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### ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

#### MINISTRY OF MINES INFORMAL "WHITE PAPER" ON INDIGENISATION IN THE ZIMBABWE MINING SECTOR

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With reference to the widespread media coverage of this document, Zimplats wishes to inform shareholders that:

1. This draft of a proposed "White Paper" on the part indigenisation of the Zimbabwean mining sector was an internal paper prepared as a basis for discussions with the mining industry.
2. The Ministry of Mines intended to discuss the draft paper with the industry in a series of meetings planned for the second half of March 2004.
3. As a consequence of the reaction to the draft paper becoming public, the Ministry of Mines has withdrawn the paper.
4. The Ministry of Mines intends to hold consultative discussions with the mining industry prior to the drafting of a white paper on indigenisation of the Zimbabwe mining sector for consideration by Parliament.

The above is based on information received from the Chamber of Mines of Zimbabwe, which has been in contact with the Ministry of Mines concerning this issue.

Zimplats will keep shareholders informed of any developments..

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