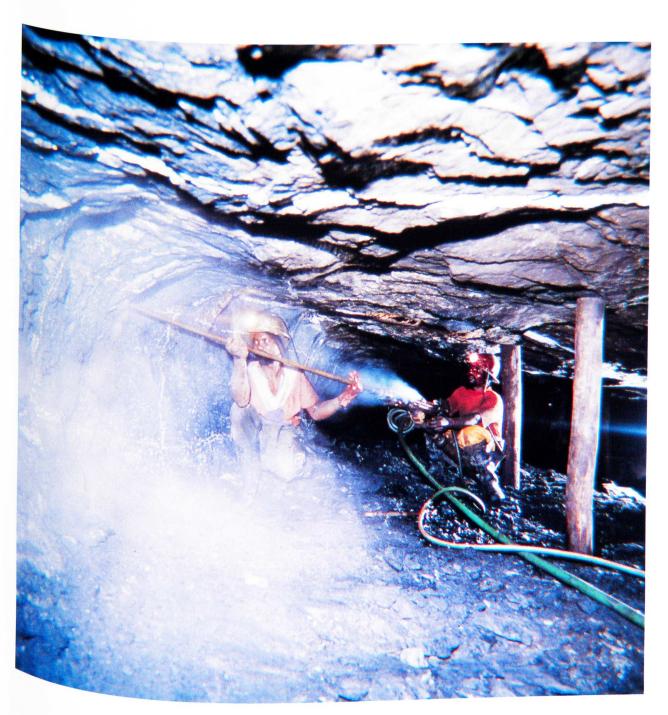
Table 3.7 Estimates of world platir

Country/ period	Individual annual production for the six-year period, kg							Annual growth/
	1	2	3	4		6	Average	decline,
Australia 1981–86 1987–92	65 130	74 106	59 100	66	5 95	115	75	+11,20 - 4,16
Canada 1981–86 1987–92	4 610 4 354	2 788 5 393	2 668	4 251	4 146	5 252	3 951	+ 6,79 - 1,31
Colombia 1981–86 1987–92	460 638	370 815	320	314	4 384	4 381	0.70	- 0,65
Ethiopia 1981–86 1987–92	4	4	973	1 319	1 590	2 000	- 00	+18,13 - 7,65
Finland 1981–86 1987–92	50 120	129	68	33	2	2	73	+17,17
Japan 1981–86 1987–92	327 753	479	667	607	35 60	120 60	69	- 8,61 +13,85
South Africa 1981–86 1987–92	55 986 78 353	54 106 80 591	58 329	1 425	691 988 75 156	663	572 996 63 999	+10,89
Russia 1981–86 1987–92	24 886 29 050	26 015 29 654	80 402 26 752	85 846 27 286	86 157	73 530 91 830	83 863	+ 3,87
USA 1981–86 1987–92	57 780	37 1 240	29 872	30 886	30 176 30 118	28 285 29 586	27 233 29 861	+ 0,49
Yugoslavia 1981–86 1987–92	15 24	13	1 430	1 810	1730	182 2 100	97 1 515	+19,33
Zimbabwe 1981–86 1987–92	72	53	23 53	6 21	6 15	33 14	13 20	+ 4,75 -10,97
World total 1981–86	86 532	28 84 068	25 88 975	24 21	19 20	26 20	41 22	-22,59 - 1,86
1987–92	114 221	118 552	118 162	99 590 126 319	110 835 125 164	108 645 131 222	96 441 122 273	+ 6,12 + 2,67

South Africa. The same applies to the emerging Commonwealth of Independent States, and certainly Russia in particular. At some future time, either the continuity of supply of the PGM or their existing trading patterns are bound to be threatened as a consequence of such unrest and economic disruption. Although no threat of disruption or perturbations of supply can be perceived at present, upsetting political events within the two major PGM suppliers of the world cannot be

ruled out when formulating strategies for future industrial or economic planning scenarios.

Finally, Table 3.10 provides the percentage of world production of plating. production of platinum, palladium, and the platinum group metals for the the group metals for the three periods 1981 to 1986, 1987 to 1992 and 1990 to 1992 to 1992 and 1990 to 1992. In each period, South Africa's production has in the each period of the ca's production has increased, while that of Russia has decreased. It must be said and a smalles decreased. It must be reiterated that the table applies to actual mine production to actual mine production and the available data for



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