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14% Increase in group gold production

Johannesburg, South Africa, 2 November 2006. DRDGOLD Limited (JSE: DRD; NASDAQ: DROOY) today announced a 14% increase in Group gold production to 150 197oz for the quarter ended 30 September 2006.

The announcement of the company's quarterly results coincides with the 10th anniversary of its listing on NASDAQ.

The increase in Group gold production resulted from a 41% increase in attributable gold production from the Australasian operations of Emperor Mines (78.72% held) to 58 858oz, arising mainly from the Vatukoula mine in Fiji coming back on stream after a planned shutdown in the previous quarter, to produce 17 338oz in the quarter under review. While Vatukoula and Porgera both reported improvements in gold production, Tolukuma produced 2% less, and performance at all three Australasian operations was negatively affected by a variety of factors.

DRDGOLD CEO Mark Wellesley-Wood says a previously-reported skip-cage incident at Vatukoula during October was 'an unfortunate and serious setback' to Emperor Mines' previously announced plan to achieve 350 000oz of gold production at a cash operating cost of US\$350oz by June 2007.

Production from the South African operations was slightly higher at 91 339oz. The Crown surface operation reported a 16% increase in gold production while Blyvooruitzicht (Blyvoor) was stable at 40 477oz and ERPM was 12% down, mainly as a result of an 8% drop in underground grade.

Wellesley-Wood says the South African operations are 'on the way' to attaining an acceptable level of stability, notwithstanding the slower than expected volume ramp-up at Blyvoor resulting from repairs to No 6 Shaft following the shaft accident there, and underground grade issues at ERPM arising from increased seismicity and consequent safety concerns.

While Group revenue increased by 22% to R642.1 million, mainly as a result of the weaker Rand, Group cash operating profit was 43% lower at R76.2 million, reflecting a 44% increase in total cash operating costs to R565.9 million.

Revenue from the South African operations was 10% higher at R406.2 million, and after accounting for cash operating costs – 11% higher at R329 million – cash operating profit was 3% higher at R77.2 million.

By contrast, revenue from the Australasian operations was 50% higher at R235.9 million but after accounting for a 140% increase in cash operating costs to R236.9 million, a R1 million cash operating loss was recorded compared with a cash operating profit of R58.0 million in the previous quarter.

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DRDGOLD is a medium-sized, unhedged gold producer with investments in South Africa and Australasia. Incontrovertibly bullish about its product, the company has recently concluded extensive refocusing of its gold interests.

In South Africa, the company has an 85% interest in DRDGOLD South African Operations (Pty) Limited (DRDGOLD SA), while in Australasia, it has a 78.72% interest in Emperor Mines Limited.

In the 2006 financial year, DRDGOLD SA contributed 60% or 315 976 ounces – of total attributable gold production of 527 401 ounces, and Emperor 211 425 ounces. At 30 June 2006, DRDGOLD's total attributable resource base was 47.6 million ounces and its total attributable reserves were 8.8 million ounces.

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