280
                                                 3,913
 (35,880)
            — 35,880

    NET CASH FLOWS GENERATED

BY/(UTILISED IN) OPERATIONS
                                  33,712
                                           9,510
                                                    (13,486)
                                                               29,736
                                                                         NET CASH FLOWS UTILISED
IN
INVESTING ACTIVITIES
                                                — (84,493)
                                                               NET CASH (UTILISED
                          (1,742)
                                     (82,751)
IN)/GENERATED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES
                                                                      105,248
                                                                                 128,969
                                                            24,877
                                                                                           NET
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
                                                                                   91,762
                                                              30,814
                                                                        (48,364)
                                                                                             74,212
  Restated due to change in accounting policy relating to stripping costs. Refer note 6.
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### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

In the normal course of its operations, the group is exposed to gold price, currency, interest rate, liquidity and credit risks. In order to manage these risks, the group may enter into transactions which make use of on-balance sheet derivatives. The group does not acquire, hold or issue derivatives for trading purposes. The group has developed a risk management process to facilitate, control and monitor these risks. The board has approved and monitors this risk management process, inclusive of documented treasury policies, counterpart limits, controlling and reporting structures.

# Controlling Risk in the Group

The treasury committee is responsible for risk management activities within the group. The treasury committee reviews and recommends to the board all treasury counterparts, limits,

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

instruments and hedge strategies. At least two members of the treasury committee need to be present for a decision to be made. The treasury committee is only permitted to invest with institutions with investment ratings of AA– or higher. The treasurer is responsible for managing investment, gold price, currency, liquidity and credit risk. The treasury function monitors adherence to treasury risk management policy and counterpart limits and provides regular reports.

The financial risk management objectives of the group are defined as follows:

Safeguarding the group core earnings stream from its major assets through the effective control and management of gold price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk.

• Effective and efficient

usage of credit facilities in both the short and long term through the adoption of reliable liquidity management planning and procedures.

• Ensuring that

investment and hedging transactions are undertaken with creditworthy counterparts.

· Ensuring that all

contracts and agreements related to risk management activities are coordinated, consistent throughout the group and comply where necessary with all relevant regulatory and statutory requirements.

Foreign currency and commodity price risk

In the normal course of business, the group enters into transactions denominated in foreign currencies (primarily Euro and Communauté Financière Africaine Franc). As a result, the group is subject to exposure from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. In general, the group does not enter into derivatives to manage these currency risks. Generally, the group does not hedge its exposure to gold price fluctuation risk and sells at market spot prices. Gold sales are disclosed in US dollars and do not expose the group to any currency fluctuation risk. However, during periods of capital expenditure or loan finance, the company may use forward contracts or options to reduce the exposure to price movements, while maintaining significant exposure to spot prices.

These derivatives may establish a fixed price for a portion of future production while the group maintains the ability to benefit from increases in the spot gold price for the majority of future gold production. At year end, the volume of outstanding forward sale contracts was 207 240 ounces.

Net open hedge position as at December 31, 2007

The group had the following new forward-pricing commitments outstanding against future production.

Summary: All open contracts in the group's commodity hedge position as at December 31, 2007

US 41.748

dollar/gold 2008 2009 2010 Total Forward sales

Ounces 80,496 84,996

245

207,240 Average US\$/oz 429.23 434.90 500.38 445.89

The volume of production hedged and the tenor of the hedging book is continually reviewed in the light of changes in operational forecasts, market conditions and the group's hedging policy.

Forward sales contracts require the future delivery of gold at a specified price.

The gains and losses on ineffective portions of cash flow hedge derivatives are recognized immediately in the income statement. During the year to December 31, 2007, a loss of \$0.3 million (2006: \$0.7 million) was recognized due to hedge ineffectiveness.

# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Interest rate and liquidity risk

Fluctuations in interest rates impact on the value of short term cash investments and interest payable on financing activities (including long term loans), giving rise to interest rate risk. In the ordinary course of business, the group receives cash from its operations and is required to fund working capital and capital expenditure requirements. The group generally enters into variable interest bearing borrowings. This cash is managed to ensure surplus funds are invested in a manner to achieve maximum returns while minimizing risks. The group has in the past been able to actively source financing through public offerings, shareholder loans and third party loans. A 1% change in interest rates on the group's net cash (cash and cash equivalents less borrowings) would result in a US\$2.9 million (2006: US\$0.9 million) impact on profit before tax. The group typically holds financial investments with an average maturity of 30 days to ensure adequate liquidity. The maturity of borrowings is set out in note 14, the maturity of all other financial liabilities is not later than one year.

Cash and short-term loans advanced

Maturity date Currency Fixed rate investment amount Effective Rate % Floating rate investment amount million Effective Rate % All less than one year US\$ 343,133 4.56 — —

The other financial instruments of the group that are not included in the tables above are non-interest bearing and are therefore not subject to interest rate risk.

### Concentration of credit risk

The group's derivative financial instruments and cash balances do not give rise to a concentration of credit risk because it deals with a variety of major financial institutions. Its receivables and loans are regularly monitored and assessed. Receivables are impaired when it is probable that amounts outstanding are not recoverable as set out in the accounting policy note for receivables. Gold bullion, the group's principal product, is produced in Mali. The gold produced is sold to a reputable gold refinery. The group is not exposed to significant credit risk, as cash is received within a few days of the sale taking place. Included in receivables is US\$18.8 million net of a present value provision (2006: US\$18.4 million), see note 7, relating to indirect taxes owing to Morila and Loulo by the State of Mali, which are denominated in FCFA. Receivables also include advances to a contractor totalling US\$12.1 million (2006: US\$11.8 million) (see note 23). Available-for-sale financial assets consists of a portfolio of short term asset-backed securities and other corporate debt instruments. The trading market for these instruments has become substantially illiquid as a result of unusual conditions in the credit markets. The company continues to receive interest payable on these securities. (Refer to note 11).

# Capital Risk Management

The group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to shareholders, return capital to shareholders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt. Consistent with others in the industry, the group monitors capital on the basis of the gearing ratio. This ratio is calculated as net debt divided by total capital. Net debt is calculated as total borrowings (including borrowings and trade and other payables, as shown in the consolidated

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

balance sheet) less cash and cash equivalents. Total capital is calculated as equity, as shown in the consolidated balance sheet, plus net debt.

2007 2006
Total borrowings 6,420 50,484 Less: cash and cash equivalents (294,183) (143,356) Net cash (287,763) (92,872) Total equity 607,093 340,770 Total capital 319,330 247,898 Gearing ratio 0 % 0 %

#### VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following table presents the carrying amounts and fair values of the group's financial instruments outstanding at December 31, 2007 and 2006. The fair value of a financial instrument is defined as the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

US\$000 Notes Dec 31, 2007 Carrying amount Dec 31, 2007 Fair value Dec 31, 2006 Carrying amount Dec 31, 2006 Fair value Financial assets Cash and cash equivalents 294,183 294,183 48,950 143,356 143,356 Available-for-sale financial assets 48,950 — — Receivables 56,321 43,683 Financial liabilities 56,321 43,683 Accounts payable 63,330 39,461 39,461 Current portion of long term borrowings 3,647 63,330 3,647 24,818 24,818 Long term borrowings (excluding loans from outside shareholders) 2,773 25,666 2,773 25,486 Liabilities on forward gold sales 85,625 85,625 67,494 67,494 Government of Mali loan 16 3,096 2,545 2,773 2,280

Hedging

20. FAIR

instruments Carrying amount US\$000 Forward sales Ounces Forward

sales

US\$/oz Financial Instruments contracts as at December 31, 2007 Details of the group's on balance sheet forward gold sale

(all treated as cash flow hedges): 429 Year ended 2009 36,090

Maturity dates 435 Year ended 2010 84,996

Year ended 2008 33,672 15,863 41,748

500 Total

80,496

207,240 85,625 446

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Financial instruments Details of the group's on balance sheet forward gold sale contracts as at December 31, 2006 (all treated as cash flow hedges): Maturity dates Year ended 2007 438 Year ended 2008 80,496 431 Year ended 2009 27,525 132,583 20,907 84,996 19,062 437 Total 67,494 298,075 436 These financial instruments were taken out as part of the Loulo project financing, but some of the contracts which

matured in 2006 have been rolled forward.

For ounces delivered into hedges the net cash proceeds from the sales will be limited to the forward price per the contract as per the previous table. However, the revenue recognized under IFRS in respect of forecast sales hedging using forward contracts rolled forward in 2007 will be adjusted to exclude the non-cash profit/loss rolled forward. These profits/losses have already been recognized in the income statement, at the original designated delivery date.

The hedge book liability as stated at present will realize as follows:

31, 2007 Dec 31, 2006 Amounts deferred in equity which will reduce/(increase) revenue in future periods: 2007 23,962 2008 32,749 19,062 2009 34,755 19,458 2010 6,319 73,823 62,482 US\$000 The non-cash losses on rolled forward contracts for previously designated dates which have already been recognized **—** 3,078 2008 - 2009 1,335 9,544 in the income statement: 2007 10,879 4,413 The ineffective loss/(profit) portion of hedging contracts previously recognized 599 923 Total fair value 85,625 67,494 US\$000 Dec 31,

2007 Dec 31,
2006 Movement in the Hedging Reserve (62,482) (43,135) Opening balance Movement on cash flow hedges • Transfer to income statement 30,371 17,256 • Fair value movement on financial instruments (41,712) (36,603) Closing balance (73,823) (62,482)
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US\$000 Dec

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Estimation of fair values

Receivables, accounts payable, bank overdrafts and cash and cash equivalents.

The carrying amounts are a reasonable estimate of the fair values because of the short maturity of such instruments. Long term receivables are discounted using the effective interest rate which approximates a market related rate. The rates used and the fair values are stated in note 7.

Long term borrowings

The fair value of market-based floating rate long term debt is estimated using the expected future payments discounted at market interest rates.

The fair value for the loans from minority shareholders is based on estimated project cash flows which have been discounted at 6.75% (2006: 6.75%).

Gold price contracts

The fair value of gold price forward sales contracts has been determined by reference to quoted market rates at year end balance sheet dates. See note 3.

The forward price of gold is sensitive to fluctuations in the gold spot price, interest rates and the gold lease rate. The following table sets forth a sensitivity analysis of the mark-to-market valuations of our hedges as at 31 December 2007:

Impact on Mark-to-Market valuation of financial liabilities – forward gold sales

Sensitivity to change in gold price at December 31, 2007

```
2
     Loulo (100%):
                                                             Change in US$ gold price
                                                                                         20
                                                                                                10
                                                                                                      5
0
     (2)
                                                                             (87.6)
            (5)
                    (10)
                            (20) Mark-to-market (US$ million)
                                                                  (89.6)
                                                                                       (86.6)
                                                                                                 (86.0)
(85.6)
          (85.2)
                    (84.6)
                                         (81.7)
                               (83.6)
Sensitivity to change in weighted average US$ interest rate at December 31, 2007
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Loulo (100%): Change in rate 1.00\% 0.50\% 0.20\% 0.00\% -0.20\% -0.50\% -1.00\% Mark-to-market (US$ million) (87.6 ) (86.6 ) (85.6 ) (85.2 ) (84.6 ) (83.6 )
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Sensitivity to change in gold lease rate at December 31, 2007

Loulo (100%): Change in rate 1.00 % 0.50 % 0.20 % 0.00 % −1.00 % Mark-to-market (US\$ million) 0.20 % -0.50%(83.9)(85.3)(85.6)(86.0 (84.8)(86.5)(87.3)

These movements will affect profits when the relevant forward contracts expire.

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### COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

US\$000 Dec

31, 2007 Dec 31, 2006 Capital expenditure contracted for at balance sheet date but not yet incurred is: Property, plant and equipment 2,013 10,450

The group's capital commitments relating to the Morila joint venture, included above, amount to US\$0.5 million (2006: US\$0.1million). There are no contingent liabilities for Morila. If the group were to early terminate its mining contract at Loulo without cause, it would have to pay a lump sum compensation depending on the maturity of the contract. If the contract had been cancelled in 2007 then the payment would have been US\$5 million (2006: US\$6.7 million).

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

Operating lease commitments

The lease relates to the oxygen plant at Loulo leased from Maligaz. The duration of the contract is 10 years and the contract is renewable for additional periods of five years thereafter. The lease expenditure charged to the income statement during the year is disclosed in note 24.

The future aggregate minimum lease payments\* under operating leases are as follows:

US\$000 Dec

31, 2007 Dec 31, 2006 No later than 1 year 362 323 Later than 1 year and no later than 5 years 1,448 1,292 Later than 5 years 724 969 2,534 2,584

\* The

payments also include payments for non-lease elements in the arrangement.

22. RELATED

### PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In terms of the operator agreement between Morila SA and AngloGold Ashanti Services Mali SA, a management fee, calculated as 1% of the total revenue of Morila, is payable to AngloGold Services Mali SA quarterly in arrears. The attributable management fees for the year ended December 31, 2007 amounted to US\$1.3 million (2006: US\$1.3 million). With effect from February 15, 2008 Randgold Resources assumed responsibility for the operatorship of Morila SA and accordingly will receive payment of the management fees. Purchasing and consultancy services are also provided by AngloGold Ashanti to the mine on a reimbursable basis. The attributable purchases and consultancy services for the year ended December 31, 2007 amounted to US\$2.4 million (2006: US\$3.1 million). The attributable purchases and consultancy services balance outstanding at year end amounted to US\$0.9 million (2006: 0). Seven Bridges Trading 14 (Pty) Limited administration services to Rockwell Resources RSA (Pty) Limited. Total fees received during the year amounted to US\$0.08 million (2006: US\$0.02 million).

Key management personnel compensation was as follows:

US\$000 2007

2006 2005 Short term employee benefits 6,267 4,863 3,853 Share-based payments 1,144 1,434 2,053 Total 7,411 6,297 5,906

This includes compensation for three executive directors (2006: two), six non-executive directors (2006: seven) and ten executive management personnel (2006: nine).

Refer to directors and management's profiles on pages xx to xx for detail of their roles and responsibilities.

23.

SIGNIFICANT UNCERTAINTIES RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WITH A CONTRACTOR

The directors believe that the group is entitled to recover US\$59.3 million from MDM Ferroman (Pty) Ltd ("MDM") (in liquidation), the contractor which was responsible for construction of the Loulo mine ("the project") until the main construction contract was taken back on December 30, 2005. This comprises payments totaling US\$32 million which have been capitalized as part of the cost of the project, US\$15.2 million in respect of damages arising from the delayed completion of the project, and advances of US\$12.1 million (2005: US\$12.2 million)

# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

included in Receivables. Of this latter amount, US\$7 million is secured by performance bonds and the remainder is secured by various personal guarantees and other assets. As part of the group's efforts to recoup the monies owed, MDM was put into liquidation on February 1, 2006. This resulted in a South African Companies Act Section 417 investigation into the business and financial activities of MDM, its affiliated companies and their directors. The investigation was completed and summons have been issued against those MDM creditors deemed as preferential creditors. The legal proceedings are continuing. The directors believe that the group will be able to recover in full the US\$12.1 million included in Receivables. However, this is dependent on the amounts which can be recovered from the performance bonds, personal guarantees and other assets provided as security. Any shortfall is expected to be recovered from any free residue accruing to the insolvent estate. The aggregate amount which will ultimately be recovered cannot presently be determined. The financial statements do not reflect any additional provision that may be required if the US\$12.1 million cannot be recovered in full. Recovery of the other US\$47.2 million is dependent on the extent to which the group's claim is accepted by the liquidators and the amount in the free residue. The ultimate outcome of this claim cannot presently be determined. The financial statements do not reflect any adjustment to the cost of the Loulo development that may arise from this claim, or any additional income that may arise from the claim for damages, or any charge that may arise from MDM's inability to settle amounts that are determined to be payable by MDM to the group in respect of the Loulo development.

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### MINING AND PROCESSING COSTS AND OTHER DISCLOSABLE ITEMS

Mining and processing costs comprise:

US\$000

Dec 31, 2007 Dec 31, 2006 Dec 31, 2005 Mine production costs 66.612 Movement in 136,312 115,217 production inventory and ore stockpiles (11,534)(18,744)# Depreciation and amortization (13,373)20,987 11,910 Other mining and processing costs 13,006 22,844 13,638 7.438 159,403 137,694 67,216 # Operating lease payments 292 Impairment of receivables 362 323 (2,047)1,550 1,009

# Restated due to change in accounting policy relating to stripping costs. Refer note 6.

25.

### EXPLORATION AND CORPORATE EXPENDITURE

US\$000

Dec 31, 2007 Dec 31, 2006 Dec 31, 2005 Exploration and corporate expenditure comprise:

Exploration expenditure 18,245 13,959 8,723 Corporate expenditure 17,675 14,846 15,326
35,920 28,805 24,049

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# RANDGOLD RESOURCES LIMITED NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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### FINANCE INCOME AND COSTS

US\$000

Dec 31, 2007 Dec 31, 2006 Dec 31, 2005 Finance income – interest income on short term deposits 7,887 2,064 Finance income – net foreign exchange gains on financing activities 1,280 7,384 1.339 — Finance 9,167 2,064 Interest expense – borrowings (5,251) (1,861) Unwind of income 8,723 (5,825)discount on provisions for environmental rehabilitation (554)(541)(254) Finance costs – net foreign exchange losses on financing activities — — (1,360) Finance costs (6,366)(5,805)(3,475)Finance income – net 3,362 2,357 (1,411)

27. POST

### **BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

With effect from February 15, 2008, Randgold Resources assumed responsibility for the operatorship of Morila SA and accordingly will receive payment of the management fees. See note 22 for details.

On January 31, 2008, the board of directors approved an annual dividend of 12 US cents per share which resulted in an aggregate dividend payment of US\$9.1 million which was paid in March 2008.

The development of the Tongon mine was approved by the board of directors on January 31, 2008.

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SOCIÉTÉ DES MINES DE MORILA S.A.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To the members of Société des Mines de Morila S.A.

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Société des Mines de Morila S.A as of December 31, 2007 and the related income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Société des Mines de Morila S.A at December 31, 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the IASB.

/s/ BDO Stoy Hayward LLP BDO Stoy Hayward LLP 20 June 2008

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Société des Mines de Morila S.A.

We have audited the balance sheets of Société des Mines de Morila S.A. (the Company) as of December 31, 2006, and the related income statements, cash flow statements and statements of changes in shareholders equity for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2006, and the results of its operations and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2006, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. Director: Faan Lombard Registered Auditor

Johannesburg, South Africa; June 21, 2007

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SOCIÉTÉ DES MINES DE MORILA S.A. Income Statement for the years ended December 31,

Note 2007 \$'000 2006 \$'000 2005 \$'000 Revenue 319,218 295,909 Operating costs 314,878 (170,332)(156,552)(158,981)148886 158,326 136,928 Other (expenditure)/income – net (990) 2,718 (928) Operating profit 161,044 136,000 Finance income 147,896 362 651 13 435 Finance costs 21 (3,392)(4,367) Finance costs – net 21 (3,739)(3,030)(3,088)(3,932)Profit before taxation 157,956 144,866 132,068 Taxation 14 (52,058)(57,717)(267)Net profit attributable to Equity Shareholders 92,808 100,239 131,801 The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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SOCIÉTÉ DES MINES DE MORILA S.A. Balance sheet At December 31,

Note 2007 \$'000 2006 \$'000 ASSETS Non current assets 202,719 Property, plant and equipment 211,085 77,159 88,427 Deferred tax asset 6,261 Non-current receivables 28.822 12,422 8 3.084 12 Long-term ore stockpiles 95,609 Current assets 120,020 89,803 Inventories 102,020 10 39,380 Accounts receivable 72,061 12 33,952 37,560 Prepaid expenses 14,007 8,435 Cash and cash equivalents 292,522 EQUITY AND LIABILITIES — 4,428 Total assets 331,105 Capital and reserves Share capital 4 16 Distributable reserves 16 245,949 Shareholder's equity 266,257 266,273 245,965 Non-current liabilities 20,484 22,044 Shareholder's loan 3,860 3,689 Environmental rehabilitation provision 11,218 10,012 44,348 Interest bearing borrowings 5,406 8,343 Current liabilities 24,513 Accounts payable 22,495 6,574 11 17,058 Taxation payable 4,434 Short-term portion of interest bearing 3,021 Bank overdrafts — Total shareholders' equity and liabilities borrowings 2,715 12,564 331,105 292.522 The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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SOCIÉTÉ DES MINES DE MORILA S.A. Statements of changes in shareholders' equity for the years ended December 31,

Share capital \$'000 Retained income \$'000 Hedging Reserve \$'000 Total \$'000 Balance at December 31, 2004 — 179,625 Net profit for the year 16 179,609 (89,700) Balance at December 31, 2005 131,801 Dividends declared and paid -(89,700)221,710 — 221,726 Net profit for the year 100,239 100,239 Dividends declared and paid (76,000) Balance at December 31, 2006 — 245,965 Net profit for the (76,000)16 245,949 year 92,808 92,808 Dividends declared and paid (72,500) Balance at (72,500)December 31, 2007 16 266,257 266,273 The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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2007 \$'000 2006 \$'000 2005 \$'000 Cash flows from operating activities Profit after taxation 92,808 100,239 131,801 Adjustments: - Tax expense 52,058 57,717 267 – Net finance charges 3,030 2,495 2,739 – Depreciation 13,566 20,532 - Provision for bad debt 15,583 (3.886)1,137 4,030 – Accretion expense 593 637 158,177 177,764 160,006 Effects of 601 changes in operating working capital items - Receivables (30,627)(21,680)(9,967)) - Inventories and ore stockpiles