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**QUARTERLY REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH, 2002**

HIGHLIGHTS:

• **PANTON RESOURCE UPGRADE**

The mineral resource at the Panton Project has increased 33% from 3.4 million ounces to 4.5 million ounces Platinum Group Metals* & Gold (PGM+Au). The new resource includes 2 million ounces PGM + Au (10.6 million tonnes at an average grade of 5.8 g/t PGM + Au) contained in the high grade Top Reef.

• **UNDERGROUND MINING OF TOP REEF COMPLETED**

Underground mining of high grade Top Reef from the exploration decline successfully completed at Panton. A bulk sample of 250 tonnes of this material is now in South Africa ready to commence pilot plant testing.

• **PILOT PLANT TESTING UNDERWAY**

Pilot plant testing of material from a 170 tonne bulk sample of near surface open cut Top Reef is underway in South Africa and results are expected in the coming quarter.

• **METALLURGICAL BREAKTHROUGH**

Metallurgical test work being undertaken on the Panton Project has identified a new process capable of producing a high grade PGM concentrate suitable for feed direct to a refinery. The process, currently under patent application, is undergoing further development and optimization and is expected to significantly improve the economics of the project.

* The six Platinum Group Metals (PGMs) are Platinum (Pt), Palladium, (Pd), Rhodium, (Rh), Iridium (Ir), Osmium (Os) and Ruthenium (Ru).

- **PANTON PLATINUM PALLADIUM PROJECT**

The Panton Platinum Palladium Project is located 60 kilometres north of Halls Creek in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Panton is Australia's highest grade known PGM deposit. The project is 100% owned by Platinum Australia Limited.

Bankable Feasibility Study

Work in all areas of the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) continued during the quarter, with major advances achieved in the areas of resource definition and metallurgical test work.

The success of the metallurgical test work program in identifying a new process for the production of high grade PGM concentrates (see separate section below) will delay the completion of the study until the third quarter of this year.

Resource Definition

The overall mineral resource at Panton has increased to 4.5 million ounces PGM + Au from the previous 3.4 million ounces announced in November.

Included in this resource is 10.6 million tonnes of high grade Top Reef with an average grade of 5.8 g/t PGM + Au containing 2 million ounces PGM + Au. This reef will form the basis of the proposed open cut and underground mine envisaged in the study.

This grade is higher than any other significant known Australian PGM deposit and is comparable to grades of UG-2 chromitite ores currently being mined in South Africa.

Additional tonnage is expected to come from the Middle Reef which contains a further 5.7 million tonnes at an average grade of 3.4 g/t PGM + Au (0.6 million ounces PGM + Au).

The Panton Resource is still open at depth and along strike with a further eight kilometres of strike length to be tested.

Underground Test Mining

Mining of the exploration decline including over 52 metres of on-reef development was completed in the quarter and a bulk sample of 250 tonnes was shipped to South Africa for pilot plant testing.

In addition to providing a bulk sample for metallurgical test work the mining provided good quality information on the geological, geo-technical and mining aspects of the reef and its environs.

Metallurgical Test Work

As a result of the metallurgical test work undertaken as part of the BFS, PLA has developed a new process which should enable a high grade PGM + Au concentrate to be produced at Panton that can be fed direct to a PGM refinery, bypassing the need for a smelter.

The process uses standard flotation to produce a high-recovery, low-grade concentrate, which is then subjected to low temperature calcination, followed by leaching to achieve over 80% recovery of PGM + Au, an improvement of up to 10% on that achieved in the Pre Feasibility Study. A precipitation recovery route is currently being tested that would then produce a high-grade PGM + Au concentrate and a base metal concentrate.

This new process would reduce transport costs by several million dollars per year and significantly increase the prices PLA would receive for its products. Additionally, the process utilises unit processes currently in use in the Australian Gold industry and as such, represents low technical risk.

Bulk samples from both surface and the exploration decline are now in South Africa and testing in the Mintek pilot plant has commenced. Test work should be completed during May and results available shortly thereafter.

Concentrates produced from the above pilot plant tests will be used to carry out pilot scale tests on the calcination/leach process including the recovery of PGMs and base metals by precipitation.

- **McINTOSH PROJECT**

The McIntosh Prospect is located approximately 70 km north northeast of Halls Creek and 20 km northeast of the Panton Sill. The tenement covers an ultramafic intrusive unit known as the ‘Melon Patch’, which is similar to the Panton Sill and also contains chromitites hosting PGM mineralisation.

All holes completed as part of the recent program of 600 metres of RC drilling intersected zones of +0.5 g/t Pt+Pd+Au in 4 metre composites. Results from the one metre split samples from these anomalous zones are expected shortly.

It is anticipated that follow up work on these anomalous zones will be carried out in the coming field season.

- **IMAGI WELL PROJECT**

The Imagi Well is situated on Byro Station, approximately 800km north of Perth and 150km southeast of Gascoyne Junction. Several highly anomalous Platinum, Palladium and base metal zones are evident within the region and exploration is focusing on several levels within the intrusion.

A program of work for the coming field season has been planned to further define and evaluate the potential of the large layered mafic – ultramafic intrusion identified from the initial work program.

- **CORPORATE**

A visit to the Panton Project site was undertaken in early April by members of the PLA Board of Directors and Ed Haslam, Chief Executive Officer of Lonmin plc to provide a detailed overview and update on the project.

Investor Relations

During the quarter, PLA upgraded its corporate website to reflect best practice investor relations. The new website features a full corporate directory, up to date maps and details on all PLA projects, latest ASX announcements and company reports, share & PGM price details, a picture gallery, as well as links to leading international PGM website, Johnson Matthey.

PLA also provides shareholders and interested investors with electronic updates via email. If you would like to receive ASX announcements, company reports and press statements as they are released, simply visit the PLA website, click on the “Join our E-list” link and fill out the form.

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MINING EXPLORATION ENTITY QUARTERLY REPORT

PLATINUM AUSTRALIA LIMITED ACN 093 417 942

For Quarter Ended 31 March, 2002
(referred to in this Statement as the "Current Quarter")

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

CASH FLOWS RELATED TO OPERATING ACTIVITIES

1.1	Receipts from product sales and related debtors		
1.2	Payments for (a) exploration and evaluation		
	(b) development		
	(c) production		
	(d) administration		
1.3	Dividends received		
1.4	Interest and other items of a similar nature received		
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid		
1.6	Income taxes paid		
1.7	Other (administration costs charged to exploration)		

NET OPERATING CASH FLOWS

CASH FLOWS RELATED TO INVESTING ACTIVITIES

1.8	Payment for purchases of:	(a) prospects		
		(b) equity investments		
		(c) other fixed assets		
1.9	Proceeds from sale of:	(a) prospects		
		(b) equity investments		
		(c) other fixed assets		
1.10	Loans to other entities (note 3)			
1.11	Loans repaid by other entities			
1.12	Other (provide details if material)			

NET INVESTING CASH FLOWS

1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows		
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CASH FLOWS RELATED TO FINANCING ACTIVITIES

1.14	Proceeds from issues of shares, options, etc.		
1.15	Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares		
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings		
1.17	Repayment of borrowings		
1.18	Dividends paid		
1.19	Other (provide details if material) Prospectus costs		

NET FINANCING CASH FLOWS

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD

1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date		
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to 1.20		

1.22 CASH AT END OF QUARTER

	Current Quarter \$A'000	Year to Date (9 months) \$A'000
	11	11
	(2,382)	(8,597)
	-	-
	-	-
	(580)	(1,614)
	-	-
	55	181
	-	-
	-	-
	340	1,204
	(2,556)	(8,815)
	-	-
	-	-
	(55)	(395)
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	(55)	(395)
	(2,611)	(9,210)
	-	12,002
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	12,002
	(2,611)	2,792
	6,490	1,087
	-	-
	3,879	3,879

PAYMENTS TO DIRECTORS OF THE ENTITY AND ASSOCIATES OF THE DIRECTORS
PAYMENTS TO RELATED ENTITIES OF THE ENTITY AND ASSOCIATES OF THE RELATED ENTITY

		Current quarter \$A'000
1.23	Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2	67
1.24	Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10	Nil
1.25	Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions	
	N/A	

NON-CASH FINANCING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES

- 2.1 Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows
- 2.2 Details of outlays made by other entities to establish or increase their share in projects in which the reporting entity has an interest
- Nil

FINANCING FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.	Amount Available \$A'000	Amount Used \$A'000
3.1 Loan facilities	-	-
3.2 Credit standby arrangements	-	-

ESTIMATED CASH OUTFLOWS FOR NEXT QUARTER

	\$A'000
4.1 Exploration and evaluation	2,900
4.2 Development	-
Total	2,900

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.

	Current Quarter \$A'000	Previous Quarter \$A'000
5.1 Cash on hand and at bank	88	71
5.2 Deposits at call	3,791	6,419
5.3 Bank overdraft	-	-
5.4 Other – Commercial Bills	-	-
TOTAL: CASH AT END OF QUARTER (item 1.22)	3,879	6,490

CHANGES IN INTERESTS IN MINING TENEMENTS

	Tenement Reference	Nature of Interest	Interest at end of quarter	Interest at beginning of quarter	
6.1	Interests in mining tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed	Exploration Licence E45/1651, E45/1652, E45/1658, E45/1659, E45/1661	Owned	0%	50%
6.2	Interests in mining tenements acquired or increased	Prospecting Licences P09/428, P09/430, P09/431, P09/432, P09/433, P09/434 Exploration Licences E09/1082, E09/1083, E09/1091	Owned Owned Owned Owned Owned	100% 100% 100% 100% 100%	0% 0% 0% 0% 0%

6.3 Where changes are reported in (a) and/or (b) above, an amended list of interests is to be attached to this report.

MINING TENEMENTS – 31 MARCH 2002					
Tenement	Interest or Right To Acquire %	Tenement	Interest or Right To Acquire %	Tenement	Interest or Right To Acquire %
Western Australia E 70/2228	50%	Western Australia P 59/1231	100%	Western Australia M 80/104	100%
ELA 70/2432	50%	P 59/1232	100%	M 80/105	100%
ELA 09/1013	100%	P 59/1233	100%	E 45/1651	50%
ELA 09/1022	100%	P 59/1234	100%	E 80/2565	90%
ELA 09/1023	100%	P 59/1240	100%	E 80/2579	90%
ELA 09/1024	100%	P 59/1241	100%		
ELA 09/1025	100%	P 59/1242	100%	Northern Territory ELA 10327	100%
ELA 09/1026	100%	P 59/1243	100%	ELA 8168	32%
ELA 09/1091	100%	P 59/1244	100%	ELA 8187	32%
PLA 09/430	100%	P 59/1245	100%	MC C1513 (A)	40%
PLA 09/431	100%	P 59/1246	100%	MC C1514 (A)	40%
PLA 09/432	100%	P 59/1247	100%	MC C1520 (A)	40%
PLA 09/433	100%	P 59/1248	100%		
PLA 09/434	100%	P 59/1249	100%		
ELA 20/476	100%	P 59/1250	100%		
ELA 20/477	100%	P 59/1251	100%		
ELA 20/478	100%	E 80/2501	100%		
ELA 20/479	100%	E 80/2474	100%		
ELA 59/836	100%	ELA 80/2566	100%		
MLA 59/475	100%	E 80/2571	100%		
E 59/144	100%	E 80/1685	80%		
E 59/467	100%	MLA 80/512	80%		
E 09/977	60%	MLA 80/513	80%		
E 09/1018	60%	MLA 80/514	80%		
ELA 09/1082	100%	M 59/282	25%		
ELA 09/1083	100%	M 59/283	25%		
PLA 09/428	100%	M 59/284	25%		
MLA 59/470	100%	M 59/285	25%		
MLA 59/471	100%	M 59/322	25%		
MLA 59/474	100%	M 59/323	25%		
MLA 59/476	100%	M 59/324	25%		
MLA 59/477	100%	M 59/329	25%		
MLA 59/478	100%	M 59/408	25%		
MLA 59/505	100%	M 59/428	25%		
P 59/1229	100%	M 59/429	25%		
P 59/1230	100%	M 80/103	100%		

E = Exploration Licence, ELA = Exploration Licence Application, M = Mining Lease, MLA = Mining Lease Application, P = Prospecting Licence, MC = Mineral Claim.

ISSUED AND QUOTED SECURITIES AT END OF CURRENT QUARTER

Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

	Total Number	Number Quoted	Issue Price Per Security	Amount Paid-Up for Security
7.1 Preference securities <i>(description)</i>	Nil			
7.2 Changes during quarter				
(a) Increases through issues	Nil			
(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs, redemptions.	Nil			
7.3 Ordinary Securities	59,879,817	53,782,998		
7.4 Changes during quarter				
(a) Increases through issues	651,666	651,666	-	-
(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs.	-	-	-	-
7.5 Convertible Debt Securities <i>(description)</i>	Nil			
7.6 Changes during quarter	Nil			
(a) Increases through issues				
Decreases through securities matured, converted				
7.7 Options <i>(description and conversion factor)</i>	34,597,002 20,000	29,947,002 -	20 cents 47 cents	1 September 2004 3 April, 2005
7.8 Issued during quarter	-	-	-	-
7.9 Exercised during quarter	1,666		20 cents	1 September 2004

ISSUED AND QUOTED SECURITIES AT END OF CURRENT QUARTER (Cont'd)

7.10 Expired during quarter	Nil	
7.11 Debentures <i>(totals only)</i>	Nil	
7.12 Unsecured Notes <i>(totals only)</i>	Nil	

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

- 1 This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Law or other standards acceptable to ASX.
- 2 This statement does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Sign here: Date: 30 April, 2002
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