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# **Eastplats Highlights**



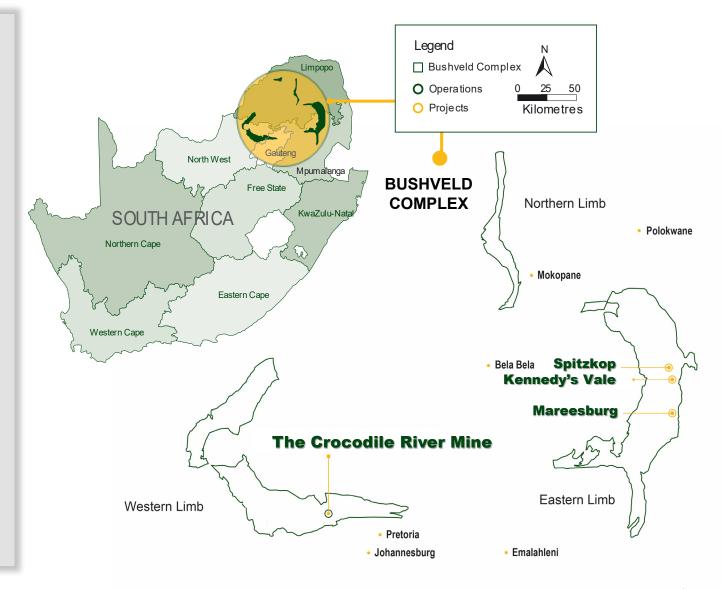
Eastern Platinum Limited (Eastplats) owns, directly and indirectly, a number of platinum group metals (PGM) and chrome assets in South Africa

All Eastplats' properties are situated within the Bushveld Complex (BCX), the geological environment that hosts approximately **80% of the world's PGM-bearing ore** 

### Eastplats' assets include:

- Crocodile River Mine chrome production via tailings re-treatment; Zandfontein UG 118% IRR and US\$202m (incl. TSF) NPV; soft start to UG PGM operations (Q4 2023)
- Kennedy's Vale/Spitzkop development
- ➤ Mareesburg development

### Zandfontein UG initial start funded



# **Leadership Team**





Wanjin Yang
Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Yang is a senior exploration geologist with over 30 years' of experience in major mineral exploration projects, corporate management, and corporate development. He previously was the Project Geologist at Whitehorse Gold Corp. working on its mineral exploration projects, new project acquisitions, and other corporate development work.



Wylie Hui
Chief Financial Officer & Corporate Secretary

Mr. Hui brings over 25 years of financial and operational experience to his role with Eastplats, with a majority of his experience in the mining & metals industry. He has improved financial reporting, risk management, and administration processes and functions at many mining companies Wylie also manages and oversees the financial planning and analysis, treasury management, risk management, corporate finance and investor relations functions of the company.



Haiying Wang
Vice President

Haiying Wang has significant international business and investment experience. Mr. Wang has over 20 years of experience in international trading and logistics including 10 years of mineral investment and trading in North America. He has over 5 years of experience in operations, supply chain and human resource management. Mr. Wang is responsible for new project development, planning, marketing and promotion, investment, and socio-economic strategy at Eastplats.

#### George G. Dorin

#### Director, Board Chair, Corporate Governance & Compensation Committee Chair

George Dorin has over 40 years of broad-based financial experience, including over 25 years as a corporate director or CFO for several private and public companies. Most recently, he has provided corporate finance, senior financial management, and corporate director services to several public companies through his personal financial services company CANUS Capital Corporation.

#### Changyu (Charlie) Liu

#### Director

Mr. Liu is the Chairman of Ka An Development Co. Limited ("Ka An"), a long-term shareholder of Eastplats. Mr. Liu's career has been focused on business investments and international trade in China, Hong Kong, and North America. Mr. Liu brings over two decades of expertise in business investment and financing enterprises.

#### Lisa Ng

#### Director, Audit Committee Chair

Ms. Ng is an accomplished CPA (Chartered Professional Accountant), CGA with an extensive financial management background that includes work with several publicly listed mining companies. She has over 25 years of experience in mining, information technology, biotech, and insurance.

#### Dr. Bielin Shi

#### Director; Corporate & Social Responsibility, Safety, Health & Environmental Risk Committee Chair

Dr. Bielin Shi is a professional geologist with over 30 years of experience in exploration, mineral resources management, applied geostatistics, resource estimation and mining geology. He has worldwide operational experience in exploration and mining projects, and expertise with independent technical reviews, due diligence audits and expert technical reporting in compliance with the JORC Code, NI43-101 and HKEx Standards.

#### Xin (Alex) Guan

#### Director

Alex Guan has over 30 years of experience in the metallurgical and mining industry and brings his significant experience and knowledge in metals manufacturing and trading, especially in South Africa, to Eastplats. He is the director of White Compass Pty Ltd. since 2014, a trading and consulting company in commodity and art, based in Australia

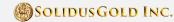
















### **Chrome & PGM Demand**



#### **Chrome**

- Properties of chrome: hard and resistance to corrosion
- Common uses of chrome: kitchen appliances, food processing equipment, medical and dental tools, and clean energy technologies
- Demand: projected to grow to US\$24B by 2030 (7-year CAGR of 5.1%) <sup>1</sup> as a result of rising stainless steel production

#### **PGM**

- Use of PGMs: fuel cell electric vehicles, alternative energy (clean vehicle exhaust emission, catalyst in electric fuel cell technology) and jewellery
  - Long term platinum demand driven by catalytic converters and fuel cells
- Demand: platinum to rise 20% in 2023<sup>2</sup>; palladium market to reach US\$24B by 2030 (7-year CAGR of 5.5%)<sup>3</sup>

# Clean energy technologies may impact need for chrome & PGMs

#### Critical mineral needs for clean energy technologies

Source: International Energy Association	on								
	Copper	Cobalt	Nickel	Lithium	REEs	Chromium	Zinc	PGMs	Aluminium
Solar PV	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Wind	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hydro	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
CSP	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bioenergy	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Geothermal	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Nuclear	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Electricity networks	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
EVs and battery storage	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hydrogen	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Relative importance	of minerals for	a particular cle	ean energy tec	hnology:		High:	•	Moderate:	Low:

Shading indicates the relative importance of minerals for a particular clean energy technology, which are discussed in their respective sections in this chapter. CSP = concentrating solar power; REEs = rare earth elements; PGM = platinum group metals. \* In this report, aluminium demand is assessed for electricity networks only and is not included in the aggregate demand projections.

https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2023/04/05/2641668/0/en/Ferrochrome-Market-to-Hit-USD-16-92-Billion-by-2030-Fortune-Business-Insights.html

<sup>2</sup> https://matthey.com/johnson-matthey-publishes-latest-pgm-market-report-2023#:~:text=The%20report%2C%20published%20today%20at,use%20of%20platinum%20in%20gasoline

³ https://www.globenewswire.com/en/news-release/2023/03/16/2628383/0/en/Palladium-Market-Size-Share-to-Surpass-USD-24-Billion-by-2030-Vantage-Market-Research.html

### **Focus on PGM**



### Market Outlook<sup>1</sup>

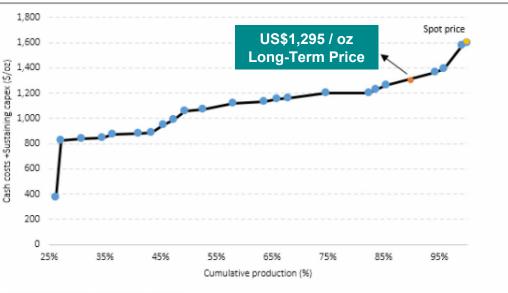
- Internal combustion engines (ICE) to remain a large, but declining component of the drivetrain mix through the 2030s.
- Growth in vehicle production driven by battery electric vehicles (BEV) and fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV), the latter of which still require PGMs
- Catalytic converter demand for platinum expected to peak at 3,819 koz in 2028, vs 3,055 koz expected in 2022

#### Long-term price for global PGM basket consistent with 90th percentile of the cost curve



Source: RBC Capital Market estimates, Bloomberg Finance LFP. Basket weights: 39% pt, 46% pd, 4% rh, 2% au, 2% ir, 7% rh.





Source: RBC Capital Market estimates. Company reports

### **PGM-Focused Portfolio**



### **CROCODILE RIVER MINE (CRM)**



- Located on the western limb of the BCX
- Approx. 70km north-northwest from Johannesburg in the North-West province
- Current mine lease area covers 2,700 hectares and includes:
  - Zandfontein operating mining section;
     currently reclaiming chrome and PGM from Zandfontein TSF
  - Two development sections: Crocette and Kareespruit

#### **KENNEDY'S VALE/SPITZKOP**



- Project is situated on the eastern limb of the BCX, covering 11,683 hectares
  - 350km northeast of Johannesburg
- 1. Spitzkop: aim to put in production in 12-24 months; in the process of environmental assessment
  - Mining plan on-going (hold mining rights)
- 2. Kennedy's Vale: active mining right contingent on BEE structure (to be confirmed)

#### **MAREESBURG**



- Property lies in the southern part of the eastern limb of the BCX, covering 2,129 hectares
- 350km to the north-northeast of Johannesburg
- Have mining and surface rights
- Near term activity (2024) environmental impact assessment
- Aim to restart production in 2025

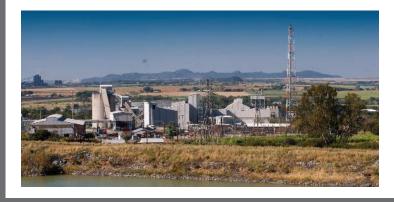
# **High-quality Chrome and PGM Project Pipeline**



### **Crocodile River Mine**

### **Retreatment Project - Chrome**

- Remining Zandfontein tailings area to recover chrome
- Chrome Recovery Plant was commissioned in December 2018
- Operate and optimize retreatment project



### **Retreatment Project - PGM**

- Circuit D operations began Q4 2020 by processing part of feed from chrome recovery tailings; circuit optimization started in late Q1 2021
- Circuit B commissioned in Q4 2021



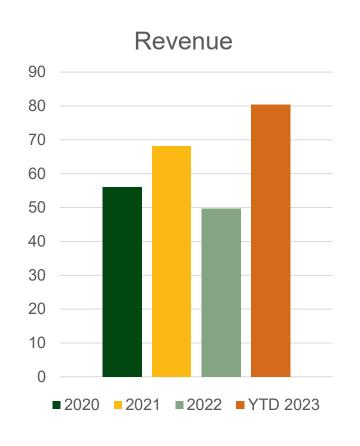
### **Underground - PGM Main Plant**

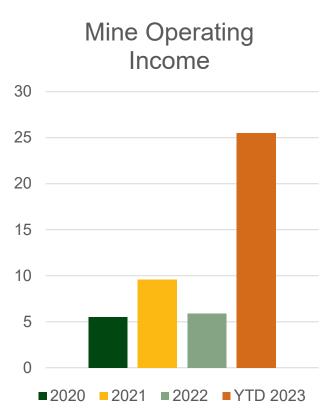
- Circuit A to be commissioned during 2024
- Circuit D renovation option with high energy cells for increased capacity and PGM recovery rate

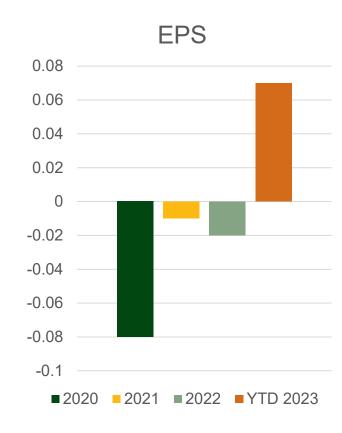


# **Financial Results**

# Focus on operational efficiency initiatives to lower costs and improve bottom line

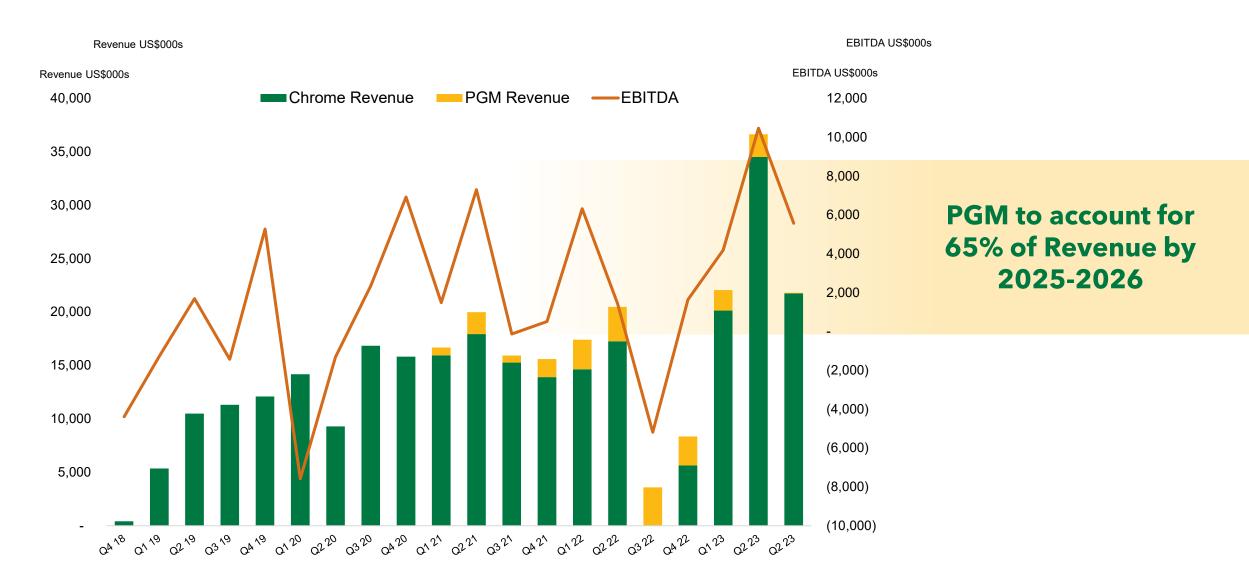






## Crocodile River Mine - Revenue & EBITDA





# **Chrome and PGM Production**

## **Tailings retreatment project**



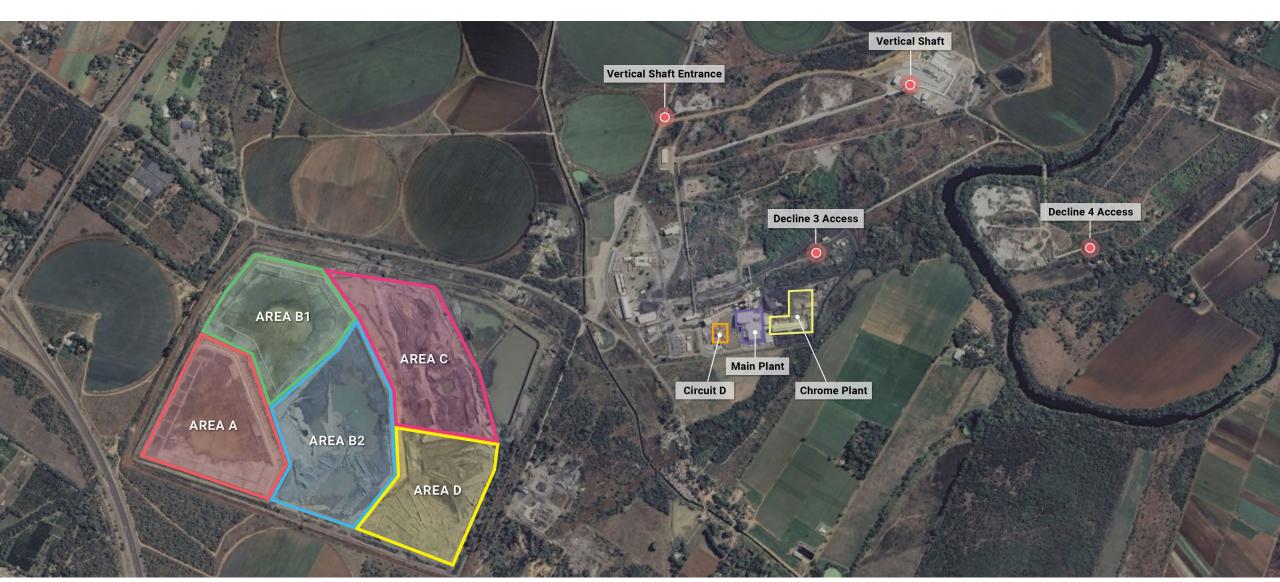
Chrome production		2019	2020	2021	2022	Q3 2023 (YTD)	Total Project to Q3 2023 (YTD)
Total tailing re-mined	Tonnes	1,778,525	2,328,732	2,504,777	2,548,785	1,766,928	10,927,747
Total chrome concentrate	Tonnes	588,006	987,003	773,274	602,112	377,110	3,327,505
Recoveries of chrome	%	65.4	65.0	49.8	41.3	n/a	
Concentrate grade	%	38.6	38.6	38.7	38.7	38.6	

PGM production	2021	2022	Q3 2023 (YTD)	Total Project to Q3 2023 (YTD)
Dry tons	1,877	5,616	2,969	9,608
PGM ounces contained	3,304	8,742	5,279	16,145

Note: Chrome production started late 2018 with 8,263 tons of tailings re-mined and 2,043 tons of chrome concentrate produced

# **Zandfontein Mine Facility Map**





# **Zandfontein Plant & Equipment**





### **Mineral Reserves and Resources**



### Mineral Reserves January 1, 2022

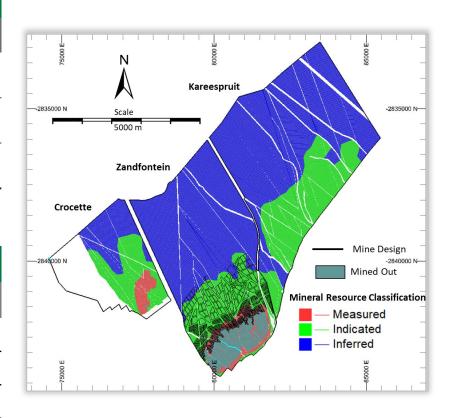
	Delivered tonnes	4E grade	4E co	ontent
	kt	g/t	kg	koz
Proved	2,282	4.75	10,829	348
Probable	12,298	3.48	42,777	1,375
Total	14,580	3.68	53,605	1,723

### Mineral Resources January 1, 2022 Mineral resource cut-off of 1.7 g/t 4E applied

	Geo Loss Tonnes	Mine Cut	4 E Grade	Pt	Pd	Rh	Au	4E Co	ntent
	kt	m	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	g/t	Kg	Moz
Measured Resources	10,335	1.73	4.45	2.47	1.10	0.38	0.03	45,979	1.48
Indicated Resources	53,701	1.68	4.06	2.41	1.03	0.39	0.03	217,975	7.01
M&I Resources	64,036	1.69	4.12	2.42	1.04	0.39	0.03	263,954	8.49

#### Notes:

- 1. The Mineral Reserve estimation includes only diluted Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources of the Zandfontein section which have been converted to Proved and Probable Mineral Reserves.
- 2. A portion of Inferred Mineral Resources are included in the LoM plan, as it is required to mine through Inferred portions to access Measured and Indicated Mineral Resources. These Inferred Mineral Resources have, however, been excluded in the Mineral Reserve estimation and in the economic analysis.
- 3. The Mineral Reserve estimation was completed using a 4E basket price of USD1,825/oz and exchange rate of 15.53 ZAR/USD.
- 4. An uneconomical tail of 133.34 kt at a 4E grade of 3.51 g/t, containing 15.06 koz has been excluded from the Mineral Reserve estimate.



# **Crocodile River Mine – Economic Highlights**



# **Chrome cashflow upside**



1.7Moz 4E

Reserves (Zanfontein)



US \$1,502/oz (including TSF)

US \$1,405/oz(excluding TSF)

Cost (4E)(AISC)



US \$202 m (including TSF)

US \$188 m (excluding TSF)

NPV<sub>11.9%</sub>



118%

IRR (based on a 4E basket price of US \$1,825/oz)



22 years

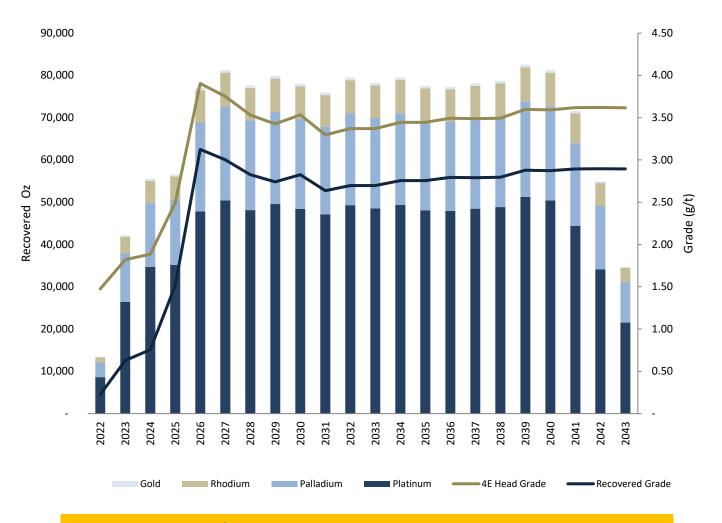
Mine life



2.3 years (including TSF)

2.0 years (excluding TSF)

Payback period



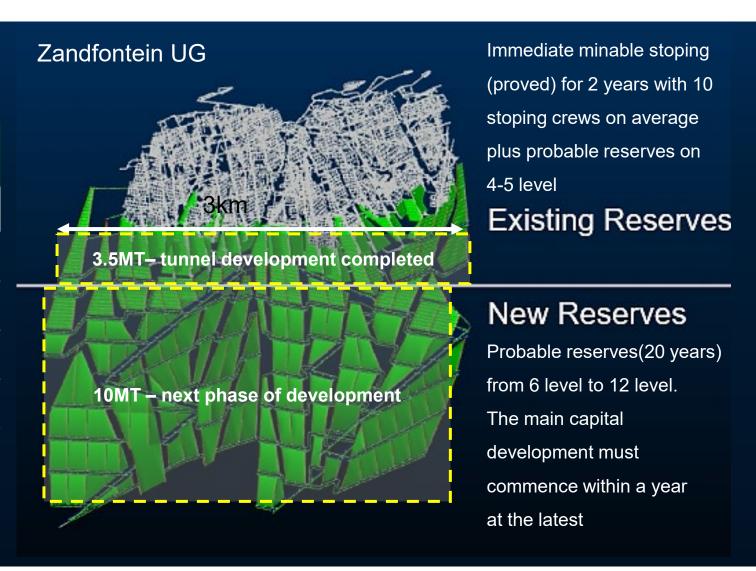
Estimated 4.8 Mt of metallurgical grade chrome concentrate, not accounted for in the May 2022 N.I. 43-101 Technical Report.

# **Zandfontein Underground Soft Restart Plan 22-year Life of Mine**



Additional capital needed to <u>fully re-start</u> Zandfontein underground operations

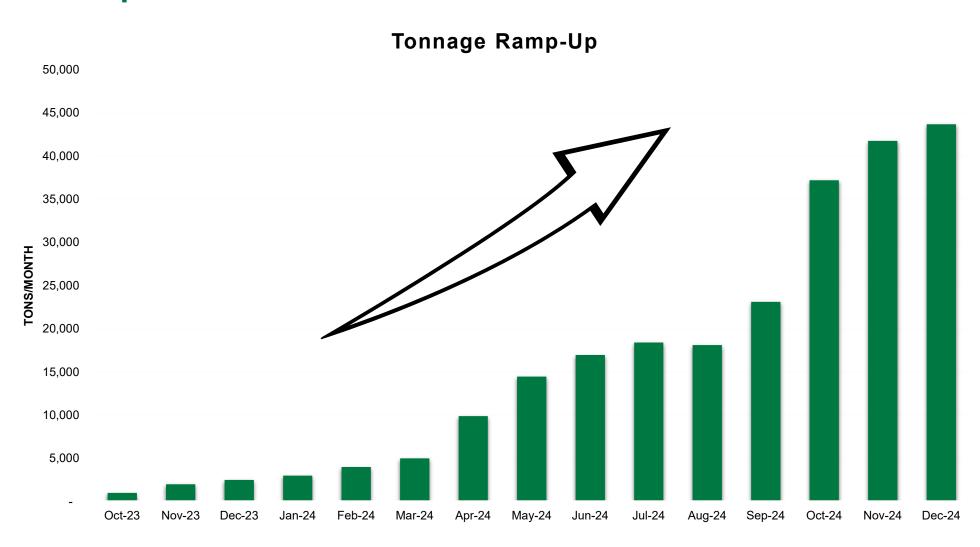
Item	Total USD
Mining Capital	
Total initial mining capital	11,700,000
Total initial plant capital	5,500,000
Total initial other capital	1,400,000
Contingency and other capital	6,000,000
Total	24,600,000



# **Zandfontein Underground Soft Restart**

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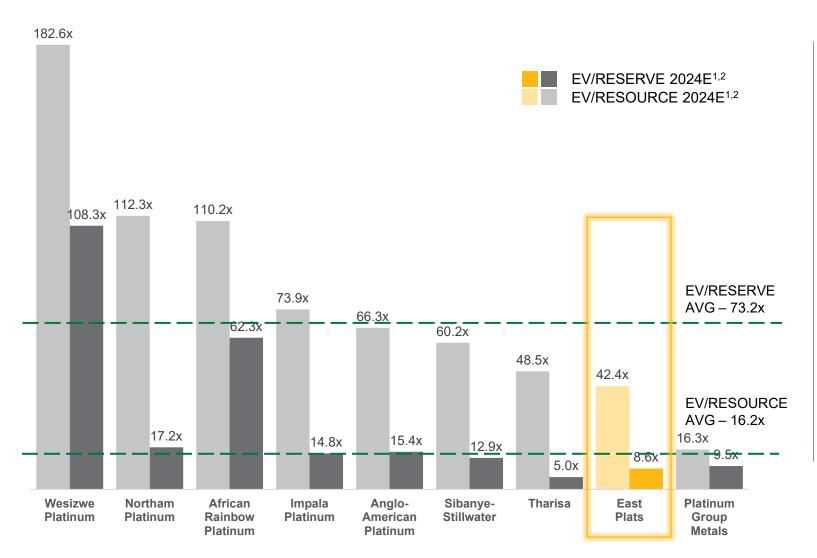
# 12-month ramp



# **Valuation Comparison**



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### **Opportunity to Re-rate by:**

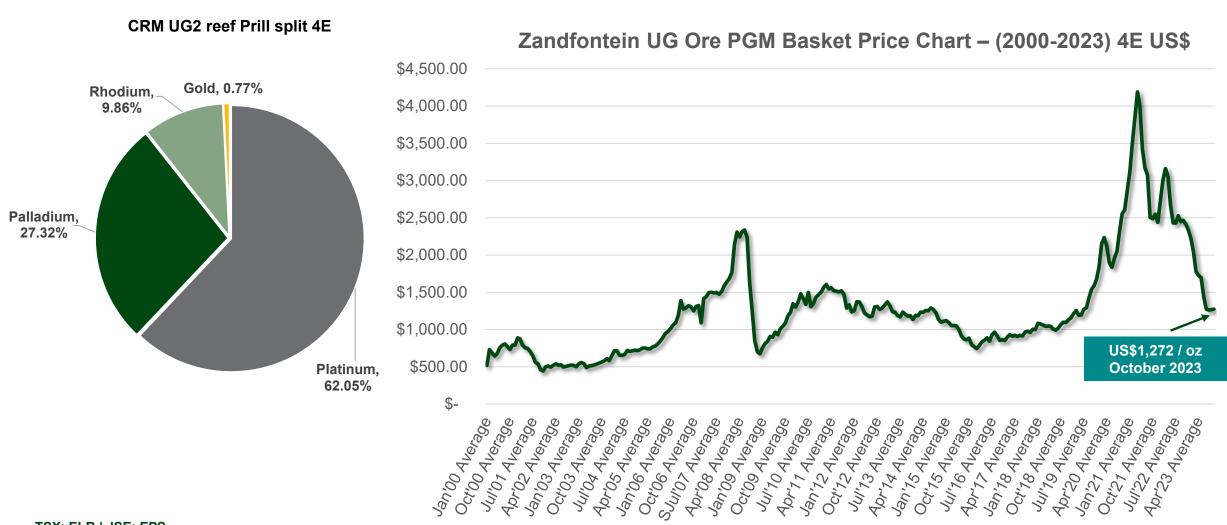
- Re-negotiating Union Goal payable
- Re-starting production (initial and full) at Zandfontein underground; low capital costs versus peers
- Continuing to implement operational cost reduction initiatives
- Maintaining unhedged chrome and PGM sales

1 Non-GAAP Measures and Additional GAAP Measures, see Cautionary Note in ELR MD&A 2 2023 & 2024 Estimates from S&P Capital IQ/Company Websites as of November 15, 2023

# **PGM Prill Split Underground Model**



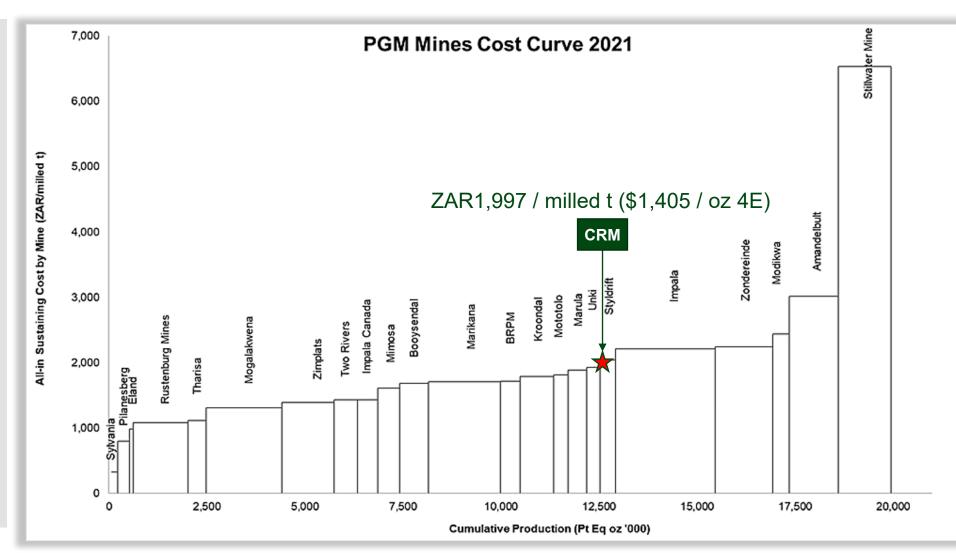
Industrial-driven, benefits from market demand and strong PGM metal price



# **Focusing on Operational Efficiencies**



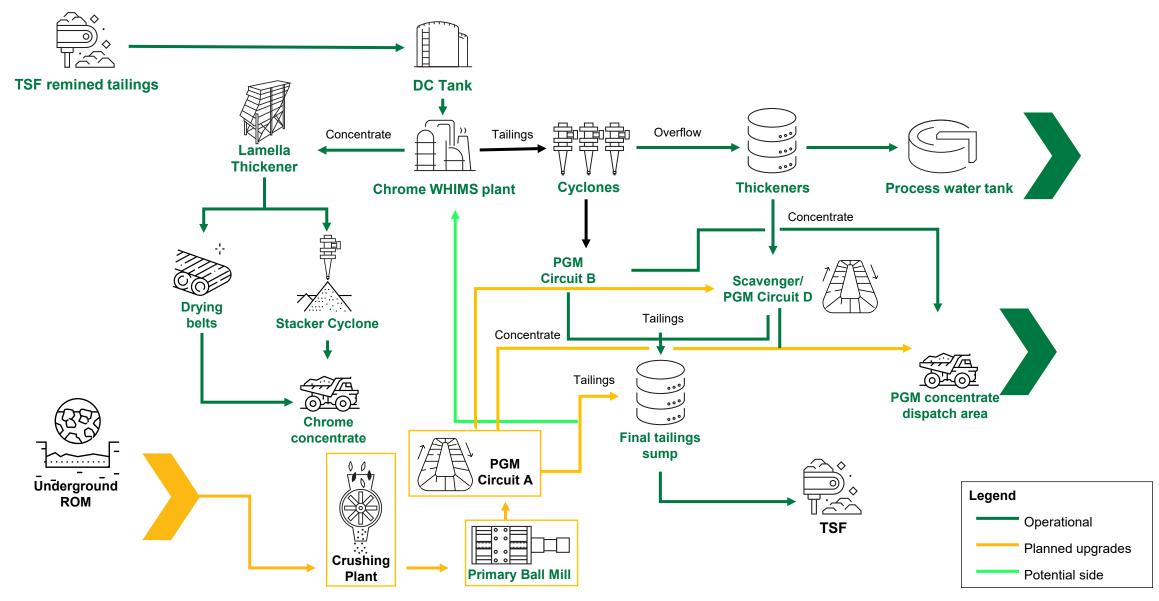
- Long-term price consensus for the global PGM basket is expected to be inline with today's prices; however, ~ 90% of PGM producers operate at or below this cost
- CRM cost per ounce based on the 2022 technical report, which includes contingency costs and doesn't take into account chrome production → opportunity to bring down production costs (and improve margins)



Source: Minxcon

# **Processing – Plant flow diagram**





# **Surface and Underground Infrastructure**



Past investment of USD \$526m+ and USD \$106m+ since new leadership appointed in 2016.

### **Total investment to date over USD \$632m**

















# **High Safety Standards**

### Committed to providing a safe working environment





### Zero Harm Safety Culture

- ✓ 1.16 million fatality free shifts as of September
   2023 (over 10-year period)
- ✓ Hydropower and nets for support
- ✓ State of the art support design to improve efficiencies and ergonomics
- ✓ Modernized scraping systems for cleaning
- ✓ Dedicated raise lines for men, material and ore handling
- ✓ Twin declines and strike drives to separate men and machinery
- ✓ PDS/VDS



# Social Labour Plan (SLP) - Going Beyond Mining





**Local employment** 

This project creates at least **1,400** jobs



### **Stakeholder forums**

In place and operating well through the assistance of local government



ZAR4.8m (~US\$260k) spent on SLP¹ since 2021

### **SMME** business development

Currently in place. Have trained **56** local businesses in tendering, financial management, marketing etc.



### **SLP** projects

water, education and sanitation

Committed spending 1% of EBIT



**Mentoring** 

Commenced in 2023





TSX: ELR | JSE: EPS

Includes section 93.

### Outlook



- Ramp-up the Zandfontein underground operations;
- Confirm capital plans to support the full re-opening of Zandfontein underground operations at the CRM;
- Complete the optimization of the chrome recovery plant for the Retreatment Project;
- Assess the value for continued use of the chrome recovery plant after optimization (resolve outstanding payable);
- Complete 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of tailings storage facility capital works program;
- Commission main plant circuit A for underground operations;
- Advance the Mareesburg project environmental work to complete the Environmental Impact Assessment and other environmental studies and amendments; and
- Continue prospecting and assessment work in relation to Zandfontein,
   Crocette and Spitzkop ore bodies.

### **Share Capitalization** (November 10, 2023)

**201.9M** Shares O/S

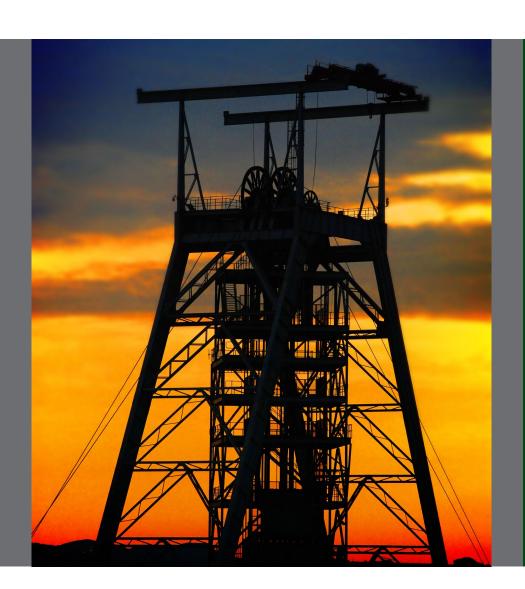
**5.9M**Warrants
(\$0.24 average price)

**7.0M**Options
(\$0.17 average price)

C\$18.2M Market Cap (Nov 17, 2023)

\$17.3M Cash (As at Sept. 30, 2023) 49.9%
Strategic Investor
(Ka An Development)





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# What Are We Doing Differently?



Aspect	Previous operations	New design	Advantage
In-stope Drilling	Handheld with compressed air	Handheld with hydro power	<ul><li>More effective power</li><li>Higher penetration</li><li>Reduced noise</li><li>Reduced heat generation</li></ul>
Support	<ul><li>Sticks</li><li>1.8m roofbolts</li><li>Packs</li><li>Pillars</li></ul>	<ul><li>Timberless</li><li>2.0m cable anchors</li><li>Packs</li><li>Pillars</li></ul>	<ul><li>Reduced logistics</li><li>Reduced material handling</li><li>Reduced cost</li></ul>
Development	In footwall, 30m below reef	Development on reef	<ul><li>Reduces hoisting</li><li>Cost saving</li><li>Generates revenue</li></ul>
Faults	Single operation with development through large faults with single vent district	Operation with three distinct zones with their own infrastructure	<ul> <li>Flexibility</li> <li>Reduced risk of development through faults</li> <li>Three vent districts</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	Shaft loading and logistic arrangements and conveyors not fully commissioned	Conveyors, chairlift and vertical shaft fully functional	<ul><li>Increased efficiencies</li><li>Lower cost</li><li>Reduced load and haul fleet</li><li>Reduced emissions</li></ul>