

TAXATION

Certain South African tax considerations

The discussion in this section sets out the material South African tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Sibanye-Stillwater’s ordinary shares or ADSs under current South African law. Changes in the law may alter the tax treatment of Sibanye-Stillwater’s ordinary shares or ADSs, possibly on a retroactive basis.

The following summary is not a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of Sibanye-Stillwater’s ordinary shares or ADSs and does not cover tax consequences that depend upon your particular tax circumstances. In particular, the following summary addresses tax consequences for holders of ordinary shares or ADSs who are not residents of, or who do not carry on business in, South Africa and who hold ordinary shares or ADSs as capital assets (that is, for investment purposes). For the purposes of the income tax treaty between South Africa and the United States and South African tax law, a United States resident that owns Sibanye-Stillwater ADSs will be treated as the owner of the Sibanye-Stillwater ordinary shares represented by such ADSs. Sibanye-Stillwater recommends that you consult your own tax adviser about the consequences of holding Sibanye-Stillwater’s ordinary shares or ADSs, as applicable, in your particular situation.

Withholding tax on dividends

It should be noted that the withholding tax on dividends declared by South African resident companies to shareholders, including non-resident shareholders or non-resident ADS holders, was introduced with effect from 1 April 2012 and the percentage was increased on 22 February 2017 from 15% to 20%. Generally, under the terms of the double tax treaty entered into between South Africa and the United States (the Treaty) the withholding tax on dividends may be reduced to 5% of the gross amount of the dividends if the beneficial owner of the shares, being a resident of the United States, is a company holding directly at least 10% of the voting stock of the company paying the dividends and to 15% of the gross amount of the dividends in all other cases, provided certain requirements in terms of the Treaty are met. The reduction of the rate of the withholding tax on dividends in terms of the Treaty is subject to the beneficial owner of the dividends making certain declarations and undertakings and providing same to the company or regulated intermediary making payment of the dividend.

Income tax and capital gains tax

Non-resident holders of ordinary shares or ADSs should not be subject to capital gains tax in South Africa with respect to the disposal of those ordinary shares or ADSs unless (i) that non-resident shareholder (together with connected persons) holds 20% or more of the equity shares in a company that derives 80% or more of its value from immovable property, which includes mining and prospecting rights, situated in South Africa; or (ii) the shares are effectively connected with a permanent establishment of that non-resident shareholder in South Africa.

The effective tax rate at which capital gains tax is levied depends on the nature of the taxpayer and applies to the capital gain realised on disposal. For example, a company’s effective rate will be 21.6% for years of assessment ending on or after 31 March 2023 (22.4% prior to that date). Where the non-resident shareholder is subject to capital gains tax in South Africa as envisaged above and disposes of the shares, the purchaser of the ordinary shares or ADSs will be obliged to withhold a percentage (between 7.5% and 15%, depending on the nature of the seller) of the purchase consideration for the ordinary shares or ADSs payable to the non-resident shareholders and pay such amount over to the South African Revenue Service within 14 days where the purchaser is a South African resident or within 28 days where the purchaser is a non-resident. Where a double tax treaty applies, this could potentially reduce the South African capital gains tax, or deny South Africa the taxing rights, on such income, depending on the wording of the relevant double tax treaty. If the statutory amount to be withheld proves to be excessive as compared to the amount of capital gains tax which will arise, the non-resident seller can request a directive from the South African Revenue Service to have a lower amount withheld.

Securities transfer tax

No Securities Transfer Tax (STT) is payable in South Africa with respect to the issue of a security.

STT is charged at a rate of 0.25% upon the transfer of securities issued by a company or a close corporation incorporated in South Africa, and the transfer of securities listed on an exchange in South Africa which are issued by a company incorporated outside South Africa, subject to certain exemptions.

A “transfer” is broadly defined and includes the transfer, sale, assignment or cession or disposal in any other manner of a security. The cancellation or redemption of a security is also regarded as a transfer unless the company is being liquidated. However, the transfer of a security that does not result in a change in beneficial ownership of such security is not regarded as a transfer.

In respect of the transfer of a listed security, STT is levied on the amount of the consideration for that security declared by the person who acquires that security, or if no amount of consideration is declared, or if the amount so declared is less than the lowest price of the security, the closing price of that security. With regard to the transfer of an unlisted security, STT is levied on the greater of the consideration given for the acquisition of the security or the market value of an unlisted security. In the case of a transfer of a listed security, either the member, the participant or the person to whom the security is transferred is liable for the tax. The tax must be paid by the 14th day of the month following the transfer in the case of a listed security, and within two months from the end of the month in which the transfer took place in the case of an unlisted security.

Interest withholding tax

Interest withholding tax was introduced into the South African tax regime with effect from 1 March 2015. Although not specifically applicable to non-resident shareholders or non-resident ADS holders, interest withholding tax will be levied at a rate of 15% on any interest paid for the benefit of any foreign person to the extent that the interest is regarded as being from a source within South Africa. There is, however, a specific exemption from interest withholding tax on any interest incurred on a listed debt (i.e. debt listed on a recognised exchange). In addition, where interest withholding tax is levied, such interest withholding tax may be reduced by an applicable Double Taxation Treaty.

South African Exchange Control Limitations Affecting Security Holders

The discussion below relates to exchange controls in force as of the date of this annual report. These controls are subject to change at any time without notice. It is not possible to predict whether existing exchange controls will be abolished, continued or amended by the South African government in the future. Investors are urged to consult a professional adviser as to the exchange control implications of their particular investments.

South African law provides for Exchange Control Regulations which, among other things, restrict the outward flow of capital from South Africa (other than to countries which fall within the Common Monetary Area (CMA) consisting of South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho and Eswatini). The Exchange Control Regulations, which are administered by the Financial Surveillance Department of the SARB, regulate international transactions involving South African residents, including companies.

There are no exchange control restrictions on the remittance, in full, of cash dividends declared out of trading profits to non-residents of the CMA by Sibanye-Stillwater, provided the share certificates held by non-resident Sibanye-Stillwater shareholders have been endorsed with the words “non-resident” or, where dematerialised, the residential status of the electronic record is flagged accordingly (i.e. non-resident or emigrant) by the various participants in the central depository. The same endorsement requirement, however, will not be applicable to non-resident holders of ADSs. Pre-approval by the SARB is required where dividends in specie are declared by Sibanye-Stillwater.

ADSs representing ordinary shares of Sibanye-Stillwater are freely transferable outside South Africa between persons who are not residents of the CMA. The proceeds from the sale of ordinary shares on the JSE by shareholders who are not residents of the CMA are freely remittable to such shareholders, provided that the shares are flagged as non-resident held (the shares on the JSE have been dematerialised). Additionally, where ordinary shares are sold on the JSE on behalf of shareholders of Sibanye-Stillwater who are not residents of the CMA, the proceeds of such sales will be freely exchangeable into foreign currency and remittable to them. In such case, no share certificates need to be endorsed as the shares on the JSE have been dematerialised.

Acquisitions of Sibanye-Stillwater's ordinary shares held by South African residents by non-South African purchasers solely for a cash consideration equal to the fair value of the ordinary shares is generally permissible. Such acquisitions would require SARB pre-approval in certain circumstances, such as if the consideration for the acquisition is shares in a non-South African company or if the acquisition is financed by a loan from a South African lender. If SARB denies approval of an acquisition of assets of a South African company, this may result in an inability to complete the acquisition. Subject to this limitation, there are no restrictions on equity investments in South African companies and a foreign investor may invest freely in the ordinary shares and ADSs of Sibanye-Stillwater.

US federal income tax considerations

The following discussion summarises the material US federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of ordinary shares and ADSs by a US Holder. As used herein, the term “US Holder” means a beneficial owner of ordinary shares or ADSs that is for US federal income tax purposes:

- citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation created or organised under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is subject to US federal income tax without regard to its source; or
- a trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and one or more US persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or the trust has validly elected to be treated as a domestic trust for US federal income tax purposes.

The US federal income tax treatment of a partner in an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for US federal income tax purposes that holds ordinary shares or ADSs will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for US federal income tax purposes, you should consult your tax adviser concerning the US federal income tax consequences to you and your partners of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs by you.

This summary only applies to US Holders that hold ordinary shares or ADSs as capital assets. This summary is based upon:

- the current federal income tax laws of the United States, including the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), its legislative history, and existing and proposed regulations promulgated thereunder;
- current IRS practice and applicable US court decisions; and
- the income tax treaty between the United States and South Africa (the Treaty) all as of the date hereof and all subject to change at any time, possibly with retroactive effect.

This summary assumes that the obligations of the Depositary under the Deposit Agreement and any related agreements will be performed in accordance with their terms.

This summary is of a general nature and does not address all US federal income tax consequences that may be relevant to you in light of your particular situation (including consequences under the alternative minimum tax or the net investment income tax), and does not address state, local, non-US or other tax laws (such as estate and gift tax laws). For example, this summary does not apply to:

- investors that own (directly, indirectly, or by attribution) 5% or more of Sibanye-Stillwater’s stock (by vote or value);
- financial institutions;
- insurance companies;
- individual retirement accounts and other tax-deferred accounts;
- tax-exempt organisations;
- dealers in securities or currencies;

- investors that hold ordinary shares or ADSs as part of straddles, hedging transactions or conversion transactions for US federal income tax purposes;
- persons that have ceased to be US citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States;
- investors that hold ordinary shares or ADSs in connection with a trade or business conducted outside the United States;
- US citizens or lawful permanent residents living abroad; or
- investors whose functional currency is not the US dollar.

Sibanye-Stillwater does not believe that it was a passive foreign investment company (PFIC) for US federal income tax purposes for its most recent taxable year, and does not expect to be a PFIC for its current taxable year or in the foreseeable future. However, Sibanye-Stillwater’s possible status as a PFIC must be determined annually and therefore may be subject to change. If Sibanye-Stillwater were to be treated as a PFIC, US Holders of ordinary shares or ADSs would be required (i) to pay a special US addition to tax on certain distributions and gains on sale and (ii) to pay tax on any gain from the sale of ordinary shares or ADSs at ordinary income (rather than capital gains) rates in addition to paying the special addition to tax on this gain. Additionally, dividends paid by Sibanye-Stillwater would not be eligible for the reduced rate of tax described below under “Taxation of Dividends”, and additional reporting requirements could apply. The remainder of this discussion assumes that Sibanye-Stillwater is not a PFIC for US federal income tax purposes. You should consult your own tax advisers regarding the potential application of the PFIC regime.

The summary of US federal income tax consequences set out below is for general information only. You are urged to consult your tax advisers as to the particular tax consequences to you of acquiring, owning and disposing of the ordinary shares or ADSs, including your eligibility for the benefits of the Treaty and the applicability and effect of state, local, non-US and other tax laws and possible changes in tax law.

**US Holders of ADSs**

For US federal income tax purposes, a US Holder of ADSs generally will be treated as the owner of the corresponding number of underlying ordinary shares held by the Depositary for the ADSs, and references to ordinary shares in the following discussion refer also to ADSs representing the ordinary shares.

Deposits and withdrawals of ordinary shares by US Holders in exchange for ADSs will not result in the realisation of gain or loss for US federal income tax purposes. Your tax basis in withdrawn ordinary shares will be the same as your tax basis in the ADSs surrendered, and your holding period for the ordinary shares will include the holding period of the ADSs.

**Taxation of dividends**

Distributions paid out of Sibanye-Stillwater’s current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for US federal income tax purposes), before reduction for any South African withholding tax paid by Sibanye-Stillwater with respect thereto, will generally be taxable to you as dividend income, and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction allowed to corporations. Distributions that exceed Sibanye-Stillwater’s current and accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of your basis in the ordinary shares and thereafter as capital gain. However, we do not maintain calculations of our earnings and profits in accordance with US federal income tax accounting principles. You should therefore assume that any distribution by us with respect to the shares will be reported as ordinary dividend income. You should consult your own tax advisers with respect to the appropriate US federal income tax treatment of any distribution received from us.

Dividends paid by Sibanye-Stillwater generally will be taxable to non-corporate US Holders at the reduced rate normally applicable to long-term capital gains, provided that either (i) Sibanye-Stillwater qualifies for the benefits of the Treaty, or (ii) with respect to dividends paid on the ADSs, the ADSs are considered to be “readily tradable” on the NYSE. You will be eligible for this reduced rate only if you are an individual, and have held the ordinary shares or ADSs for more than 60 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date.

For US federal income tax purposes, the amount of any dividend paid in Rand will be included in income in a US dollar amount calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date the dividends are received by you or the Depositary (in the case of ADSs), regardless of whether they are converted into US dollars at that time. If you or the Depositary, as the case may be, convert dividends received in Rand into US dollars on the day they are received, you generally will not be required to recognise foreign currency gain or loss in respect of this dividend income.

**Effect of South African withholding taxes**

A US Holder may generally be entitled, subject to certain limitations, to a foreign tax credit against its US federal income tax liability, or a deduction in computing its US federal taxable income, for South African income taxes withheld by Sibanye-Stillwater (at a rate not exceeding any applicable treaty rate). The rules governing foreign tax credits are complex and recently issued final U.S. Treasury Regulations (the Final FTC Regulations) have imposed additional requirements that must be met for a foreign tax to be creditable and Sibanye-Stillwater does not intend to determine whether such requirements will be met in the case that non-U.S. taxes are withheld (if any). However, recent notices from the IRS (the Notices) indicate that the U.S. Treasury and the IRS are considering proposing amendments to the Final FTC Regulations and allow taxpayers, subject to certain conditions, to defer the application of many aspects of the Final FTC Regulations until the date when a notice or other guidance withdrawing or modifying this temporary relief is issued (or any later date specified in such notice or other guidance). The rules governing foreign tax credits are complex. You should consult your tax adviser concerning the applicability of the foreign tax credit, deductibility and source of income rules to any South African tax withheld, including the impact of the Treaty.

**Taxation of a sale or other disposition**

Upon a sale or other disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs, other than an exchange of ADSs for ordinary shares and vice versa, you will generally recognise US source capital gain or loss for US federal income tax purposes equal to the difference between the amount realised

and your adjusted tax basis in the ordinary shares or ADSs, in each case as determined in US dollars. This capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if your holding period in the ordinary shares or ADSs exceeds one year. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to significant limitations. You should consult your tax adviser about how to account for proceeds received on the sale or other disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs that are not paid in US dollars.

To the extent you incur Securities Transfer Tax in connection with a transfer or withdrawal of ordinary shares as described under-Certain South African Tax Considerations-Securities Transfer Tax above, such securities transfer tax will not be a creditable tax for US foreign tax credit purposes. You should consult your tax adviser regarding the proper U.S. federal income tax treatment of any Securities Transfer Tax in your particular circumstances.

**Backup withholding and information reporting**

Payments of dividends and other proceeds with respect to ordinary shares or ADSs by US persons will be reported to you and to the IRS as may be required under applicable US Treasury Regulations. Backup withholding may apply to these payments if you fail to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number or certification of exempt status or fail to comply with applicable certification requirements. Some holders are not subject to backup withholding. You should consult your tax adviser about these rules and any other reporting obligations that may apply to the ownership or disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs, including requirements related to the holding of certain “specified foreign financial assets”.

DOCUMENTS ON DISPLAY

Sibanye-Stillwater will also file annual and special reports and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any reports or other information on file at the SEC’s public reference room at the following location:

100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. The SEC filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services. Sibanye-Stillwater’s SEC filings may also be obtained electronically via the EDGAR system on the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The above information may also be obtained at the registered office of Sibanye-Stillwater and on its website accessible at <http://www.sibanyestillwater.com/news-investors/reports/annual>

REFINING AND MARKETING

Sibanye-Stillwater has appointed Rand Refinery Proprietary Limited (Rand Refinery) to refine all of Sibanye-Stillwater’s South African-produced gold. Rand Refinery is a private company in which Sibanye-Stillwater together with its subsidiary DRDGOLD Limited holds an effective 44.4% interest, with the remaining interests held by other South African gold producers. Treasury, then sells the gold at a price benchmarked against the London morning or afternoon fixing price. Two business days after the sale of gold, Sibanye-Stillwater receives an amount in US dollars equal to the value of the gold at the London afternoon fixing price, Rand Refinery invoices Sibanye-Stillwater for the refining charges. For details on the transactions and balances between Sibanye-Stillwater and Rand Refinery for the fiscal years ended 31 December 2023, 2022 and 2021, see – *Annual Financial Report – Consolidated financial statements – Notes to the consolidated financial statements – Note 39 Related-party transactions*. For the period between 1 January 2024 and 31 March 2024, the following are the transactions and balances between Sibanye-Stillwater and Rand Refinery: Sibanye-Stillwater did not receive any dividends or interest income, Sibanye-Stillwater had R190 million sales of gold and Sibanye-Stillwater incurred R8 million in refining fees. As of 31 March 2024, Sibanye-Stillwater had R8 million of trade payables relating to Rand Refinery.

Sibanye-Stillwater’s US PGM operations and recycling segment make use of a single company for all of its precious metals refining services, and all of the US PGM operations’ current mined palladium and platinum is committed for sale to such company.

This significant concentration of business with a single company could leave the US PGM operations without precious metal refining services should such company experience significant financial or operating difficulties during the contract period. Under such circumstances, it is not clear that sufficient alternative processing capacity would be available to cover the US PGM operations’ requirements, nor that the terms of any such alternate processing arrangements as might be available would be financially acceptable to the US PGM operations. See – *Risk Factors – Risks related to Earnings Delivery – For its PGMs mined in the United States, Sibanye-Stillwater’s sales arrangements concentrate all its final refining activity and a large portion of its PGM sales from mine production with one entity*.

Concentrate from the Kroondal and Platinum mile PGM operations are purchased by Anglo American Platinum. 4E PGMs from the Rustenburg operations are toll refined by Anglo American Platinum and returned to Sibanye-Stillwater for sale. Refined PGMs are sold directly to customers (4E from Rustenburg and 6E from Marikana) with Incoterms varying based on specific customer requirements. Payments are received in US dollars, and payment terms vary depending on the nature of the sale and a customer’s credit rating and range from pre-payment up to four days from delivery.

Historically, Sibanye-Stillwater’s Sandouville refinery sold the majority of its nickel metal to a third party international mining company. From fiscal 2023, the nickel metal processed at the Sandouville refinery is being sold to end user customers, including catalyst producers and plating product distributors.

Zinc concentrate from Century is sold either through traders or directly to smelters in Australia, Korea and China for treatment into a refined 99.995% zinc metal, ready for sale to end users. The main sources of demand for zinc are for use as a coating to protect iron and steel from corrosion (galvanized metal), as alloying metal to make bronze and brass, as zinc-based die casting alloy and as rolled zinc.

JSE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES COMPARED WITH NYSE LISTING STANDARDS

Sibanye-Stillwater’s corporate governance practices are regulated by the JSE Listings Requirements. The following is a summary of the significant ways in which South Africa’s corporate governance standards and Sibanye-Stillwater’s corporate governance practices differ from those followed by domestic companies under the NYSE Listing Standards.

The NYSE Listing Standards require that the non-management directors of US-listed companies meet at regularly scheduled executive sessions without management. The JSE Listings Requirements do not require such meetings of listed company non-executive directors. Sibanye-Stillwater’s non-management directors meet regularly without management.

The NYSE Listing Standards require US-listed companies to have a nominating/corporate governance committee composed entirely of independent directors. The JSE Listings Requirements do not require the appointment of such a committee. Sibanye-Stillwater has a Nominating and Governance Committee, which is currently comprised of seven non-executive directors, all of whom are independent under the JSE Listings Requirements and NYSE Listing Standards. The Nominating and Governance Committee is chaired by the Chairman of the Sibanye-Stillwater Board.

The NYSE Listing Standards require US-listed companies to have a compensation committee composed entirely of independent directors. The JSE Listings Requirements require compliance with the King IV Governance Code, which states that the remuneration committee should comprise solely of non-executive members, with the majority of such members being independent. Sibanye-Stillwater has appointed a Remuneration Committee, currently comprised of five Board members, all of whom are independent under the King IV Governance Code and JSE Listings Requirements.

The NYSE Listings Standards require US-listed companies to have an audit committee composed entirely of independent directors. The Companies Act requires that the Audit Committee be approved by shareholders on an annual basis at a company’s annual general meeting. The Companies Act and the JSE Listings Requirements also require an audit committee composed entirely of independent directors. Sibanye-Stillwater has appointed an Audit Committee, currently comprised of six Board members, all of whom are independent non-executive, as defined under the Companies Act and the JSE Listings Requirements.

The Companies Act and the JSE Listings Requirements require the appointment of a Social and Ethics Committee. Sibanye-Stillwater has appointed a Social Ethics and Sustainability Committee, currently comprised of eight independent non-executive directors.