## ANGLO AMERICAN PLATINUM CORPORATION

## **ANNUAL FACILITY VISIT**

5 March 2003



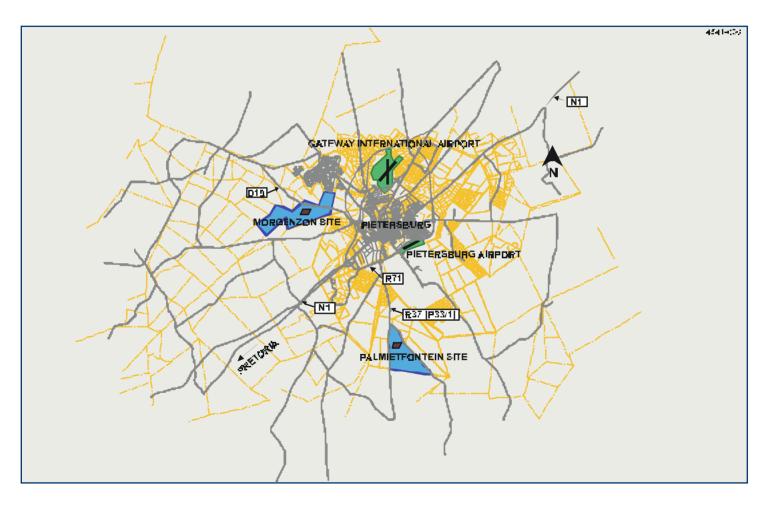
## **POLOKWANE SMELTER**

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#### **ONGOING AND EXPANSION OPERATIONS ORIENTATION EASTERN BUSHVELD WESTERN BUSHVELD** MIDDELPUNT HILL Polokwane **PP RUST TWICKENHAM LEBOWA** Mokopane RPM AMANDELBULT RPM UNION **MODIKWA NORTHAM** Warmbaths **WESTERN AND BARPLATS** Lydenburg **EASTERN PLATS** STYLDRIFT-**CROCODILE RIVER BRPM** Zeerust **DER BROCHEN** IMPALA-PRETORIA Rustenburg Witbank **HARTEBEESTPOORT** RPM RUSTENBURG

## **LOCATION OF SMELTER**





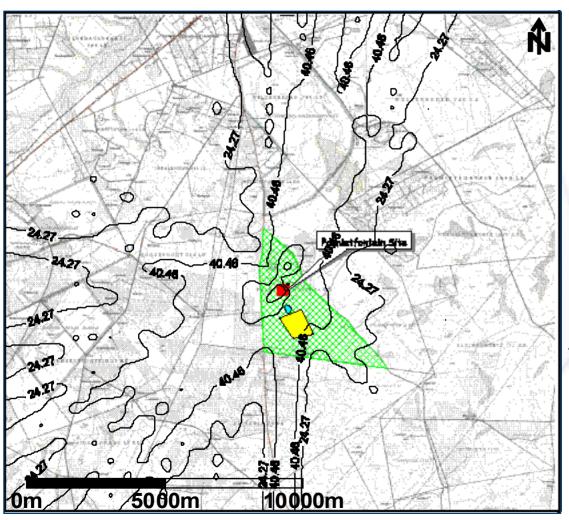
## **SMELTER TECHNOLOGY**

- Key Drivers
  - Capacity
  - Environmental
  - Mineralogy
  - Operability
  - Costs



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## **SULPHUR DIOXIDE MODEL**



Max Daily Guidelines for  $SO_2$  (µg/m³)

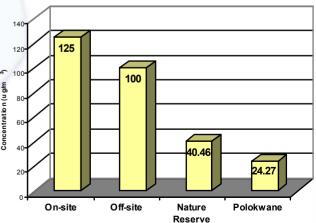
South Africa 125

USEPA 365

WHO 125

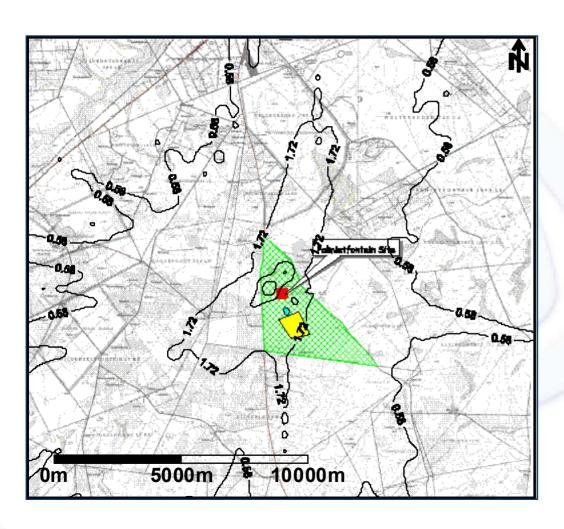
World Bank 125

EU 250 to 350



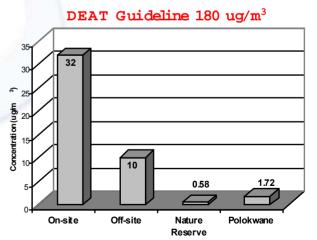


## **PARTICULATES MODEL**



Max Daily Guidelines for  $PM10 (\mu g/m^3)$ 

South Africa	180
USEPA	150
WHO	150 to 230
<b>World Bank</b>	260
EU	130 to 250





## **MERENSKY AND UG2**

## Typical mineralogical profiles for the UG2 and Merensky reefs

MINERAL	UG2 - % CONTENT	MERENSKY - % CONTENT
CHROMITITE	75.00	1.00
PYROXENE	20.00	60.00
FELDSPAR	3.00	34.00
CHLORITE	0.50	1.00
TALC	1.40	2.00
TREMOLITE		1.00
BASE METAL SULPHIDES	0.10	1.00
TOTAL	100.00	100.00

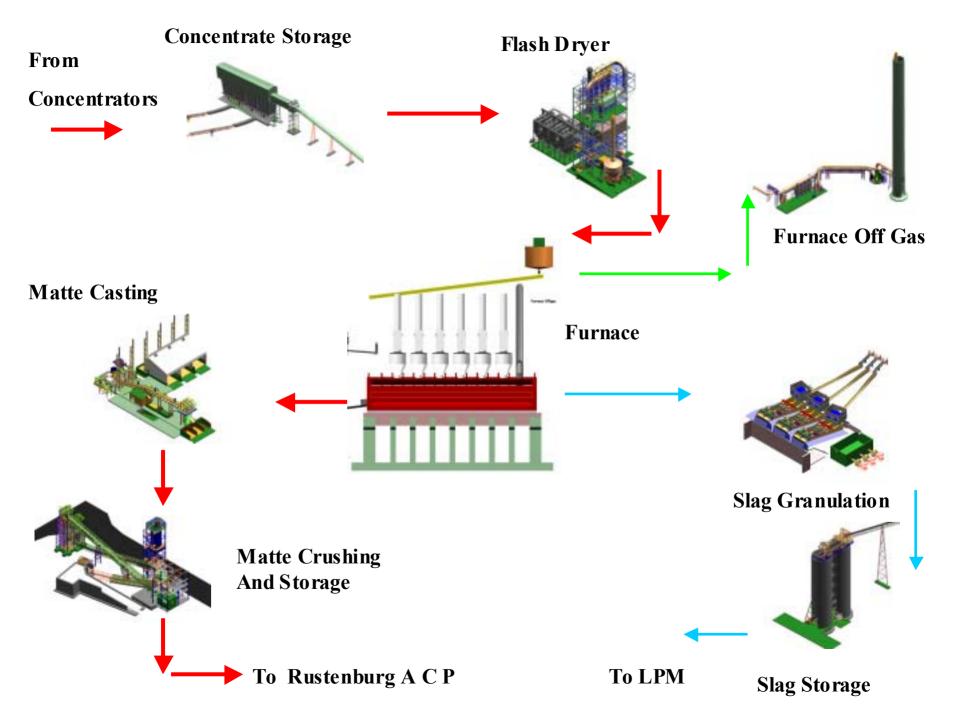


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## **FLOWSHEET**







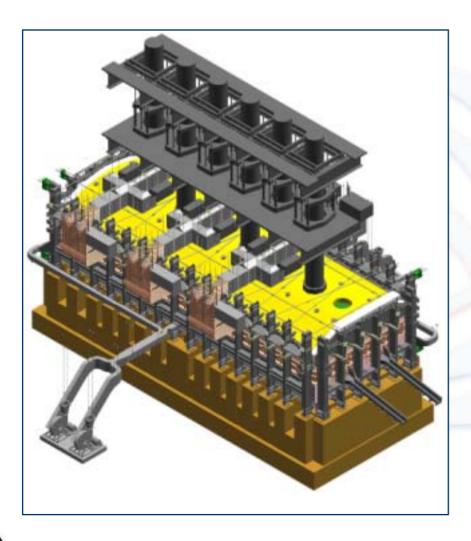
## **FLASH DRIERS**



- Capacity :
  - Wet 70 78 tph
  - Dry 66 tph
- Moisture:
  - 10 16% (w/w)
- Heat release :
  - 54 GJ/hr



### **FURNACE**



- Capacity :
  - 650,000 t/a (87 tph)
- Power:
  - 68 MW (168MVA)
- Power density :
  - 250 kW/m<sup>2</sup>
- Matte temperature :
  - 1,550°C
- Slag temperature :
  - 1,600°C



## **BAG HOUSE**

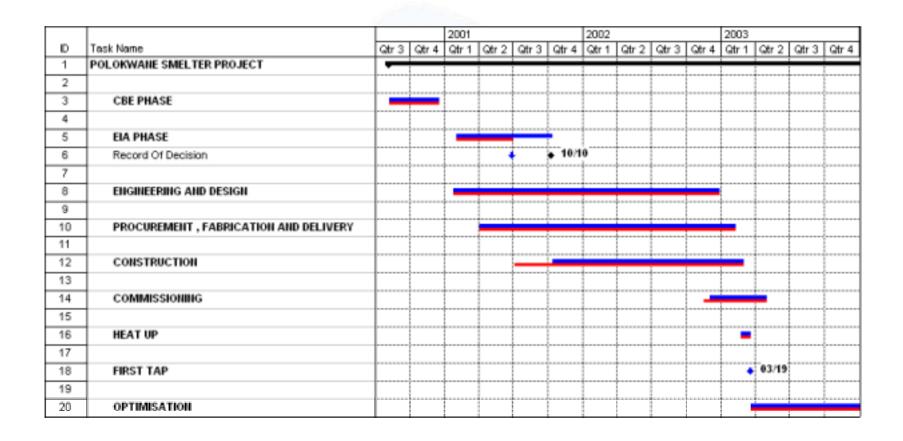


- Inlet temperature :
  - 950°C
- Dust in:
  - 4,400 kg/hr
- Dust out :
  - 32 kg/hr
- Bag area :
  - 2,471m<sup>3</sup>



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## **PROJECT SCHEDULE**





4,323

## **SAFETY STATISTICS**

<ul><li>Personnel</li></ul>	Emp	loyed
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± 3,300

- Personnel Peak
- Fatality Free Man Hours 6,384,481
- Total Lost Time Injuries
- LTIFR

Record Days without a LTI

0.19

145

6





## SALIENT CONSTRUCTION FEATURES

Earth moved	1.90 million	$m^3$
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Concrete	60,000	$m^3$

	Structura	steel	and	pla	tewor	k	5,70	00	t
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<ul> <li>Piping</li> </ul>	32,000	m
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• Light fittings 3,200 No



## **MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS**

#### **Project Management and Design**

Managing Consultant - Greenblat & Hutton

Quantity Surveyors – Professional Cost Consultants

Civil & Structural Design – Jones & Wagener

HT Electrical Design – EHL

Electrical & Instrument Design – iControl

Furnace Design – Hatch

#### **Major Suppliers**

Steel - Cosira and DSE

Baghouse - Howden

Flashdriers – Drytech

Pneumatic Transfer – Clyde Bergmann

#### Construction

Bulk Earthworks & Civils - Grinaker-LTA

Structural and Mechanical Erector - Group 5 Projects

Structural and Mechanical Erector - Tubular Technical Services

Piping – Concor

Electrical & Instrumentation – Grinaker-LTA MEIP



## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS OVER 12 MONTHS



**Construction start:** 

**November 2001** 



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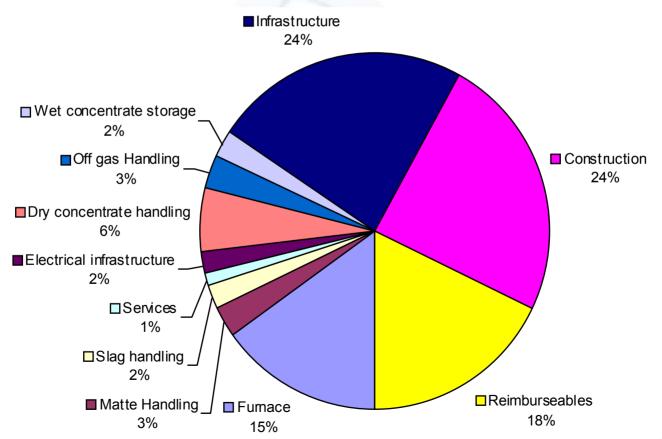


Construction progress as at November 2002



## **MAJOR AREAS OF EXPENDITURE**

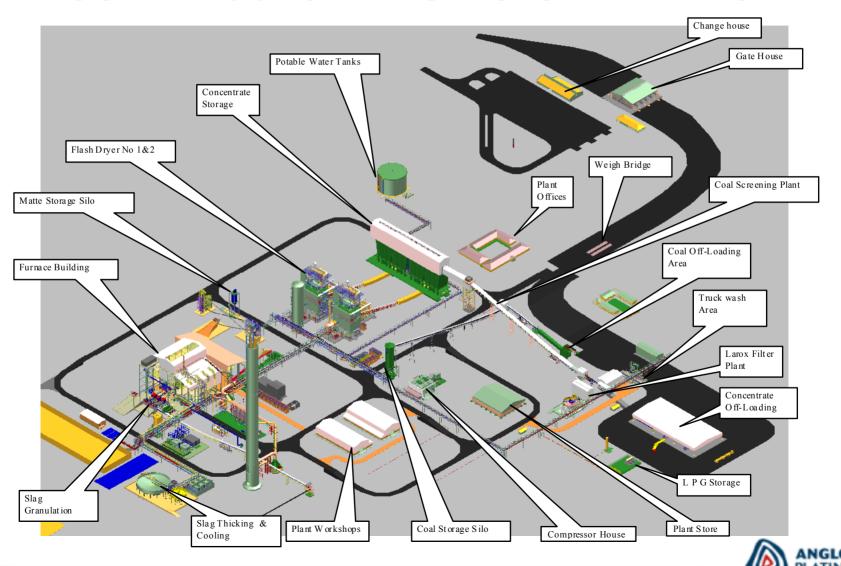
Voted Amount: R 1.31 billion (2001 terms)





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## **COMMISSIONING TO OPERATION**

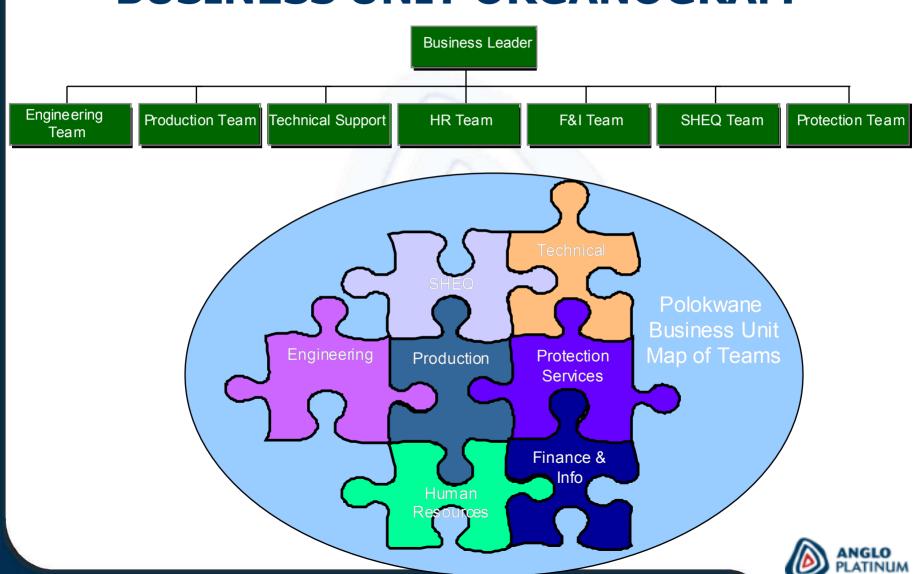


## RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION CRITERIA

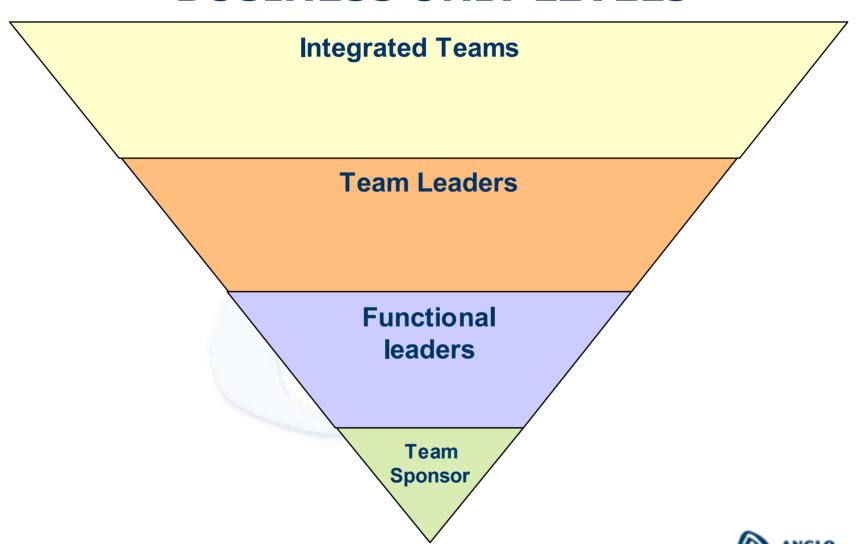
- Recruited both locally and nationally
- Battery of assessments to match competencies with roles
  - Logical, spatial, musical, interpersonal and intrapersonal
  - 100% literacy
- Focus on local communities
- Engage local structures and institutions
  - Department of Labour



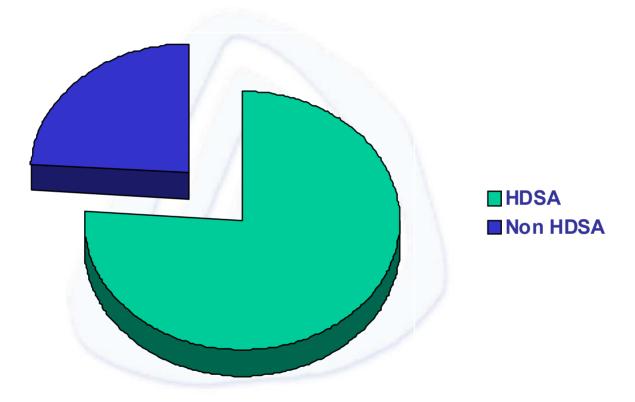
## **BUSINESS UNIT ORGANOGRAM**



## **BUSINESS UNIT LEVELS**



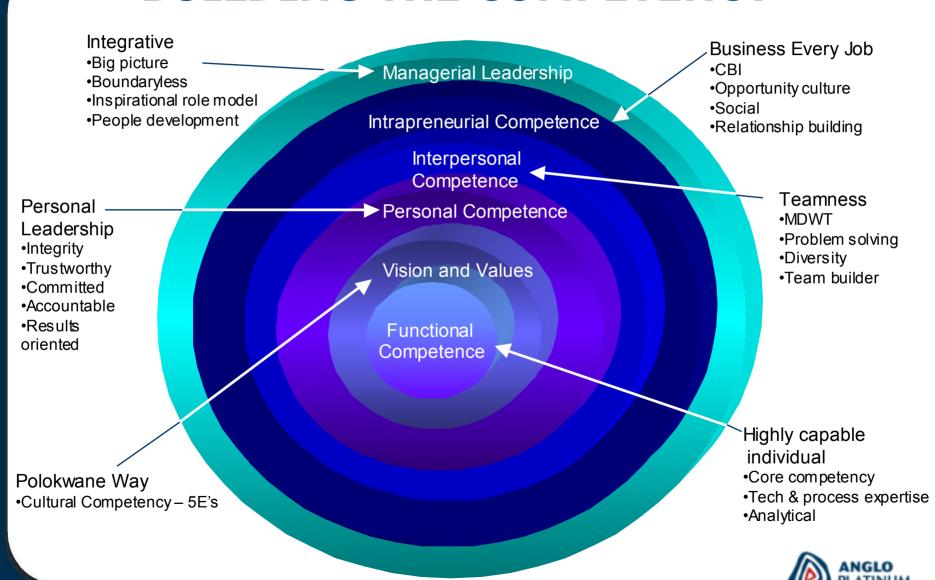
## PROFILE OF POLOKWANE EMPLOYEES



Total proportion of employees who are female – 25%



## **BUILDING THE COMPETENCY**



## **TRAINING**

- Employees brought on board a year before commissioning
- Industry approved training to gain process skills
- Practical exposure at existing operations
- Commission with own employees
  - Part of training and knowledge transfer
  - Create early ownership of plant



### **COMMISSIONING**

- Areas complete are:
  - Concentrate offloading (1<sup>st</sup> concentrate delivery on 1 Feb 2003)
  - Wet concentrate storage
  - Flash Drier 1 (1<sup>st</sup> dry conc produced 7 Feb 2003)
  - Dry concentrate storage
  - Furnace cooling water systems
  - Furnace air cooling systems
  - Electrodes
  - LPG
  - Furnace off-gas plant
  - Stack
  - Process water system



## **COMMISSIONING**

- Furnace heat up started on 20 February 2003
- Major milestone to come:
  - Furnace switch in: March 2003



### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Knowledge transfer
  - Operations team intimately involved in all aspects of commissioning
  - Vendor training using manuals plus rigorous field training
  - Seamless handover process from Commissioning to operating teams
- Design validation
  - Intensive vendor and design team support
  - Largely proven technologies



### **AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Transfer of operational experience
  - Experienced trainers in place
  - Designed a fifth shift for continual training
- Quality of feed materials
  - Process designed for high chrome
  - Feed blending of materials
  - Optimal ramp up to gain understanding of UG2 type feed



## **POLOKWANE SMELTER**

**QUESTIONS** 

