

## PRESS RELEASE

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### BISICHI MINING PLC

#### Half Year Results for the period ended 30 June 2009

#### ANOTHER RECORD MINING RESULT

- Profit before tax in excess of £4.3 million (Realised) (2008: £0.9 million) reflects impact of open cast mining at Black Wattle Colliery
- Profit before tax in excess of £9.4million (Realised) generated over last twelve months
- Performance has been protected to date from the current lower coal price by fixed price coal export contract
- Black Wattle has started sampling high quality buy-in coal from nearby reserves, which will extend the life of the mine
- UK retail property portfolio has maintained rental income levels
- Bisichi warns that the second half of 2009 financial year is unlikely to be as profitable as the last twelve months as Black Wattle closes underground mining operations, opens a new open cast pit, fixed price export contract ends and a strengthened SA Rand:US Dollar rate impacts on export revenues
- Bisichi expects return to higher profitability in 2010
- First ever Interim Dividend of 1p per share

Commenting on the results, Michael Heller, Chairman of Bisichi Mining said:

“This profit both puts Bisichi in a very secure financial position and will allow the Group to take advantage of opportunities that arise as a result of these extremely turbulent times. Looking forward to 2010, we expect to see a recovery in profitability.”

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## Half year review

We are very pleased to report to shareholders that in the six months ended 30 June 2009, Bisichi Mining made a profit before tax of £ 4.3 million (Realised) (2008: £ 0.9 million). Bisichi has therefore generated profits of £ 9.4 million (Realised) over the last twelve months.

This profit both puts Bisichi in a very secure financial position and will allow the Group to take advantage of opportunities that arise as a result of these extremely turbulent times.

As previously reported, this profit can, to a significant extent, be attributed to the commencement of opencast mining in May 2008. Combined with the existing fixed price export contract, which is providing the Group with prices above market rates, Bisichi has to some considerable degree been protected to date from the current lower coal price.

We remain extremely positive about the future of the Black Wattle Colliery, our direct coal mining operation in South Africa, but we must advise shareholders that the next six months is unlikely to be as profitable as the last twelve months. This is for several reasons:

- Black Wattle is in the process of carrying out the planned closure of most of its underground mining sections which will take several months to finalise;
- Black Wattle is in the process of closing one opencast pit and opening up the next;
- the fixed price coal contract will expire during the second half and the coal prices in all of the Group's markets have reduced; and
- the South African Rand has appreciated by over 14% against the US Dollar during the year, which impacts on the Group's export revenues which are paid in US Dollars and converted to SA Rands.

Looking forward to 2010, we expect to see a recovery in profitability as Black Wattle will have completed the switch from underground to lower cost opencast mining. The forward curve of the coal price from 2010 onwards projects an upswing as, we hope, the world emerges from recession and the forward rate for the SA Rand shows the SA Rand depreciating against the US Dollar.

Black Wattle has also started sampling high quality buy-in coal from nearby reserves. These buy-in coal opportunities are increasing in number and represent a new development for Black Wattle as, with the timely expansion of the washing plant, capacity will be increased and the life of mine will be extended.

Black Wattle still awaits final approval from the Department of Minerals and Energy for the Company's new Black Empowerment partner and the necessary permits for some of the opencast mining activities at Black Wattle. There is still nothing to report at this stage on Pegasus; shareholders will be informed as soon as further news emerges.

Bisichi's UK retail property portfolio, managed by London & Associated Properties PLC, continues to perform well and, most importantly, there has been no reduction in rental income.

As previously announced, Tom Kearney has resigned as a director of Bisichi and we wish him well in his future career.

Finally we are pleased to inform shareholders that the Board will for the first time be paying an interim dividend of 1p. This will be paid on 5 February 2010, to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 15 January 2010.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to these results and we continue to look to the future with confidence for your Group.

**Michael Heller**  
Chairman  
27 August 2009

**Andrew Heller**  
Managing Director

**Bisichi Mining PLC**

**Consolidated income statement**

**for the six months ended 30 June 2009**

		<b>6 months ended 30 June 2009 £000</b>	<b>6 months ended 30 June 2008 £000</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2008 £000</b>
	Notes			
<b>Group revenue</b>	1	<b>16,629</b>	9,076	25,979
Operating costs		<u>(12,281)</u>	<u>(8,097)</u>	<u>(19,754)</u>
<b>Operating profit on trading activities</b>	1	<b>4,348</b>	979	6,225
Decrease in value of investment properties		-	-	(3,075)
Gains/(losses) on held for trading investments		<u>109</u>	<u>(108)</u>	<u>(534)</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>4,457</b>	871	2,616
Share of profit/(loss) in joint ventures		<u>10</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>(305)</u>
<b>Profit before interest and taxation</b>	1	<b>4,467</b>	846	2,311
Interest receivable		137	170	345
Interest payable		<u>(103)</u>	<u>(213)</u>	<u>(539)</u>
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		<b>4,501</b>	803	2,117
Income tax expense	2	<u>(1,192)</u>	<u>(204)</u>	<u>(1,811)</u>
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<b><u>3,309</u></b>	<u>599</u>	<u>306</u>
Attributable to:				
<b>Equity shareholders</b>		<b>3,309</b>	599	302
Minority interest		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b><u>3,309</u></b>	<u>599</u>	<u>306</u>
<b>Earnings per share - basic</b>	3	<b><u>31.66 p</u></b>	<u>5.73 p</u>	<u>2.89 p</u>
<b>Earnings per share - diluted</b>	3	<b><u>30.96 p</u></b>	<u>5.39 p</u>	<u>2.83 p</u>

**Bisichi Mining PLC****Consolidated statement of comprehensive income**

for the six months ended 30 June 2009

	6 months ended 30 June 2009 £000	6 months ended 30 June 2008 £000	Year ended 31 December 2008 £000
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>3,309</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>306</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income:</b>			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	<u>263</u>	<u>(509)</u>	<u>61</u>
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year net of tax</b>	<u>263</u>	<u>(509)</u>	<u>61</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<u>3,572</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>367</u>
Attributable to:			
<b>Equity shareholders</b>	<b>3,572</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>363</b>
Minority interest	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<u>3,572</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>367</u>

**Bisichi Mining PLC**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheet**  
**as at 30 June 2009**

	<b>30 June</b>	30 June	31
	<b>2009</b>	2008	December
	<b>£000</b>	£000	2008
			£000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current-assets</b>			
Value of investment properties attributable to the group	11,795	14,838	11,773
Fair value of head leases	<u>234</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>234</u>
Property	<b>12,029</b>	<b>15,105</b>	<b>12,007</b>
Reserves, plant and equipment	6,867	5,720	7,554
Investments in joint ventures	3,182	3,214	3,072
Other investments	<u>358</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>334</u>
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b><u>22,436</u></b>	<b><u>24,431</u></b>	<b><u>22,967</u></b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	1,976	31	1,397
Trade and other receivables	3,325	2,992	5,524
Corporation Tax Recoverable	41	189	15
Held for trading investments	805	685	627
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>6,129</u>	<u>2,263</u>	<u>3,414</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b><u>12,276</u></b>	<b><u>6,160</u></b>	<b><u>10,977</u></b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>34,712</u></b>	<b><u>30,591</u></b>	<b><u>33,944</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	(6,011)	(3,414)	(6,877)
Trade and other payables	(4,604)	(4,305)	(5,815)
Current tax liabilities	<u>(700)</u>	<u>(81)</u>	<u>(1,645)</u>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b><u>(11,315)</u></b>	<b><u>(7,800)</u></b>	<b><u>(14,337)</u></b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	(725)	(3,980)	(541)
Provision for rehabilitation	(615)	-	(571)
Finance lease liabilities	(234)	(267)	(234)
Deferred tax liabilities	<u>(2,497)</u>	<u>(2,991)</u>	<u>(2,625)</u>
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b><u>(4,071)</u></b>	<b><u>(7,238)</u></b>	<b><u>(3,971)</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>(15,386)</u></b>	<b><u>(15,038)</u></b>	<b><u>(18,308)</u></b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b><u>19,326</u></b>	<b><u>15,553</u></b>	<b><u>15,636</u></b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	1,045	1,045	1,045
Translation reserve	(952)	(1,785)	(1,215)
Other reserves	781	544	663
Retained earnings	<u>18,462</u>	<u>15,763</u>	<u>15,153</u>
<b>Total equity attributable to equity shareholders</b>	<b><u>19,336</u></b>	<b><u>15,567</u></b>	<b><u>15,646</u></b>
Minority interest	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(14)</u>	<u>(10)</u>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b><u>19,326</u></b>	<b><u>15,553</u></b>	<b><u>15,636</u></b>

**Bisichi Mining PLC**  
**Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**  
**for the six months ended 30 June 2009**

	30 June 2009 £000	30 June 2008 £000	31 December 2008 £000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>4,457</b>	871	2,616
Depreciation	1,916	782	2,072
Unrealised (gain)/loss on investments held for trading	(109)	108	534
Unrealised loss on investment properties	-	-	3,075
Share based payment expense	118	118	237
Decrease (increase) in net current assets	683	154	(4,520)
Net interest paid	34	(43)	(194)
Income tax paid	<u>(2,270)</u>	<u>(773)</u>	<u>(866)</u>
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>4,829</b>	1,217	2,954
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(1,059)</b>	(1,874)	(4,303)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>80</b>	<u>(813)</u>	<u>(12)</u>
<b>Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>3,850</b>	(1,470)	1,361
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	(116)	1,244	1,244
Exchange adjustment	<u>30</u>	<u>(39)</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b><u>3,764</u></b>	<u>(265)</u>	<u>(116)</u>

**Cash and cash equivalents**

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following balance sheet amounts:

Cash and cash equivalents	6,129	2,263	3,414
Bank overdraft	<u>(2,365)</u>	<u>(2,528)</u>	<u>(3,530)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>	<b><u>3,764</u></b>	<u>(265)</u>	<u>(116)</u>

**Bisichi Mining PLC**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY**

for the six months ended 30 June 2009

	Share capital £'000	Translation reserve £'000	Other reserves £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total £'000	Minority interest £'000	Total Equity £'000
<b>Balance as at 1 January 2008</b>	1,045	(1,276)	426	15,164	15,359	-	15,359
Movement on fair value of derivatives	-	-	-	(16)	(16)	-	(16)
Other income statement movements	-	-	-	615	615	-	615
Profit for the period	-	-	-	599	599	-	599
Other comprehensive income and expense	-	(509)	-	-	(509)	-	(509)
Total recognised income and expense for the year	-	(509)	-	599	90	-	90
Equity share options	-	-	118	-	118	-	118
Purchase of additional shares in subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	(14)	(14)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2008</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>(1,785)</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>15,763</b>	<b>15,567</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>15,553</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 January 2008</b>	1,045	(1,276)	426	15,164	15,359	-	15,359
Revaluation of investment properties	-	-	-	(3,075)	(3,075)	-	(3,075)
Movement on fair value of derivatives	-	-	-	16	16	-	16
Other income statement movements	-	-	-	3,361	3,361	4	3,365
Profit for the year	-	-	-	302	302	4	306
Other comprehensive income and expense	-	61	-	-	61	-	61
Total recognised income and expense for the year	-	61	-	302	363	4	367
Dividend	-	-	-	(313)	(313)	-	(313)
Equity share options	-	-	237	-	237	-	237
Purchase of additional shares in subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	(14)	(14)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2008</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>(1,215)</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>15,153</b>	<b>15,646</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>15,636</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	-	3,309	3,309	-	3,309
Other comprehensive income and expense	-	263	-	-	263	-	263
Total recognised income and expense for the year	-	263	-	3,309	3,572	-	3,572
Equity share options	-	-	118	-	118	-	118
<b>Balance at 30 June 2009</b>	<b>1,045</b>	<b>(952)</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>18,462</b>	<b>19,336</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>19,326</b>

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS:

The results for the six months ended 30 June 2009 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The principal accounting policies applied are the same as those set out in the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

### 1. Segmental analysis

For management purposes, the Group is organised into two operating Divisions, Mining and Property. These Divisions are the primary basis on which the Group reports its segment information. This is consistent with the way the Group is managed and with the format of the Group's internal financial reporting.

	30 June 2009	30 June 2008	31 December 2008
<b>Revenue</b>			
Mining	16,113	8,539	24,911
Property	501	514	1,032
Other	<u>15</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>36</u>
	<u>16,629</u>	<u>9,076</u>	<u>25,979</u>
<b>Operating profit on trading activities</b>			
Mining	4,080	888	5,573
Property	262	97	599
Other	<u>6</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>53</u>
	<u>4,348</u>	<u>979</u>	<u>6,225</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>			
Mining	4,080	875	5,573
Property	262	97	(2,476)
Other	<u>115</u>	<u>(101)</u>	<u>(481)</u>
	<u>4,457</u>	<u>871</u>	<u>2,616</u>
Share of profit/(loss) in joint ventures	10	(25)	(305)
Interest receivable	137	170	345
Interest payable	<u>(103)</u>	<u>(213)</u>	<u>(539)</u>
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<u>4,501</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>2,117</u>

## 2. Taxation

	30 June 2009	30 June 2008	31 December 2008
Based on the results for the year:			
Corporation tax at 28.5% (2007: 30%)	1,430	103	2,075
Prior year adjustment – UK	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142</u>
	1,430	103	2,217
Deferred taxation	<u>(238)</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>(406)</u>
	<u>1,192</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>1,811</u>

## 3. Earnings per share

Both the basic and diluted earnings per share calculations are based on a profit of £3,309,000 (2008: £599,000). The basic earnings per share has been calculated on 10,451,506 (2008: 10,451,506) ordinary shares being in issue during the year. The diluted earnings per share has been calculated on the number of shares in issue of 10,451,506 (2008: 10,451,506) plus the dilutive potential ordinary shares arising from share options of 236,986 (2008: 660,798) totaling 10,688,492 (2008: 11,112,304).

## 4. Properties

Properties are included at valuation as at 31 December 2008 plus additions in the period ended 30 June 2009.

## 5. Related parties

The related parties and the nature of costs recharged are as disclosed in the group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008. The group paid management fees of £148,000 (30 June 2008: £148,000, 31 December 2008: £355,000) to London & Associated Properties PLC, an associated company. During the period the group repaid £225,000 of Dragon Retail Properties Limited's (a joint venture) loan, leaving a balance of £1,205,000 at 30 June 2009.

6. **Financial information**

The above financial information does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The figures for the year ended 31st December 2008 are based upon the latest statutory accounts, which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies; the report of the auditors on those accounts was unqualified and did not contain a statement under Section 498(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006.

As required by the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the UK's Financial Services Authority, the interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and in accordance with both IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' as adopted by the European Union and the disclosure requirements of the Listing Rules.

The half year results have not been audited or subject to review by the company's auditors.

The annual financial statements of Bisichi Mining PLC are prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by European Union. The same accounting policies are used for the six months ended 30 June 2009 as were used for the year ended 31 December 2008, except as stated below.

During 2009 the following accounting standards and guidance were adopted by the group:

IAS 1 (revised) 'Presentation of Financial Statements';  
IAS 7 (amendment) 'Statement of Cash Flows';  
IAS 16 (amendment) 'Property, Plant and Equipment';  
IAS 23 (amendment) 'Borrowing Costs';  
IAS 27 (amendment) 'Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements';  
IAS 32 (amendment) 'Financial Instruments Presentation';  
IAS 39 (amendment) 'Financial Instruments Recognition and Measurement';  
IAS 40 (amendment) 'Investment Property';  
IFRS 2 (amendment) 'Share-based payment'; and  
IFRS 8 'Operating Segments';

All of the above were effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009. The new adopted standards either have no impact on the interim financial statements or resulted in changes to presentation and disclosure only.

The assessment of new standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not effective, not included above, are not anticipated to have a material impact on the financial statements.

The largest area of estimation and uncertainty in the interim financial statements is in respect of the valuation of investment properties (which are not revalued at the half year end). Other areas of estimation and uncertainty are referred to in the group's annual financial statements.

There is no material seasonal impact on the group's financial performance.

Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using tax rates expected to be applicable to total annual earnings.

Realised income as reflected in the Half year review on page 2 reflects all the mining and property operations. Unrealised income reflects the fixed asset revaluations, joint ventures and gains and losses on held for trading investments, where the income has not actually been received.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Directors are satisfied the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

7. **Dividend**

The final dividend in respect of 2008, totaling £366,000 was paid on the 10th August 2009. An interim dividend for the year ended 31 December 2009 totaling £104,516 was approved by the Board of Directors on 27 August 2009 and has not been included as a liability in these Interim Financial Statements.

8. **Board approval**

These interim results were approved by the Board of Bisichi Mining on 27 August 2009.

## **DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT AND REPORT ON PRINCIPLE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

### **Responsibility statement**

We confirm to the best of our knowledge

- (a) the condensed set of financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as adopted by the EU;
- (b) the interim management report includes a fair review of the information required by:
  - (1) DTR 4.2.7R of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements; and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year; and
  - (2) DTR 4.2.8R of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules, being related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the current financial year and that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the entity during the period; and any changes in the related party transactions described in the last described in the last annual report that could do so.

### **Principle risks and uncertainties**

The Group has an established risk management process which works within the corporate governance framework as set out in the 2008 Annual Report and Accounts. Risks and uncertainties identified by the Group are set out on page 15 of the 2008 Annual Report & Accounts and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. There have been no significant changes in the first half of 2009 to the principle risks and uncertainties as set out in the 2008 Annual Report & Accounts.

Michael Heller  
Chairman  
27 August 2009

Andrew Heller  
Managing Director

## DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Michael A Heller MA, FCA</b> ( <i>Chairman</i> ) <b>Andrew R Heller MA, ACA</b> ( <i>Managing Director</i> ) <b>Robert Grobler</b> ( <i>Mining Director</i> ) <b>C A Joll MA</b> ( <i>Non-executive</i> ) <b>John A Sibbald BL</b> ( <i>Non-executive</i> )
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