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CONSOLIDATION OF THE SILVER PRODUCTION IN A CONTEXT OF LOWER GRADES

DISCOVERY OF NEW SILVER RESERVES TO EXTEND THE MINE'S LOM BY TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS

On March 20, 2018, SMI's Board of Directors, under the presidency of Mr. Imad TOUMI, approved the annual financial statements for the year ended December 31 2017:

ANNUAL RESULTS 2017

2017 was marked by the consolidation of silver production in Imiter, particularly thanks to the increase of +34% of the processed volumes, thus mitigating the impact of the decrease of the processed content average.

The turnover is of MAD 1,125m, recording an increase of +2% compared to the previous year, thanks to the consolidation of production.

3% increase in EBITDA to stand at MAD 558m with an operating margin of 49.6%.

The financial result is of MAD -24m, compared to MAD 25m by the end of 2016, which is a difference of MAD 49m due to the settlement of foreign exchange hedging positions.

Net income reached MAD 239m, a decrease of MAD 54m compared to 2016, mainly due to the financial result's evolution.

GROUP DEVELOPMENT

In 2017, an important budget of MAD 200m was allocated for investment in research and infrastructure, which enabled the identification of new silver reserves (+581 metal tonnes). This has allowed to extend the mine's LOM by almost two years.

In 2017, SMI also launched its plant expansion project, in order to increase operational performances and mitigate the impact of low silver content.

DIVIDEND

During the Ordinary General Meeting, the Board of Directors decided to propose a dividend of 87 Dirhams per share, representing 60% of the Net income.







