

Caledonia Mining Corporation Plc: Revised Zimbabwe monetary policy affects 2019 earnings

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ST HELIER, Feb. 27, 2019 - [Caledonia Mining Corporation plc](#) ("Caledonia" or the "Company") (NYSE AMERICAN: CMCL; AIM: CMCL; TSX: CAL) announces that following the announcement of a revised monetary policy by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe ("RBZ"), the export credit incentive ("ECI") programme for Zimbabwean gold producers will be withdrawn. It is estimated this will reduce Caledonia's earnings per share (calculated on an IFRS basis) for 2019 and thereafter by approximately US\$ 5.4 million or 40 to 46 United States cents per share.

For several years the RBZ has operated an ECI programme in terms of which Zimbabwean gold producers received a premium to the international gold price. This premium was initially at a level of 2.5% of gold revenues, which has subsequently increased to 10%. The ECI revenues were received into Caledonia's real time gross settlement bank account and were therefore not eligible for remittance outside Zimbabwe with a specific allocation of foreign exchange by the RBZ. The ECI revenues were not subject to Zimbabwean income tax.

The removal of the ECI programme comes as part of a monetary policy statement which permits bank trading of currency held in local banking system (known as "RTGS dollars") and currency held in foreign currency accounts ("FCA") which is capable of being used for payments outside Zimbabwe. At this stage it is unclear whether this policy will address the increasing inflationary pressure in Zimbabwe by creating a transparent and efficient market exchange rate between RTGS dollars and dollars held in FCAs.

The effect on Caledonia's earnings per share for 2019 is calculated assuming a gold price of \$1,300 for the remainder of the year, that Blanket achieves the production guidance for 2019 as announced on January 14, 2019 of between 53,000 and 56,000 ounces of gold and that there are no changes in Blanket's operating costs.

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