BLACK MOUNTAIN MINING PROPRIETARY LIMITED (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

AUDITED ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

Company Registration number 2005/040096/07

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Country of incorporation and domicile

South Africa

KK Rajagopal

Nature of business and principal activities

Exploration, development, treatment, production and sale of zinc, lead, copper and associated minerals concentrates.

Directors

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Registered office

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Private Bag X01 Aggeneys 8893

Ultimate holding company

Vedanta Resources plc

Holding company

All of the shares in the company are held by THL Zinc Limited (74%) and Exxaro Base Metals and Industrial Mineral Holdings Proprietary Limited (26%).

Bankers

Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

Auditors

Deloitte & Touche

Company registration number

2005/040096/07

Tax reference number

9531/662/15/4

Preparer of annual financial statements

The annual financial statements have been prepared under the supervision of Charles Matumba CA (SA) (Financial Controller).

Level of assurance

These financial statements have been audited in compliance with the Companies Act of South Africa 71 of 2008.

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19 April 2016

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND APPROVAL

The directors are required by the Companies Act of South Africa, 71 of 2008, to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the annual financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the annual financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates.

The directors acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the company and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the directors to meet these responsibilities, the board sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, , effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the company and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the company's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the company is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the company. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the company endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The directors are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The directors have reviewed the company's cash flow forecast for the year to 31 March 2016 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the company has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The external auditors are responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on the company's annual financial statements. The annual financial statements have been examined by the company's external auditors and their report is presented on page 4.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 5 to 31 have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the board on the 19th of April 2016 and were signed on its behalf by:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BLACK MOUNTAIN MINING PROPRIETARY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Black Mountain Mining Proprietary Limited, set out on pages 7 to 31, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2016, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes, comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The company's directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Black Mountain Mining Proprietary Limited as at 31 March 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

Other reports required by the Companies Act

As part of our audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016, we have read the Directors' Report for the purpose of identifying whether there are material inconsistencies between this report and the audited financial statements. This report is the responsibility of the preparer. Based on reading this report we have not identified material inconsistencies between the report and the audited financial statements. However, we have not audited this report and accordingly do not express an opinion on this report.

Deloitte & Touche Registered Auditors

Per: D Steyn Partner 19 April 2016

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National Executive: *LL Bam Chief Executive *AE Swiegers Chief Operating Officer *GM Pinnock Audit *N Sing Risk Advisory *NB Kader Tax TP Pillay Consulting 5 Gwala BPaaS *K Black Clients & Industries
*JK Mazzocco Talent & Transformation *MJ Jarvis Finance *M Jordan Strategy *MJ Comber Reputation & Risk

*TJ Brown Chairman of the Board

Regional Leader: MN Alberts

A full list of partners and directors is available on request

* Partner and Registered Auditor

B-BBEE rating: Level 2 contributor in terms of the Chartered Accountancy Profession Sector Code

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors have pleasure in submitting the annual financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2016.

Nature of business and history

The Company is the holder of the new order mineral rights to the Broken Hill Deeps, Swartberg and Gamsberg ore bodies.

Broken Hill Deeps is currently the main mining operation with resources of 18.0mt and reserves of 6.9mt and an estimated remaining life of mine of 5 years. The mining operations began at Broken Hill in 1980 and concluded during 2006, when the development to the Deeps section was completed. Small scale mining at Swartberg commenced in 1995 and continued until 2006 when it was mothballed. Swartberg was mined on a small scale (average 25,800t/month) from 1995 but production was stopped in 2006 in an effort to get the Deeps Mine in full production. Mining from underground at Gamsberg was stopped in January 2013 and to replace this ore, and keeping the Black Mountain concentrator in full production, mining at Swartberg was re-started in 2013.

The Gamsberg ore body is a large undeveloped zinc deposit situated approximately 22km from Black Mountain. A prefeasible study was conducted on the ore body for 300 000 metal in concentrate ("MIC") in 2000 and in 2009 a prefeasibility study for 400 000 MIC was commenced to determine the financial viability of developing the ore body to a full scale mine. The gaps in the initial pre-feasibility study were assessed and a technical and financial pre-feasibility study was completed in September 2013. Small scale mining at Gamsberg commenced in 2003 and concluded in 2013 with the onset of the above mentioned studies. The Project was officially approved by the Company's Board in November 2014 and then officially opened on 27 July 2015. In the 2016 financial year, the Company commenced pre-start mining and pre-stripping of the pit and construction of related housing infrastructure. First ore production is planned for 2017-18 financial year with ramp up to full production expected in subsequent years.

General review

The Company recorded 20 Lost Time Injuries ("LTI"), an increase of 7 from 13 recorded in the previous year. Management continues to give primary focus on mining with zero harm to employees with various safety training and awareness initiatives rolled out throughout the operation.

Ore hoisted and ore treated increased by 9% to 1.58mt and by 101% to 1.58mt respectively mainly due to the significant ramp up in the Swartberg operation. Total metal in concentrate produced increased by 5% mainly due to higher throughput.

The Social Labour Plan ("SLP") for the period 2014-2018 has been evaluated by the Department of Mineral Resources ("DMR") in the region and found to be compliant. However Ministerial approval was still pending as at 31 March 2016 and consequently, only a few projects of the SLP for 2015-16 were implemented. The Company also conducted cataract surgeries for the community around Aggeneys and the greater Northern Cape. Overall 392 (2015:408) patients were treated as part of the sustained drive against blindness.

Subsequent events

No significant events were recorded subsequent to 31 March 2016 to the date of this report.

Contingent liabilities and assets

The company is still in discussions with the Transnet National Port Authorities concerning ground contamination at Saldanha. The amount of the liability can only be determined when a thorough investigation has been completed.

The Company is also under a South African Revenue Service (SARS) audit for Royalty Tax for the 2010, 2012 and 2013 tax years with significant refunds expected upon finalisation of the audit. The refunds can only be quantified with accuracy upon finalisation of the audit.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT continued

Going concern

The Company's financial position, its cash flows, liquidity position and borrowings are set out in the annual financial statements, which comprise the statement of financial position, statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows. In addition details of our policy on capital risk management are set out in note 15 to the financial statements.

Black Mountain Mining Proprietary Limited (BMM) realised a profit of R183.4 million for the year ended 31 March 2016 (31 March 2015: R120.2 million).

The Board is satisfied that BMM's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that BMM will be able to operate within the foreseeable future. The directors consider the going concern basis for preparing its financial statements to remain appropriate.

Directorate

The names of the Directors and Alternate Directors of the Company are as follows:

K.K. Rajagopal

S.J. Bajaj

J.C. Badenhorst

Appointed 19/10/2012 (Resigned 30 June 2015)

M. S. Snyman

M Munroe

Appointed 19/01/2016

A J Trytsman

D Naidoo

MDM Mgojo

Appointed 20/10/2015

R. Smit (Alternate)

N.M. Vegter (Alternate)

Appointed 20/10/2015

Dividends

There was no dividend declared for the period (31 March 2015: RNil).

Borrowing powers

The Company has a credit facility of R150 million with the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited at 31 March 2016 (31 March 2015: R150 million). The facilities are reviewed on an annual basis.

The Company has established hedging facilities with Rand Merchant Bank a division of FirstRand Bank Limited for R50 million.

Share capital

The authorised share capital of the Company as at 31 March 2016 was R10 000 divided into 10 000 ordinary shares of R1 each and 5 000 cumulative redeemable convertible preference shares of R1 each. There were 1 000 issued ordinary shares at 31 March 2016 (31 March 2015: 1 000). As at 31 March 2016 THL Zinc Limited, a non-resident company, held 74% of the issued ordinary shares, and Exxaro Base Metals and Industrial Mineral Holdings Proprietary Limited held the balance of 26%.

Auditors

Deloitte & Touché continued in office as auditors of the company for the 2016 financial year. As per the audit rotation requirements, this will be their last financial year as auditors of the company. At the annual general meeting, shareholders will be requested to appoint Ernst & Young as auditors of Black Mountain Proprietary Limited and confirm that James Thomas will be the designated audit partner for the 2017 financial year.

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2016

Rand '000	Notes	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Total revenue		1 675 434	1 570 988
Total operating costs		(1 425 378)	(1 398 531)
Operating profit	2	250 056	172 457
Investment income	. 3	2 440	1 757
Interest expense	3	(85)	(82)
Net finance income	3	2 355	1 675
Profit before tax		252 411	174 131
Income tax expense	5	(69 030)	(53 949)
Profit for the period	And the state of t	183 381	120 183

Other comprehensive income

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Profit for the year	183 381	120 183
Actuarial gain/(loss) on post-retirement benefit schemes	4 483	(3 529)
Deferred tax (raised)/ reversed	(1 255)	988
Net income recognised directly in other comprehensive income	3 228	(2 541)
Total comprehensive income for the period	186 609	117 642

Statement of financial position as at 31 March 2016

Rand '000	Notes	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Intangible asset	6	33 182	33 182
Tangible assets	7	1 585 700	1 385 509
Environmental rehabilitation trust	8	113 529	106 628
Financial asset investments	9	1	1
Total non-current assets		1 732 412	1 525 320
Inventories	10	85 632	120 871
Trade and other receivables	11	117 064	73 345
Current tax assets		5 328	44 353
Cash and cash equivalents		593 770	365 309
Total current assets		801 794	603 878
Total assets		2 534 206	2 129 198
Trade and other payables	12	389 780	241 648
Total current liabilities		389 780	241 648
Provisions	13	150 433	123 435
Deferred tax liabilities	14	367 473	326 000
Retirement benefit obligations	16	68 320	66 524
Total non-current liabilities		586 226	515 959
Total liabilities		976 006	757 607
Net assets		1 558 200	1 371 591
Equity	.=	•	
Share capital	17	1 40 224	7 102
Retirement Benefit Reserve		10 331	7 103
Merger Reserve		18 776	21 588
Retained earnings		1 529 092	1 342 899
Equity		1 558 200	1 371 591

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 March 2016

Rand '000	Total share capital	Retirement benefit obligation reserve	Merger reserve	Retained earnings	Total Equity
Opening balance at 1 April 2015	1	7 103	21 588	1 342 899	1 371 591
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	3 228	-	183 381	186 609
Amortisation of merger reserve	-	-	(2 812)	2 812	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 March 2016	1	10 331	18 776	1 529 092	1 558 200

Rand '000	Total share capital	Retirement benefit obligation reserve	Merger reserve	Retained earnings	Total Equity
Opening balance at 1 April 2014	1	9 644	24 365	1 219 939	1 253 949
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	(2 541)	-	120 183	117 642
Amortisation of merger reserve		•	(2 777)	2 777	-
Dividends declared	-	-	-		-
Balance at 31 March 2015	1	7 103	21 588	1 342 899	1 371 591

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2016

Rand '000	Notes	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Cash flows from operations			
Cash inflows from operations	20	507 750	257 969
Income tax paid	20	(27 549)	(82 704)
Income tax refunded	20	37 762	_
Net cash inflows from operating activities		517 963	175 265
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of tangible assets		(296 015)	(133 096)
Contribution to closure fund		-	(2714)
Proceeds on sale of tangible assets		506	69
Interest and other investment income received		2 440	1 757
Rental income		3 652	3 459
Net cash outflows from investing activities		(289 417)	(130 525)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Interest paid		(85)	(82)
Net cash outflows from financing activities		(85)	(82)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		228 461	44 658
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		365 309	320 651
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		593 770	365 309

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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements provide information about the financial position, results of operations and changes in financial position of the Company. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). A summary of the principal company accounting policies is set out below, which have been consistently applied in all material respects. The Company's functional and presentation currency is South African Rand (ZAR).

In the preparation of the financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported income, expenses, assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Use of available information and the application of judgement is inherent in the formation of estimates. Actual results in the future could differ from these estimates, which may be material to the financial statements within the next financial period.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the company takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement and/or disclosure purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 2 Share based payments, leasing transactions that are within the scope of IAS 17 Leases, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in IAS 2 Inventories or value in use in IAS 36 Impairment of Assets.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

Significant areas of management uncertainty include:

- Useful economic life of assets and ore resources estimates;
- Impairment of assets:
- Restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs provisions;
- Retirement benefits;
- Valuation of inventories;
- Onerous contract provisions; and
- Valuation and recoverability of accounts receivable.

Further information is provided in the relevant notes to the financial statements.

Basis of consolidation

The financial statements incorporate a consolidation of the financial statements of the Company and entity controlled by the Company, the Black Mountain Mining Rehabilitation Trust ("the Trust"). Control is achieved since the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the Trust so as to obtain benefits from its activities. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the Trust to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by the Group. Intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated on consolidation, where appropriate.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is derived principally from the sale of goods and is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, after deducting discounts, volume rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. Sales of concentrate are stated at their invoiced amount which is net of treatment and refining charges. A sale is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have passed.

Revenue from metal mining activities is based on the payable metal sold. Revenue from the sale of material by-products are included within revenue. Where a by-product is not regarded as significant, revenue may be credited against the cost of sales.

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of goodwill. Goodwill arises on an acquisition of a business and is carried at cost as established at the date of acquisition of the business less accumulated impairment losses, if any.

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to each of the company's cash-generating units (or groups of cash-generating units) that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination.

A cash-generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when there is indication that the unit may be impaired. If the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is less than its carrying amount, the impairment loss is allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the unit and then to the other assets of the unit pro rata based on the carrying amount of each asset in the unit. Any impairment loss for goodwill is recognised directly in profit or loss in the statement of comprehensive income. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill is not reversed in subsequent periods.

On disposal of the relevant cash-generating unit, the attributable amount of goodwill is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

An intangible asset is regarded as having an indefinite useful life when, based on all relevant factors, there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which the asset is expected to generate net cash inflows. Amortisation is not provided for these intangible assets, but they are tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired. For all other intangible assets amortisation is provided on a straight line basis over their useful life.

Tangible assets

Mining properties are depreciated down to their residual values with reference to the expected units of production using the life of mine method based on proven and probable reserves. Depreciation is charged on new mining ventures from the date that the mining property is capable of commercial production. When there is little likelihood of a mineral right being exploited, or the value of the exploitable mineral right has diminished below cost, a write-down to the recoverable amount is charged to profit or loss.

Land and properties in the course of construction are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment. Depreciation commences when the assets are ready for their intended use. Buildings, plant and equipment are depreciated down to their estimated residual values at varying rates, on the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives or the life of mine whichever is shorter. Estimated useful lives normally vary from up to 20 years for items of plant and equipment and up to a maximum of 50 years for buildings, limited to the expected life of mine.

Residual values and useful economic lives are reviewed at least annually, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Impairment of tangible and intangible assets excluding goodwill

At each reporting period end, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets are impaired. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment, if any. Where the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. An intangible asset with an indefinite useful life is tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

The recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset or cash-generating unit is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment is recognised immediately as an expense.

Where an impairment subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset or cash-generating unit is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment been recognised for the asset or cash-generating unit in prior years. A reversal of an impairment is recognised as income immediately.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Research and exploration expenditure

Research and exploration expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred. The costs of mining properties and leases, which include the costs of acquiring and developing mining properties and mineral rights, are capitalised as property, plant and equipment under the heading 'Mining properties and leases' in the year in which they are incurred. When a decision is taken that a mining property is viable for commercial production (i.e. when the Company determines that the mining property will provide sufficient and sustainable returns relative to the risk and decides to proceed with the development), all further pre-production primary development expenditure other than land, buildings, plant and equipment is capitalised as part of the cost of the mining property until the mining property is capable of commercial production. From that point, capitalised mining properties and lease costs are amortised on a unit-of-production basis over the total estimated remaining commercial reserves of each property.

Inventory

Inventory and work-in-progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The production cost of inventory includes an appropriate proportion of depreciation and production overheads. Cost is determined on the following bases:

- raw materials and consumables are valued at cost on a weighted average basis;
- finished products are valued at raw material cost, labour cost and a proportion of manufacturing overhead expenses; and
- metal concentrate stocks are included in finished products and are valued at average cost.

Retirement benefits

The Company operates defined contribution schemes for its employees as well as post-retirement medical plans. For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to profit or loss is the contributions paid or payable during the year.

For post-retirement medical plans, full actuarial valuations are carried out every two years using the projected unit credit method and updates are performed for each financial year end. The average discount rate for the plans' liabilities is based on AA rated corporate bonds of a suitable duration and currency or, where there is no 'deep market' for such bonds, based on government bonds.

Actuarial gains and losses, which can arise from differences between expected and actual outcomes or changes in actuarial assumptions, are recognised immediately in equity. Any increase in the present value of plan liabilities expected to arise from employee service during the period is charged to operating profit. The expected return on the plan assets and the expected increase during the period in the present value of plan liabilities are included in investment income and interest expense.

Past service cost is recognised immediately to the extent that the benefits are already vested, and otherwise is amortised on a straight-line basis over the average period until the benefits become vested.

The retirement benefit obligation recognised in the statement of financial position represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as adjusted for unrecognised past service costs and as reduced by the fair value of scheme assets. Any asset resulting from this calculation is limited to past service cost, plus the present value of available refunds and reductions in future contributions to the plan.

Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the current tax charge and the movement in deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in profit or loss because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are not taxable or deductible. The Company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting period end.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary differences arise from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of an asset or liability in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting period end and is adjusted to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also taken directly to equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rental costs of the operating lease are recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs

An obligation to incur restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs arises when environmental disturbance is caused by the development or on-going production of a mining property. Such costs arising from the installation of plant and other site preparation work, discounted to its net present value, are provided for and capitalised at the start of each project, as soon as the obligation to incur such costs arises. These costs are charged against profits over the life of the operation, through the depreciation of the asset and the unwinding of the discount on the provision. Costs for restoration of subsequent site damage which is created on an on-going basis during production are provided for at their net present values and charged against profits as extraction progresses.

Changes in the measurement of a liability relating to the decommissioning of plant or other site preparation work that result from changes in the estimated timing or amount of the cash flow, or a change in the discount rate, are added to, or deducted from, the cost of the related asset in the current period. If a decrease in the liability exceeds the carrying amount of the asset, the excess is recognised immediately in profit or loss. If the asset value is increased and there is an indication that the revised carrying value is not recoverable, an impairment test is performed in accordance with the accounting policy above.

The Black Mountain rehabilitation trust was established to meet the costs of some of decommissioning, restoration and environmental rehabilitation liabilities. Annual contributions are made to the trust, where required, to fund the estimated cost of rehabilitation during and at the end of the life of the relevant mine.

Foreign currency transactions

Foreign currency transactions are booked in their functional currencies at the exchange rate ruling on the date of the transaction. At each reporting period end, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period. Gains and losses arising on translation are included in net profit or loss for the period and classified as either operating or financing depending on the nature of the monetary item giving rise to them.

Borrowing costs

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

Share-based payments

Certain employees (including Executive Directors) of the Group receive part of their remuneration in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby employees render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares ('equity-settled transactions').

The cost of equity-settled transactions with employees is measured at fair value at the date at which they are granted. The fair value of share awards with market-related vesting conditions are determined by an external valuer and the fair value at the grant date is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period based on the Group's estimate of shares that will eventually vest. The estimate of the number of awards likely to vest is reviewed at each balance sheet date up to the vesting date at which point the estimate is adjusted to reflect the current expectations. No adjustment is made to the fair value after the vesting date even if the awards are forfeited or not exercised.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, together with short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the Company's statement of financial position when the Company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Company's financial instruments consist of investments, trade and other receivables, loans payable and trade and other payables.

Financial assets

Investments, other than investments in associates, are initially recorded at fair value. At subsequent reporting dates, financial assets that the Company has the expressed intention and ability to hold to maturity ("held-to-maturity") as well as loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost, less any impairment. The amortisation of any discount or premium on the acquisition of a held-to-maturity investment is recognised in profit or loss in each period using the effective interest method.

Financial assets other than those classified as held-to-maturity or loans and receivables are classified as either at fair value through profit or loss (which includes investments held for trading) or available-for-sale investments. Both sub-categories are measured at each reporting date at fair value. Where investments are held for trading purposes, unrealised gains and losses for the period are included in profit or loss for the period. For available-for-sale investments, unrealised gains and losses are recognised in equity, until the security is disposed or impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is included in profit or loss.

The Company's investments are classified as available for sale and are carried at fair value. Gains and losses are recognised in equity.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets other than those at fair value through profit and loss are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting period end. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been impacted.

For unlisted shares classified as available for sale, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is considered to be objective evidence of impairment.

For all other financial assets, including redeemable notes classified as AFS, and finance lease receivables, objective evidence of impairment could include:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- Default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
- It becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organisation.

For certain categories of financial assets, such as trade receivables, assets that are assessed not to be impaired individually are subsequently assessed for impairment on a collective basis. Objective evidence of impairment for a portfolio of receivables could include the Company's past experience of collecting payments, an increase in the number of delayed payments in the portfolio past the average credit period of 60 days, as well as observable changes in national or local economic conditions that correlate with default on receivables.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying value and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of trade receivables, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. When a trade debtor is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowances account are recognised in profit or loss

With the exception of available for sale equity instruments, if, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

recognised impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss to the extent that the carrying amount of the investment at the date of the impairment is reversed does not exceed what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised.

In respect of available for sale equity securities, impairment losses previously recognised through profit and loss are not reversed through profit and loss. Any increase in fair value subsequent to an impairment loss is recognised directly in equity.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Company derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire; or it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Company recognises its retained interest in the asset and associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Company retains substantially all the risks and reward of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Company continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified and accounted for as debt or equity according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the asset of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis.

The effective interest rate method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Standard / Interpretation:

The Company derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

Adoption of new and revised Accounting Standards and Interpretations

The Company has not adopted any new or revised Accounting Standards or Interpretations.

Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective

The Company has chosen not to early adopt the following standards and interpretations, which have been published and are mandatory Company's accounting periods beginning on or after 1 April 2015 or later periods. These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's annual financial statements.

Effective date:

Startagraf interpretation	
	Years beginning
	on or
	after
IFRS 2: Share-based Payment (amendments)	1 July 2014
IFRS 3: Business Combinations (amendments)	1 July 2014
IFRS 7: Financial Instruments: Disclosures (amendments)	1 January 2016
IFRS 8: Operating Segments (amendments)	1 July 2014
IFRS 9: Financial Instruments (new)	1 January 2016
IFRS 10: Consolidated Financial Statements (amendments)	1 January 2016
IFRS 12: Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities (amendments)	1 January 2016
IFRS 19: Employee benefits	1 January 2016
IFRS 14: Regulatory Deferral Accounts (new)	1 January 2016
IFRS 15: Revenue from contracts with customers (new)	1 January 2017

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1 Accounting policies continued (continued)

IAS 1: Presentation of Financial Statements (amendments)	1 January 2016
IAS 16: Property, Plant and Equipment (amendments)	1 January 2016
IAS 24: Related Party Disclosures (amendments)	1 July 2014
IAS 28: Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (amendments)	1 January 2016
IAS 38: Intangible Assets (amendments)	1 July 2014

2 Operating profit

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Raid 000	31 Walch 2010	31 Maich 2013
Revenue	1 675 434	1 570 988
Cost of sales	(923 754)	(877 978)
Gross profit	751 680	693 009
Selling and distribution costs	(146 239)	(151 969)
Administrative expenses	(355 385)	(368 584)
Operating profit	250 056	172 457
Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Operating profit is calculated after (charging)/crediting:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	(117 995)	(94 693)
Employee costs	(404 223)	(380 132)
Share based payment expense	(12 600)	(10 214)
Unwinding of discount on provisions	(4 644)	(17 178)
Interest on post-employment benefit arrangements	(5 825)	(4 349)
Rentals under operating leases	(3 947)	(2 237)
Auditors' remuneration:	-	-
Audit	(3 158)	(2 289)
Rental income	3 652	3 459
Other income	16 861	8 293
Foreign exchange gain	53 951	15 936
Growth in environmental rehabilitation trust	6 896	6 657
Profit/(loss) on sale of fixed assets	330	(176)
Asset write off	-	(8 577)
Decrease/(increase) in obsolence provision	2 153	(3 379)
Provision for doubtful debts	(156)	(211)
Royalty ⁽¹⁾	(5 601)	(23 614)

⁽¹⁾ The royalty has been incurred in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Royalty Act No 28 of 2008 which became effective on 1 March 2010.

3 Net finance income

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000		
Investment income		
Interest and other financial income	2 440	1 757
	2 440	1 757
	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000		
Interest expense		
Bank loans and overdrafts	85	82
	85	82
Net finance income	2 355	1 675

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4 Key management compensation

Year ended 31 March 2016 (R'000)	acomposition access to the contraction of the contr						
		Short-Ter	m benefits		Post Retirement Benefits		
Executive Directors	Directors' fees	Salaries	Bonus	Allowances	Company Contributions	Share scheme	Total remuneration
Director A	-	3 572	744		664	-	4 980
Director K	-	2 760	-	-	493	-	3 253
Director C	-	2 002	5 480	213	418	-	8 113
	-	8 334	6 224	213	1 575	-	16 346
Non-Executive Directors							
Director F	-	_	-	-	-	_	-
Director G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Director H	-	-	-	-	-	-	•
Director I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Director J	*		•	-		-	-
	~	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senior Management	-	12 057	1 019	889	1 371	1 719	17 055
Total: Directors and Senior Management	-	20 391	7 243	1 102	2 946	1 719	33 401

The company does not remunerate Directors for their participation in board activities.

The company does not have any prescribed officers.

Year ended 31 March 2015 (R'000)							
		Short-Ter	m benefits		Post Retirement Benefits		
Executive Directors	Directors' fees	Salaries	Bonus	Allowances	Pension Contributions	Share scheme	Total remuneration
Director A	-	1 391	-	183	202	-	1 776
Director B	-	6 742	1 234	1 924	-	1 177	11 077
Director C	_	1 911	937	282	276	_	3 406
Director D	_	2 468	403	1 918	359	310	5 458
Director E	-	615	683	814	-	-	2 112
	-	13 127	3 257	5 121	837	1 487	23 829
Non-Executive Directors							
Director F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Director G	-	-	-	-	-		-
Director H	_	-	-	-	-	_	-
Director I	_	_	-	_	-	-	
Director B	-	-	-	_	<u> </u>	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Senior Management	-	9 368	2 604	1 848	1 158	-	14 978
Total: Directors and Senior Management	-	22 495	5 861	6 969	1 995	1 487	38 807

The company does not remunerate Directors for their participation in board activities.

The company does not have any prescribed officers.

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5 Income tax expense

a) Analysis of charge for the year

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Company		
Current tax		
Payable in respect of the current year	28 812	43 376
Payable in respect of the prior year	~	806
Total current taxation	28 812	44 182
Deferred taxation in respect of the current year	40 218	9 767
Total deferred taxation	40 218	9 767
Total tax charge for the year	69 030	53 949

b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The current tax charge is R 28 812 206 (31 March 2015: R44 182 000).

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	252 411	174 131
Tax on profit on ordinary activities calculated at 28%	70 675	48 757
Tax effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	286	6 250
Non-taxable income	(1 931)	(1864)
Current tax liability prior year recognised	-	806
Tax charge for the year	69 030	53 949

c) Tax rate reconciliation

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Standard tax rate	28.00%	28.00%
Non-deductible expenses	0.11%	2.52%
Non taxable income	-0.76%	0.00%
Adjustment in respect of prior years tax	0.00%	0.46%
Effective rate	27.35%	30.98%

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6 Intangible asset

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000	Goodwill Gamsberg	Goodwill Gamsberg
Cost and net book value		
Opening balance	33 182	33 182
Closing balance	33 182	33 182

The goodwill arose on 1 October 2008 when BMM acquired the net assets of Gamsberg, previously a division of Anglo Operations Limited (AOL).At 31 March 2016, the company reviewed the carrying amount of the goodwill and there was no indications of impairment. For impairment testing, the cash flows of the company have been discounted at a Weighted Average Cost of Capital of 11%.

7 Tangible assets

	Land and	Mine development	Plant and De	Plant and Decommissioning	
Rand '000	buildings	assets Gamsberg	equipment	cost	Total
Cost					
At 1 April 2015	56 439	552 812	1 328 275	41 225	1 978 751
Additions	10 420	223 204	62 391	22 352	318 367
Disposals	-	-	(1 868)	-	(1868)
Write-offs	<u>-</u>	-	-	-	
Re-estimation – non cash flow	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2016	66 859	776 016	1 388 798	63 577	2 295 250
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 April 2015	25 773	-	556 572	10 898	593 243
Charge for the year	4 427	-	113 568	-	117 995
Disposals	•	-	(1 688)	-	(1688)
Write-offs	•	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2016	30 200	-	668 452	10 898	709 550
Net book value At 31 March 2016	36 659	776 016	720 346	52 679	1 585 700

	Land and	Mine development	Plant and	Decommissioning	
Rand '000	buildings	assets Gamsberg	equipment	cost	Total
Cost					
At 1 April 2014	51 971	494 245	1 258 898	33 638	1 838 752
Additions	4 468	58 567	70 060	7 587	140 683
Disposals	-	-	(683)	-	(683)
Write-offs	-	-		-	
Re-estimation – non cash flow	-	-		-	-
At 31 March 2015	56 439	552 812	1 328 275	41 225	1 978 752
Accumulated depreciation				***	
At 1 April 2014	22 750	-	465 336	10 898	498 984
Charge for the year	3 023	-	91 671	-	94 693
Disposals	-	_	(435)	-	(435)
Write-offs	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>	-	-	
At 31 March 2015	25 773		556 572	10 898	593 243
Net book value At 31 March 2015	30 667	552 812	771 703	30 327	1 385 509

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8 Environmental rehabilitation trust

The Black Mountain Mining Rehabilitation Trust was established to meet the Company's decommissioning,

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Opening balance	106 628	97 257
Contributions made during the year	-	. 2 714
Interest earned during the year	6 902	6 657
Closing balance	113 530	106 628

The balance comprises the following investments:

Cash held in fixed deposits and invested during the year ended 31 March 2016, 31% was fixed for 2 years and 69% was fixed for 5 years at an interest rate of 5% and 8% respectively.

These funds are not available for the general purpose of the Company. All income from these assets is reinvested to meet specific environment obligations. These obligations are included in environmental rehabilitation costs under long-term provisions.

Rand Merchant Bank a division of FirstRand Bank Limited has issued a guarantee for R20.6 million in favour of the Department of Mineral Resources ("DMR") as assurance that the Company will honour its environmental rehabilitation obligations at the end of life of mine.

9 Financial asset investments

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
	Available for sale	Available for sale
Closing balance	1	1

The balance consists of an investment in The Rand Mutual Assurance Company Limited.

10 Inventories

a) Summary of inventories

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Raw materials and consumables	70 805	64 565
Provision for slow moving stocks	(10 481)	(12 634)
Net raw materials and consumables	60 324	51 931
Finished products	25 308	68 940
	85 632	120 871

The cost of inventories recognised as an expense and included in cost of sales amounted to R923 754 030 (31 March 2015: R877 978 457).

b) Movement in provision for slow moving stocks

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000		
Opening balance	12 634	9 256
(Decrease)/increase	(2 153)	3 378
Closing balance	10 481	12 634

A percentage of the value of consumables that have not moved for two years is used to calculate the provision for slow moving stock. The percentage used was 75% (31 March 2015: 75%).

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11 Trade and other receivables

a) Summary of trade and other receivables

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Traing 600		
Trade debtors	8575	11 143
Prepayments and accrued income	23 295	8 280
Other debtors	47 799	48 686
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries (refer note 22)	38 009	5 694
Allowance for doubtful debts	(614)	(458)
Closing balance	117 064	73 345

Trade and other receivables are all due within one year.

The fair value of trade and other receivables is not materially different to the carrying values presented. An allowance for doubtful debts has been raised in respect of other debtors. There are no trade receivable accounts which are past due as per the individual sales contracts at the reporting date. The outstanding trade receivable balances at 31 March 2016 was mainly due from 5 customers (31 March 2015: 3 customers).

b) Movement in allowance for doubtful debts

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000		
Opening balance	458	247
Increase	156	211
Closing balance	614	458

12 Trade and other payables

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015	
Rand '000			
Trade creditors	95 052	44 186	
Amounts owed to group companies	17 455	3 846	
Taxation and social security	6 741	1 260	
Other creditors	122 908	78 118	
Accruals	75 488	42 560	
Royalty	72 136	71 678	
Closing balance	389 780	241 648	

The fair value of trade and other payables is not materially different to the carrying values presented. The average credit period is 30 days. Trade creditors include R9 512 202 (31 March 2015: R3 597 230) owed to customers for advance payments received on sale of concentrate.

Amounts owed to group companies are disclosed in note 22, related party transactions.

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13 Provisions

Rand '000	Environmental restoration	Decommissioning	Total
At 1 April 2015	45 761	77 675	123 436
Unwinding of discount	2 148	2 496	4 644
Re-estimation – non-cash flow	•	22 353	22 353
At 31 March 2016	47 909	102 524	150 433
	Environmental	Danamainin	Total

Rand '000	Environmental restoration	Decommissioning	Total
At 1 April 2014	 30 359	68 312	98 671
Unwinding of discount	15 402	1 776	17 178
Re-estimation non-cash flow	-	7 587	7 587
At 31 March 2015	45 761	77 675	123 436

Environmental restoration

The Company has an obligation to incur restoration, rehabilitation and environmental costs when environmental disturbance is caused by the development of ongoing production of a mining property. A provision is recognised for the present value of such costs.

Decommissioning

Provision is made for the present value of costs relating to the decommissioning of plant or other site preparation work. Estimates are based upon costs that are regularly reviewed and adjusted as appropriate for new circumstances. The current estimate was discounted at a real discount rate of 3.16% (31 March 2015; 3.6%). These costs are expected to be incurred at the end of the life-of-mine which is currently estimated to be 31 March 2021.

The company will determine its obligation related to the Gamsberg Project as required by the new DMR Financial Provisioning Regulations within the allowable period.

An interim provision of R22m has been recognised.

14 Deferred tax liabilities

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000	and the state of t	
Opening balance	326 000	317 221
Charged to profit or loss	40 218	9 767
Debited/ (credited) to equity	1 255	(988)
Closing balance	367 473	326 000
The amount of deferred taxation provided in the accounts is as follows:		
	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000		
Liabilities:		
Actuarial gain (loss) on post-retirement medical arrangements	4 018	2 763
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	425 037	370 824
Provisions	(73 872)	(59 877)
Other timing differences	12 290	12 290
Closing balance	367 473	326 000

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15 Financial risk and capital management

Financial instrument risk exposure and management

Ultimate responsibility for the financial risk management rests with the Board of Directors.

The Company's financial assets and liabilities are summarised as follows:

Rand '000	Financial assets	
	Amortised cost	Total
Financial assets investments	113 529	113 529
Cash and cash equivalents	593 770	593 770
Trade and other receivables	48 510	48 510
At 31 March 2016	755 809	755 809

Rand '000	Financial liabilities	
	Amortised cost	Total
Trade and other payables	(258 709) (258 7	
At 31 March 2016	(258 709)	(258 709)

Rand '000	Financial assets	
	Amortised cost	Total
Financial assets investments	106 628	106 628
Cash and cash equivalents	365 309	365 309
Trade and other receivables	18 784	18 784
At 31 March 2015	490 721	490 721

Rand '000	Financial liabilities	
	Amortised cost	Total
Trade and other payables	(170 968)	(170 968)
At 31 March 2015	(170 968)	(170 968)

Level 1 represents those assets which are measured using unadjusted prices for identical assets. The financial instruments in the above tables are categorised as Level 1 financial instruments, as at amortised cost, and have their fair value measurements derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Credit risk

The Company's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables and investments. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The Company's maximum exposure to non-financial institution credit risk at 31 March 2016 is R8 574 975 (31 March 2015: R11 142 932). Short term cash investments are placed with banks of a high credit standing.

An allowance for impairment of trade and other receivables is made where there is an identified loss event, which based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows. During the year trade and other receivables with a value of R155 939 were identified as doubtful (31 March 2015: R211 120) and fully provided for.

Liquidity risk

The Company ensures that there are sufficient committed loan facilities in order to meet short-term business requirements, after taking into account cash flows from operations and the Company's holding of cash and cash equivalents, as well as any distribution restrictions that exist. As at 31 March 2016 the Company has an unutilised facility of R150 million (31-March 2015: R150million) with the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited. The facility has a R50million portion carved out to a hedge facility which can readily be converted into into a credit facility. The company as well has as a hedge facility with Rand Merchant Bank a division of FirstRand Bank Limited to the value of R50 million (31 March 2015: R50million).

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15 Financial risk and capital management (continued)

The expected undiscounted cash flow of the Company's financial liabilities, by remaining contractual maturity, at the reporting period end is as follows:

	Floating	Repayment
	Interest	, -
Rand '000		
At 31 March 2016		
Other non-interest bearing liabilities	-	258 709
Total	-	258 709
	Floating	Repayment
	Interest	
Rand '000		
At 31 March 2015		
Other non-interest bearing liabilities	-	166 373
Total	-	166 373

Market risk

The significant market exposures to which the Company is exposed are foreign currency risks, interest rate risk and commodity price risk. These are discussed further below:

Foreign exchange risk

The Company is exposed to mainly US Dollar currency. The Company's policy is not to hedge such exposures as hedging is not deemed appropriate. The exposure of the Company's financial assets and liabilities to currency risk is as follows:

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
	Financial assets	Financial assets
US\$	513 325	307 669
Rand	242 484	183 052
Total financial assets	755 809	490 721

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
	Financial Liabilities	Financial Liabilities
US\$	38 912	2 980
EUR	852	-
GBP	1 760	252
AUD	339	-
INR	167	832
Rand	216 679	162 308
Total financial liabilities	258 709	166 373

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15 Financial risk and capital management (continued)

The exposure of the Company's financial liabilities to interest rate risk is as follows:

	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities	Non-interest bearing financial liabilities
Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Financial liabilities	258 709	166 373
Financial liabilities exposure to interest rate risk	258 709	166 373

Capital risk management

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and, with cognisance of forecast future market conditions and structuring, to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to manage the short and long term capital structure, the Company adjusts the amount of ordinary dividends paid to shareholders.

Financial risk sensitivities

Financial instruments affected by market risk include borrowings, deposits, and trade receivables and payables. The following analysis, required by IFRS 7, is intended to illustrate the sensitivity of the Company's financial instruments (as at year end) to changes in market variables, being exchange rates and interest rates.

The sensitivity analysis has been prepared on the basis that the components of net debt, the ratio of fixed to

- · All profit or loss sensitivities also impact equity;
- The majority of debt and other deposits are carried at amortised cost and therefore carrying value does not change as interest
- No sensitivity is provided for accrued interest as accruals are based on pre-agreed rates and therefore
- Debt with a maturity below one year is floating rate, unless it is a long term fixed rate debt in its final year.

Using the above assumptions, the following tables show the illustrative effect on profit or loss and equity that would result from reasonable possible changes in the relevant foreign currency and interest rates:

Rand '000	Profit or (loss)	Equity
Interest rate sensitivities		
31-Mar-16		
+10% interest rate	905	905
-10% interest rate	(905)	(905)
31-Mar-15		
+10% interest rate	899	899
-10% interest rate	(899)	(899)

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15 Financial risk and capital management (continued)

Rand '000	Profit or (loss)	Equity
Foreign currency sensitivities		
31-Mar-16		
+10% US\$ to the Rand	3 891	3 891
-10% US\$ to the Rand	(3 891)	(3 891)
+10% INR to the Rand	(17)	(17)
-10% INR to the Rand	17	17
+10% AUD to Rand	34	34
-10% AUD to Rand	(34)	(34)
31-Mar-15		
+10% US\$ to the Rand	298	298
-10% US\$ to the Rand	(298)	(298)
+10% INR to the Rand	(83)	(83)
-10% INR to the Rand	83	83
+10% GBP to Rand	25	25
-10% GBP to Rand	(25)	(25)

Fair value measurements

This note provides information how the Company determines fair values of various financial assets and financial liabilities. The Company's financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period. The following gives information about how the fair values of these financial assets and financial liability are determined:

IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement has established a three-level hierarchy for making fair value measurements:

- · Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices for financial assets and financial liabilities traded in an active market for identical financial assets or financial liabilities.
- · Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the financial asset or financial liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- · Level 3 Inputs for the financial asset or financial liability that are not based on observable market data.

The directors consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recognised in the consolidated financial statements approximate their fair values.

16 Retirement benefits

The Company operates defined contribution pension plans for the majority of its employees. It also operates post-retirement medical arrangements. The policy for accounting for pensions and post-retirement benefits is included in note 1.

The assets of the defined contribution plans are held separately in independently administered funds. The charge in respect of these plans is calculated on the basis of contribution payable by the Company in the financial year.

The post-retirement medical arrangements provide health benefits to retired employees and certain dependants. Eligibility for cover is dependent upon certain criteria. These plans are unfunded.

Defined contribution plans

Pension Plans

The defined contribution pension cost represents the actual contributions payable by the Company to the various plans. At 31 March 2016, there were no material outstanding/prepaid contributions and so no prepayment or accrual has been disclosed in the statement of financial position in relation to these plans.

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16 Retirement benefits continued

Defined benefit plans
Post retirement medical plans

The principal assumptions used to determine the actuarial present value of benefit obligations in terms of IAS 19 are detailed below (shown as weighted averages):

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Post-retirement medical plan		
Average discount rate for plan liabilities	10.2%	8.9%
Average rate of inflation	8.1%	7.0%
Expected average increase in healthcare costs	9.6%	8.5%

Profit or loss

The amounts recognised in profit or loss are as follows:

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
	Post-retirement medical	Post-retirement
-	plans	medical plans
Analysis of the amount charged to operating profit or loss		
Employer contributions	(1 420)	(1 114)
Current service cost	1 873	1 727
Total within operating costs	453	613
Analysis of the amount charged to net finance costs		
Expected return on plan assets	-	-
Interest cost on plan liabilities	5 825	5 456
Net charge to other net finance costs	5 825	5 456
Total charge to profit or loss	7 698	7 183

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16 Retirement benefits continued

Movement analysis

The change in the present value of defined benefit obligations are as follows:

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
	Post-retirement medical	Post-retirement
	plans	medical plans
Opening balance	66 524	56 919
Current service cost	1 873	1 727
Interest costs	5 825	5 456
Actuarial (gains) losses in equity	(4 483)	3 529
Benefit paid	(1 419)	(2 221)
Contributions paid by other members	•	1 114
Closing balance	68 320	66 524

Assumed healthcare trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in profit or loss. A 1% change in assumed healthcare cost trend rates would have the following effects:

	31 March 2016		31 March 2015
Rand '000	1% increase	1% decrease	1% increase
Effect on the sum of service cost and interest cost	1 672	(1 329)	1 577
Effect on defined benefit obligation	12 434	(9 975)	12 706

17 Share capital

	31-Mar-16		31-Mar-15
	Number of shares	Rand '000	Number of shares
Authorised:			
Ordinary shares of R1 each	10 000	10	10 000
Cumulative redeemable convertible preference shares of R1 each	5 000	5	5 000
Issued:			
Ordinary shares of R1 each	1 000	1	1 000

The remaining unissued shares are under the control of the Directors until the Annual General Meeting.

18 Capital commitments

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000		
Contracted but not provided	12 572	22 484
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Authorised but not yet contracted	2 624 800	901 282

These commitments will be funded from both internal cash resources and project finance.

19 Contingent liabilities and assets

Provision is made for all liabilities that are expected to materialise.

The company is still in discussions with the Transnet National Port Authorities concerning ground contamination at Saldanha. The amount of the liability can only be determined when a thorough investigation has been completed.

The Company is also under a South African Revenue Service (SARS) audit for Royalty Tax for the 2010, 2012 and 2013 tax years with significant refunds expected upon finalisation of the audit. The refunds can only be quantified with accuracy upon finalisation of the audit.

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20 Cash flow analysis

a) Reconciliation of profit before tax to cash inflows from operations

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000		
Profit before tax	252 411	174 131
Depreciation and amortisation	117 995	94 693
Share based payment expense	12 600	10 214
Tangible assets written off	-	8 577
Net finance income	(2 355)	(1 675)
Rental income	(3 652)	(3 459)
(Profit)/loss on sale of tangible assets	(330)	176
Increase in provisions and other non-cash flow items	(8 570)	(2 017)
Decrease in inventories	35 239	3 542
(Increase)/ decrease in operating debtors	(43 719)	31 726
Increase/(decrease) in operating creditors	148 131	(57 940)
Cash inflows from operations	507 750	257 969

b) Income tax paid

Rand '000	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Opening balance	44 353	5 831
Charge for the year	(28 812)	(44 182)
Refunds from SARS	(37 762)	
Closing balance	(5 328)	(44 353)
Tax paid	(27 549)	(82 704)

c) Dividend paid

There were no dividends paid (2015: Nil)

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21 Operating leases

At 31 March 2016, the Company had outstanding commitments under non-cancellable operating leases.

	31 March 2016	31 March 2015
Rand '000		
Expiry date:		
Within one year	606	1 985
Two to five years	220	681
	826	2 666

22 Related party transactions

The Company in the ordinary course of business enters into sales and service transactions with fellow subsidiaries and associates and others in the Vedanta Resources plc. These transactions are under terms that are no more favourable than those arranged with third parties.

The following balances were outstanding/receivable from group companies at year end:

Rand	2016	2015
Balance payable		
Sterlite Industries India Limited	443 595	534 697
SESA Sterlite Limited	14 845 520	3 276 858
CMTPL	101 462	24 570
Namzinc	67 523	7 882
Western Cluster Limted		2 353
Sesa GOA	1 997 400	-
	17 455 500	3 846 361
Balance receivable		
Lisheen Mine Partnership	2 156 943	2 171 150
Skorpion Zinc Proprietary Limited	35 489 811	2 666 473
KCM Mine Proprietary Limited	29 337	588 544
Sterlite Industries India Limited	274 015	117 412
Sesa GOA	59 260	20 903
SESA BFM	<u>.</u>	129 659
	38 009 366	5 694 142

⁽a) Expenses paid on behalf of group companies and or on behalf of the Company by group companies and recharged at cost paid.

Remuneration and benefits of key management personnel are disclosed in note 4.

b) Administration fees recovered from Lisheen Mine Partnership and Skorpion Zinc Proprietary Limited for the period were R22 462 224 each (31 March 2015: R24 533 210).

⁽c) The share based expenses for the period for certain employee shares or rights over shares in a Group company are administered by SESA Sterlite Limited and the total expense for the year is R12 600 000 (31 March 2015: R10 213 826).