



KPMG ASSURANCE  
APPENDIX 6 2015



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## INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT ON SELECTED SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION

### TO THE DIRECTORS OF DRDGOLD LIMITED

We have undertaken a limited assurance engagement on selected sustainability information, as described below, and presented in the 2015 Integrated Annual Report of DRDGOLD Limited (referred to as DRDGOLD) for the year ended 30 June 2015 (the Report), as well as in the Natural Capital Supplementary Appendix and Human Capital Supplementary Appendix (the supplementary appendices), available on the DRDGOLD website, at <http://www.drdgold.com/investors-and-media/annual-reports/2015>. This engagement was conducted by a multi-disciplinary team of health, safety, social, environmental and assurance specialists with extensive experience in sustainability reporting.

#### Subject matter

We are required to provide limited assurance on the following selected sustainability information prepared in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) G4 Guidelines, marked with an 'LA' on the relevant pages in the Report and the supplementary appendices available online on DRDGOLD's reporting suite.

| Description   | Page  |
|---|---|
| <b>Safety Indicators (Human Capital)</b>  |   |
| Fatalities  | Page 9, 17, 34 of the Report;<br>Page 7 of the Human Capital Supplementary Appendix   |
| Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR)   | Page 9, 17, 35 of the Report;<br>Page 8 of the Human Capital Supplementary Appendix   |
| Reportable Injury Frequency Rate (RIFR)   | Page 9, 17, 35 of the Report  |
| <b>Environmental Indicators (Natural Capital)</b>   |   |
| Total water used  | Page 31 of the Report   |
| Total potable water consumed  | Page 9, 17, 31 of the Report  |
| Cyanide used  | Page 9 of the Report<br>Page 4 of the Natural Capital<br>Supplementary Appendix       |
| Energy and fuel used  | Page 9 of the Report;<br>Page 3 of the Natural Capital<br>Supplementary Appendix      |
| Total direct (scope 1) and indirect (scope 2) GHG emissions: tonnes CO <sub>2</sub> e (Total emissions) | Page 9 of the Report<br>Page 3 and 4 of the Natural Capital<br>Supplementary Appendix |
| Total dust exceedances  | Page 9, 17, 29 and 30 of the Report   |
| Number of reportable environmental incidents  | Page 1 of the Natural Capital Supplementary Appendix                                  |
| <b>Social Indicators (Social Capital)</b>   |   |
| Rand value spent on socio-economic development projects   | Page 9, 17, 34 of the Report  |
| <b>Financial Indicators (Financial Capital)</b>   |   |
| Total Value Distributed and Value Distributed to Employees  | Page 9, 17, 20 of the Report  |

#### Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for the selection, preparation and presentation of the selected sustainability information in accordance with the GRI G4 Guidelines. This responsibility includes the identification of stakeholders and stakeholder requirements, material issues, for commitments with respect to sustainability performance and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of the Report and supplementary appendices that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Our Independence and Quality Control

We have complied with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which includes independence and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

In accordance with International Standard on Quality Control 1, KPMG Services Proprietary Limited maintains a comprehensive system of quality control, including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

## Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the selected sustainability information based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained. We conducted our engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE 3000), Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That Standard requires that we plan and perform our engagement to obtain assurance about whether the selected sustainability information is free from material misstatement.

A limited assurance engagement undertaken in accordance with ISAE 3000 involves assessing the suitability in the circumstances of DRDGOLD's use of GRI G4 Guidelines as the basis of preparation for the selected sustainability information, assessing the risks of material misstatement of the selected sustainability information whether due to fraud or error, responding to the assessed risks as necessary in the circumstances, and evaluating the overall presentation of the selected sustainability information. A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement in relation to both risk assessment procedures, including an understanding of internal control, and the procedures performed in response to the assessed risks. The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgement and included inquiries, observation of processes performed, inspection of documents, analytical procedures, evaluating the appropriateness of quantification methods and reporting policies, and agreeing or reconciling with underlying records.

Given the circumstances of the engagement, in performing the procedures listed above we:

- Interviewed management and senior executives to obtain an understanding of the internal control environment, risk assessment process and information systems relevant to the sustainability reporting process;
- Inspected documentation to corroborate the statements of management and senior executives in our interviews;
- Tested the processes and systems to generate, collate, aggregate, monitor and report the selected sustainability information;
- Performed a controls walkthrough;
- Inspected supporting documentation and performed analytical procedures on a sample basis to evaluate the data generation and reporting processes against the reporting criteria;
- Undertook site visits to Ergo, which was the central site;
- Evaluated whether the selected sustainability information presented in the Report and supplementary appendices is consistent with our overall knowledge and experience of sustainability management and performance at DRDGOLD.

The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. As a result, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had we performed a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a reasonable assurance opinion about whether the selected sustainability information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with GRI G4 Guidelines.

## Limited Assurance Conclusion

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the selected sustainability information as set out in the subject matter paragraph for the year ended 30 June 2015 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with GRI G4 Guidelines.

## Other Matters

The maintenance and integrity of the DRDGOLD Website is the responsibility of DRDGOLD's management. Our procedures did not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly we accept no responsibility for any changes to the information in the Report, the supplementary appendices or our independent assurance report that may have occurred since the initial date of presentation on the DRDGOLD Website.

Our report includes the provision of limited assurance on Total Dust Exceedances, Number of Reportable Environmental Incidents, Total potable water consumed, as well as Total Value Distributed and Value Distributed to Employees. We were previously not required to provide assurance on this selected sustainability information. While not assured separately, in previous years Total potable water consumed was a component of Total Water Used (which was assured), while Total Value Distributed and Value Distributed to Employees were reported as part of the Value-added Statement (which was also assured). Finally, our report does not extend to any disclosures or assertions relating to future performance plans and / or strategies disclosed in the Report.

## Restriction of Liability

Our work has been undertaken to enable us to express a limited assurance conclusion on the selected sustainability information to the Directors of DRDGOLD in accordance with the terms of our engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not accept or assume liability to any party other than DRDGOLD, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have reached.

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