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Kumba Iron Ore Limited  
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(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)  
(Registration number 2005/015852/06)  
Share code: KIO  
ISIN: ZAE000085346  
("Kumba" or "the company")

**Kumba production and sales report for the quarter ended  
31 December 2017**

Kumba Iron Ore Limited ("Kumba") today released its production and sales report for the quarter ended 31 December 2017.

Throughout this report, production and sales volumes referred to are 100% of Sishen Iron Ore Company Proprietary Limited ("SIOC"), and attributable to shareholders of Kumba as well as the non-controlling interests in SIOC.

**Overview:**

- Good safety performance in 2017 with improvements in leading indicator reporting and no fatalities
- Full year production of 45Mt exceeded recent guidance.
- Q4 2017 delivered continued strong quarter-on-quarter production of 11.6Mt.
- Production decreased by 2% compared to Q4 2016 when there was temporary access to low strip ratio ore and higher plant yields at Sishen.
- Export sales increased by 7% to 11.4Mt due to improved loading rates.

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Production summary								
' 000 tonnes			% change		% change			% change
	Q4	Q4	change	Q3	change	2017	2016	2017
	2017	2016	vs	2017	vs			vs
			Q4 2016		Q3 2017			2016
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,643</b>	<b>11,928</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>11,486</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44,983</b>	<b>41,476</b>	<b>8</b>
- Sishen	7,783	8,490	(8)	7,786	-	31,119	28,380	10
- Kolomela	3,860	3,438	12	3,700	4	13,863	12,726	9
- Thabazimbi	-	-	-	-	-	-	370	(100)

Sales summary								
' 000 tonnes			% change		% change			% change
	Q4	Q4	change	Q3	change	2017	2016	2017
	2017	2016	vs	2017	vs			vs
			Q4 2016		Q3 2017			2016
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,231</b>	<b>11,224</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11,427</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44,892</b>	<b>42,484</b>	<b>6</b>
Export	11,355	10,611	7	10,783	5	41,615	39,061	7
Domestic	876	613	43	644	36	3,277	3,423	(4)

Sishen maintained its solid and consistent operating performance and ongoing improvements, with production in Q4 2017 in line with the previous three quarters as planned. Production decreased by 8% to 7.8Mt compared to Q4 2016. The higher production in Q4 2016 was attributable to temporary access to low strip ratio ore and higher plant yields as per the mine plan. Waste removal increased by 15% to 43Mt, compared to 37Mt in Q4 2016.

Kolomela production increased to 3.9Mt, up 12% compared to Q4 2016, mainly due to productivity improvements. Full year waste mined increased by 11% to 56Mt resulting from ongoing improvements in operational efficiencies.

Export sales increased by 7% to 11.4Mt mainly due to improved loading rates. Total finished product stocks were 4.3Mt, compared to 3.5Mt in Q4 2016.

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**Notes to editors:**

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mine in the Limpopo Province. Kumba exports iron ore to customers in a range of geographical locations around the globe including China, Japan, Korea and a number of countries in Europe and the Middle East. [www.angloamericankumba.com](http://www.angloamericankumba.com)

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