

**MMC NORILSK NICKEL PRESENTS
THE CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008
PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS**

Moscow, 3 October 2008 – Open Joint Stock Company (“OJSC”) Mining and Metallurgical Company Norilsk Nickel (“MMC Norilsk Nickel”, or the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) issued consolidated interim financial statements (the “financial statements”) for the six months ended 30 June 2008 in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”). The financial statements have been reviewed in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410 by Deloitte and Touche, who have issued a review report without any qualifications.

The individual financial statements of each Group entity are presented in its functional currency. The Russian Rouble (“RUR”) is the functional currency of the Company and all its foreign subsidiaries, except for the following subsidiaries operating with a significant degree of autonomy:

Subsidiary	Functional currency
Stillwater Mining Company	US Dollar
Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta Oy	US Dollar
Norilsk Nickel Finland Oy	US Dollar
MPI Nickel Limited	Australian Dollar
Norilsk Nickel Cawse Proprietary Limited	Australian Dollar
Tati Nickel Mining Company Proprietary Limited	Botswana Pula

The presentation currency of the consolidated interim financial statements of the Group is US Dollar (“USD”). Using USD as a presentation currency is common practice for global mining companies. In addition, USD is a more relevant presentation currency for international users of the consolidated interim financial statements of the Group.

Consolidation of OMG Harjavalta Nickel Oy, OMG Cawse Proprietary Limited and 20% share of MPI Nickel Proprietary Limited financial results

On 1 March 2007, the Group acquired 100% of the voting shares of OMG Harjavalta Nickel Oy (“OMG Harjavalta”), a company engaged in nickel refining operations in Harjavalta, Finland, and OMG Cawse Proprietary Limited (“OMG Cawse”), a company engaged in nickel mining and processing operations in Western Australia, for a consideration of USD 356 million.

For the six months ended 30 June 2007 and the year ended 31 December 2007, OMG Harjavalta and OMG Cawse jointly contributed:

	Six months ended 30 June 2007	Year ended 31 December 2007
Revenue	475	924
Profit before income tax	151	221
Profit for the period	121	175

On 1 March 2007, as part of the acquisition of nickel business of OM Group Incorporated the Group acquired 20% of share capital of MPI Nickel Proprietary Limited. On 28 June 2007, an additional 80% of share capital of MPI Nickel Proprietary Limited held by LionOre Mining International Limited (“LionOre”) was acquired by the Group through the acquisition of LionOre.

For the period from 1 March 2007 to 28 June 2007 Group’s portion of MPI Nickel Proprietary Limited loss for the period in the amount of USD 12 million was presented within share of profit of associates.

Consolidation of LionOre Mining International Limited financial results

On 28 June 2007, the Group acquired 90.7% of the issued share capital of LionOre Mining International Limited (“LionOre”), an international nickel producer with operations in Australia, Botswana and South Africa, for a cash consideration of USD 5,252 million, which was paid in cash in July 2007.

Within the period from July to August 2007, the Group acquired an additional 9.3% of LionOre shares for a cash consideration of USD 543 million.

In addition, the holders of the LionOre convertible notes exercised their rights and converted the notes into 23.5 million of LionOre’s shares, which were immediately repurchased by the Group for USD 613 million. In compliance with the terms of the option compensation plan, effective for ex-top management of the LionOre, in August 2007, the LionOre issued an additional 1.7 million of shares that were offered to key management personnel of LionOre. In August 2007, the Group repurchased all the shares for USD 45 million.

LionOre and its subsidiaries jointly contributed USD 407 million of revenue, loss before income tax of USD 907 million and USD 877 million of loss for the period from the date of acquisition to 31 December 2007.

Subsequent to acquisition of LionOre, an extensive feasibility review of the Activox Refinery Project at Tati Nickel, a subsidiary of the LionOre, was conducted by the management of the Group and an independent third party. The review highlighted a substantial project cost escalation from the feasibility study conducted by the previous owners. The major contributing factors to the substantial cost escalation were as follows:

- an increase of construction and equipment costs worldwide; and
- project management costs.

In addition, short-term energy capacity constraints being experienced in Southern Africa have been assessed as a risk factor that would have adversely affected the commissioning time to production and overall of the economic of the Activox Refinery Project.

Based on these facts and circumstances management of the Group made a decision to postpone the project indefinitely. As a result, the Group recognised impairment loss in regard of mineral rights (presented within property, plant and equipment) and goodwill recognised on the acquisition of LionOre in the amounts of USD 765 million and USD 325 million, respectively.

As at 30 June 2008 management again reviewed estimates of impairment of tangible and intangible assets following the postponement of Activox Refinery Project. As a result as at 30 June 2008, construction-in-progress in the amount of USD 155 million was impaired and provision for probable cash outflows associated with costs of obligations under certain onerous contracts was recognised in the amount of USD 150 million

Consolidation of OJSC “Third Generation Company of the Wholesale Electricity Market” financial results

During July-August 2007, the Group acquired an additional 7.2% interest in OJSC “Third Generation Company of the Wholesale Electricity Market” (“OGK-3”), a company engaged in generation and sale of electricity and heat energy in Central, North-West, Siberia and Urals regions of the Russian Federation, for a cash consideration of USD 612 million, increasing its ownership in the company to 54.1%. Prior to this transaction, investment in OGK-3 was classified as investment in associate.

In August-September 2007, the Group acquired an additional 8,676 million shares of OGK-3 for a cash consideration of USD 929 million, increasing its ownership to 65.2%. As a result of this transaction, the Group recognised a decrease in net assets attributable to minority interest in the amount of USD 529 million and increase of goodwill in the amount of USD 400 million.

For the period from the date of acquisition of controlling interest to 31 December 2007, OGK-3 contributed USD 626 million of revenue, USD 68 million of profit before tax and USD 49 million of profit for the period.

As at 31 December 2007, as it is required by the IFRS, the Group performed goodwill impairment testing. As a result, an impairment charge of USD 754 million was determined by the Group as appropriate for goodwill arising on acquisition of OGK-3.

During the period from 15 January 2008 to 14 February 2008, OGG-3 acquired 2,010 million ordinary shares for a cash consideration of USD 332 million, increasing Group's ownership in the company to 68.0%. As a result of these transactions, the Group recognised a decrease in net assets attributable to minority interest of USD 252 million and an increase in goodwill in the amount of USD 80 million.

**CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

(US Dollars million)

	Notes	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007 ⁽¹⁾	% change p-o-p ⁽²⁾	Year ended 31 December 2007
Revenue	1				
Nickel		3,922	5,254	(25)	10,216
Copper		1,588	1,174	35	2,948
Palladium		796	660	21	1,325
Platinum		837	512	63	1,272
Gold		67	45	49	148
Metal sales	1.1	7,210	7,645	(6)	15,909
Other sales	1.2	1,101	241	357	1,210
Total revenue		8,311	7,886	5	17,119
Cost of metal sales	2.1	(2,677)	(1,831)	46	(4,719)
Cost of other sales	2.2	(1,063)	(215)	394	(1,163)
Gross profit		4,571	5,840	(22)	11,237
<i>Gross profit margin, %</i>		55	74		66
Selling and distribution expenses	3	(320)	(331)	(3)	(730)
General and administrative expenses	4	(492)	(340)	45	(894)
Impairment of goodwill		—	—	N/A	(1,079)
Change in fair value of derivative financial liabilities held for trading		3	—	N/A	72
Other net operating expenses	5	(407)	(165)	147	(1,175)
Operating profit		3,355	5,004	(33)	7,431
Finance costs	6	(224)	(53)	323	(307)
Income from investments	7	414	68	509	223
Foreign exchange gain, net		96	1	9,500	146
Excess of the Group's share in the fair value of net assets acquired over the cost of acquisition		—	166	(100)	166
Share of profit of associates	8	28	77	(64)	76
Profit before income tax		3,669	5,263	(30)	7,735
Income tax	9	(987)	(1,248)	(21)	(2,459)
Profit for the period	10	2,682	4,015	(33)	5,276
Attributable to:					
Shareholders of the parent company		2,689	3,999		5,327
Minority interests		(7)	16		(51)
		2,682	4,015		5,276
<i>Net profit margin, %</i>		32	51		31
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period		188,916,863	181,417,913		182,362,986
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to shareholders of the parent company (US Dollars)		14.2	22.0		29.2

Notes:

(1) The amounts shown in this column do not correspond to the consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2007 and reflect adjustments made in connection with the completion of initial accounting and certain reclassifications.

(2) Period-on-period (p-o-p) comparison.

1. REVENUE

Period-on-period the total revenue which consists from metal and other sales increased by 425 (or 5%) from USD 7,886 million in 1H2007 to USD 8,311 million in 1H2008.

1.1 METAL SALES

In 1H2008, revenue from metal sales totaled USD 7,210 million, which represented a 6% decrease compared to 1H2007. The main factor which is decrease by 25% of nickel sales due to substantial decrease in sales prices for this metal for about of 38% compared to average nickel prices in 1H2007, which was partially offset by the positive price trends for remaining metals produced by the Group such as copper, platinum, palladium and gold. The second compensating factor that accounted for about 6% of the growth (or 6 thousand tonnes nickel and 1 thousand tonnes of copper) was the full presentation of LionOre and its subsidiaries, Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary Limited results of operations in 1H2008 compare to the partially presented results (starting from 1 March 2007 to 30 June 2007) of Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary Limited (ex-OM Group nickel business subsidiaries) in 1H2007.

Generally unfavorable situation in metal prices for nickel that was partially compensated by positive trends for copper prices led to the decrease in base metal sales by USD 918 million (or 14%). At the same time generally favorable situation in the prices for platinum group metals ("PGMs") and gold enabled the Group to realise a revenue increase for all PGMs by USD 483 million (or 40%).

Adjusted ⁽¹⁾ average selling prices of metals

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p ⁽²⁾	Year ended 31 December 2007
MMC Norilsk Nickel				
Nickel (US Dollars per tonne) ⁽¹⁾	27,615	44,708	(38)	37,220
Copper (US Dollars per tonne)	8,177	6,770	21	7,158
Palladium (US Dollars per ounce)	444	356	25	354
Platinum (US Dollars per ounce)	1,947	1,214	60	1,301
Gold (US Dollars per ounce)	909	666	36	701
Stillwater Mining Company				
Palladium (US Dollars per ounce)	429	374	15	376
Platinum (US Dollars per ounce)	1,588	1,048	52	1,099
Gold (US Dollars per ounce)	919	661	39	699
Norilsk Nickel International ⁽²⁾				
Nickel (US Dollars per tonne)	28,362	47,340	(40)	37,567
Copper (US Dollars per tonne)	6,279	6,850	(8)	5,863

Notes:

(1) Excluding the sales of metal purchased from third parties.

(2) Comparative information for the six months ended 30 June 2007 was presented for the period from 1 March 2007 (date of acquisition) to 30 June 2007.

Physical volumes of metal sales

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p	Year ended 31 December 2007
MMC Norilsk Nickel				
Nickel ('000 tonnes) ⁽¹⁾	110	103	7	241
Copper ('000 tonnes)	187	172	9	404
Palladium ('000 ounces)	1,490	1,545	(4)	3,125
Platinum ('000 ounces)	328	314	4	772
Gold ('000 ounces)	68	62	10	153

Physical volumes of metal sales (contributed)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change <i>p-o-p</i>	Year ended 31 December 2007
Stillwater Mining Company				
Palladium ('000 ounces)	288	294	(2)	571
Platinum ('000 ounces)	119	125	(5)	239
Gold ('000 ounces)	5	6	(17)	11
Norilsk Nickel International ⁽²⁾				
Nickel ('000 tonnes)	17	11	55	27
Copper ('000 tonnes)	3	2	50	5
TOTAL GROUP				
Nickel ('000 tonnes)	127	114	9	268
Copper ('000 tonnes)	190	174	9	409
Palladium ('000 ounces)	1,778	1,839	(3)	3,696
Platinum ('000 ounces)	447	439	2	1,011
Gold ('000 ounces)	73	68	7	164

Notes:

(1) Excluding the sales of metal purchased from third parties.

(2) Comparative information for the six months ended 30 June 2007 was presented for the period from 1 March 2007 (date of acquisition) to 30 June 2007.

Nickel

The revenue from nickel sales decreased by 25% in 1H2008 to USD 3,922 million compared to USD 5,254 million mainly due to a significant decrease in the adjusted average selling price of nickel by 38% – from USD 44,708 per tonne in 1H2007 to USD 27,615 per tonne in 1H2008. During 1H2008 the physical volume of nickel sales produced in the Russian Federation increased by 7% (or 7 thousand tonnes) to 110 thousand tonnes as compared to 103 thousand in 1H2007. The second factor is growth by 55% (or 6 thousand tonnes) increase in physical volume of nickel sales produced by Norilsk Nickel International. Significant increase in sales volume of nickel attributable to Norilsk Nickel International assets was due to full inclusion of 1H2008 results instead of partial incorporation of Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary Limited (ex-OM Group nickel business subsidiaries) results from 1 March 2007 to 30 June 2007.

Copper

The revenue from copper sales increased by 35% in 1H2008 to USD 1,588 million compared to USD 1,174 million mainly due to a significant increase of the adjusted average selling price of copper by 21% – from USD 6,770 per tonne in 1H2007 to USD 8,177 per tonne in 1H2008. During 1H2008 the physical volume of copper sales produced in the Russian Federation (excluding copper purchased from third parties) increased by 2% (or 4 thousand tonnes) to 176 thousand tonnes as compared to 172 thousand tonnes in 1H2007.

Palladium

Palladium sales increased by 21% from USD 660 million in 1H2007 to USD 796 million in 1H2008.

Palladium sales produced by the Group in the Russian Federation increased by 23% from USD 537 million in 1H2007 to USD 661 million in 1H2008. In physical terms, sales of palladium produced by the Group in Russia amounted to 1,490 thousand ounces in 1H2008, which is 4% lower compared to the sales for 1H2007 which amounted to 1,545 thousand ounces. This decrease in physical sales was offset by the growth of the adjusted average selling price.

Palladium sales by Stillwater Mining Company increased by 13% from USD 110 million in 1H2007 to USD 124 million in 1H2008. The increase in revenue is explained by a 15% growth in the average selling price which was offset by 2% decrease in physical volumes of sales due to slight decrease in demand on the territory of USA.

Platinum

Platinum sales increased by 63% from USD 512 million in 1H2007 to USD 837 million in 1H2008.

Sales of platinum produced by the Group in the Russian Federation increased by 68% from USD 381 million in 1H2007 to USD 640 million in 1H2008. The increase is explained mainly by the significant increase in the adjusted average selling price by 60% from USD 1,214 per ounce in 1H2007 to USD 1,947 per ounce in 1H2008. There was an increase in the physical sales volume by 4% (or 14 thousand ounces) from 314 thousand ounces in 1H2007 to 328 thousand ounces in 1H2008.

Platinum sales by Stillwater Mining Company increased by 44% from USD 131 million in 1H2007 to USD 188 million in 1H2008. The increase in revenue is explained by a 52% growth in the average sales price which was offset by 5% decrease in physical volumes of sales.

Gold

Gold sales increased by 49% from USD 45 million in 1H2007 to USD 67 million in 1H2008. The increase is explained mainly by an increase in sales prices of 36% from USD 666 per ounce in 1H2007 to USD 909 per ounce in 1H2008. In physical terms, sales of gold produced by the Group in Russia amounted to 68 thousand ounces and by Stillwater Mining Company to 5 thousand ounces or 73 thousand ounces in total as compared to 68 thousand ounces of gold in 1H2007.

1.2 OTHER SALES

Revenue from non-mining operations increased by USD 860 million (or 357%) and amounted to USD 1,101 million in 1H2008 compared to USD 241 million in 1H2007 mainly due to presentation of OGK-3 results in consolidated financial statement of the Group starting from 7 August 2007.

Gross profit of non-mining operations increased by USD 12 million and amounted to USD 38 million.

2. COST OF SALES

2.1 COST OF METAL SALES

Cost of metal sales increased by 46% from USD 1,831 million in 1H2007 to USD 2,677 million in 1H2008.

Cash operating costs

Cash operating costs increased by 21% and amounted to USD 2,257 million in 1H2008 against USD 1,861 million in 1H2007.

The cash operating cost structure changed slightly in 1H2008 compared to 1H2007 mainly due to the effect of the acquisitions of Norilsk Nickel International assets for the details see the schedule of cash operating costs, presented below.

The key reasons for the growth of total cash operating costs of USD 780 million (or 35%) in 1H2008, before revenue from sales of by-products, compared to 1H2007 included:

- absolute increase in cash operating costs of USD 354 million;
- consolidation of cash operating costs of NNI subsidiaries for whole 1H2008 instead of presentation of only Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse results starting from 1 March 2007 in 1H2007 – USD 299 million; and
- effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 127 million.

Cash operating costs for the period

(US Dollars million)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008							Six months ended 30 June 2007							Group % change p-o-p	Russia % change p-o-p		
	Group	% from total	Russia	% from total	NNI	% from total	SWC	Group	% from total	Russia	% from total	NNI	% from total	SWC			% from total	
Total cash operating costs (see table below)	2,257	81	1,395	82	524	70	338	96	1,861	87	1,255	83	352	97	254	95	21	11
Depreciation of operating assets	542	19	308	18	221	30	13	4	280	13	256	17	12	3	12	5	94	20
Total production costs	2,799	100	1,703	100	745	100	351	100	2,141	100	1,511	100	364	100	266	100	31	13
Increase in metal inventories	(122)		(43)		(16)		(63)		(310)		(249)		(40)		(21)		(61)	(83)
Cost of metal sales	2,677		1,660		729		288		1,831		1,262		324		245		46	32

Cost of metal sales for the period

(US Dollars million)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008							Six months ended 30 June 2007							Group % change p-o-p	Russia % change p-o-p		
	Group	% from total	Russia	% from total	NNI	% from total	SWC	Group	% from total	Russia	% from total	NNI	% from total	SWC			% from total	
Labour	919	30	729	38	132	20	58	13	642	28	575	37	8	2	59	18	43	27
Consumables and spares	600	20	529	27	47	7	24	6	453	20	413	27	15	4	25	8	32	28
PGM scrap purchased	244	8	—	—	—	—	244	56	161	7	—	—	—	—	161	48	52	N/A
Purchase of nickel concentrate	198	7	—	—	198	30	—	—	304	14	—	—	304	82	—	—	(35)	N/A
Cost of refined metals purchased from third parties	181	6	181	9	—	—	—	—	98	4	98	6	—	—	—	—	85	85
PGM toll refining costs	150	5	39	2	109	16	2	—	44	2	41	3	—	—	3	1	241	(5)
Transportation	120	4	94	5	22	3	4	1	91	4	86	6	2	1	3	1	32	9
Repairs and maintenance	109	4	56	3	18	3	35	8	86	4	46	3	10	3	30	9	27	22
Tax on mining and pollution levies	105	4	87	5	—	—	18	4	78	3	63	4	—	—	15	5	35	38
Utilities	100	3	37	2	47	7	16	4	57	3	27	2	20	5	10	3	75	37
Exploration expenses	75	2	58	3	17	3	—	—	82	4	82	5	—	—	—	—	(9)	(29)
Insurance	57	2	53	3	1	—	3	1	67	3	64	4	—	—	3	1	(15)	(17)
Outsourced mining services	44	1	—	—	34	5	10	2	10	—	—	—	—	—	10	3	340	N/A
Rent expenses	40	1	14	1	25	4	1	—	13	1	12	1	—	—	1	—	208	17
Other costs	89	3	52	2	19	2	18	5	65	3	42	2	11	3	12	3	37	24
Total cash operating costs	3,031	100	1,929	100	669	100	433	100	2,251	100	1,549	100	370	100	332	100	35	25
Revenue from the sale of by-products	(774)		(534)		(145)		(95)		(390)		(294)		(18)		(78)		98	82
Total cash operating costs	2,257		1,395		524		338		1,861		1,255		352		254		21	11

Labour

Labour remained the most significant item of cash operating costs, increasing its share of the general structure of operating costs from 28% in 1H2007 to 30% in 1H2008. In 1H2008, labour costs increased by USD 277 million (or 43%) to USD 919 million.

Such increase was mainly due to:

- increase of labour expenses by USD 124 million due to consolidation of LionOre subsidiaries in 1H2008 and presentation of the results of Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary Limited for the whole 1H2008 instead of consolidation of 1H2007 results starting from 1 March 2007;
- general increase of labour expenses by USD 109 million mainly relating to the Russian operations of the Group; and
- the effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 48 million.

Consumables and spares

Consumables and spares costs in 1H2008 increased by USD 147 million (or 32%) to USD 600 million.

Such increase was mainly due to:

- a general increase in price caused by inflation of USD 82 million, the inflation in the Russian Federation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 was 15.1%;
- the effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 34 million; and
- consolidation of LionOre subsidiaries in 1H2008 and presentation of the results of Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary Limited for the whole 1H2008 instead of consolidation of 1H2007 results starting from 1 March 2007 with the aggregated effect of USD 32 million.

PGM scrap purchased

In 1H2008, purchase of PGM scrap increased by USD 83 million (or 52%) to USD 244 million due to increase in market prices for purchased PGM inventory and an increase in the physical volume of PGM inventory purchased by Stillwater Mining Company to effectively utilise the existing production capacities and increase PGM production.

Purchase of nickel concentrate

Purchase of nickel concentrate in 1H2008 decreased significantly by USD 106 million (or 35%) to USD 198 million.

Such decrease was mainly due to:

- significant decrease in nickel and accordingly of nickel concentrate prices in 1H2008 compared to 1H2007 by 38%; and
- full consolidation of MPI Nickel Proprietary Limited results in 1H2008 which was an associate of the Group in 1H2007 and major supplier of nickel concentrate (USD 162 million in 1H2007) for the further refining and processing at Norilsk Nickel Harjavalta Nickel Oy, Finland.

Cost of refined metals purchased from third parties

In 1H2007, the cost of refined metal purchased from third parties increased by USD 83 million (or 85%) to USD 181 million. This was mainly due to significant increase in physical quantity of nickel purchased by the Group in the open market in order to fulfill contract obligations.

PGM toll refining costs

PGM toll refining costs in 1H2008 increased by USD 106 million (or 241%) to USD 150 million. Such increase was mainly due to consolidation of LionOre operations, acquisitions of which were completed on 28 June 2008 and who actively outsourced such services.

Transportation

The transportation costs increased by USD 29 million (or 32%) to USD 120 million in 1H2008. The increase was caused by the effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 7 million and consolidation of Norilsk Nickel International operations of USD 20 million. In addition, there was a slight increase in transportation tariffs, which was partially compensated by decrease in base metal volume delivered and decrease in cargo insurance, which is generally in line with metal sales prices.

Repairs and maintenance

In 1H2008, repairs and maintenance costs increased by USD 23 million (or 27%) to USD 109 million due to the effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 4 million, consolidation of results of business combination of LionOre operations by USD 8 million and the remaining portion is the effect of inflation.

Tax on mining and pollution levies

Tax on mining and pollution levies increased by USD 27 million (or 35%) to USD 105 million in 1H2008, which was mainly caused by an increase in the taxable base of the Group's Russian operations due to the increase in production cost and the effect of translation to presentation currency in the amount of USD 5 million.

Utilities

In 1H2008, expenses on utilities increased by USD 43 million (or 75%) to USD 100 million. The effect of consolidation of Norilsk Nickel International operations contributed an USD 27 million. The second main reason for the increase was the overall indexation of utility tariffs both in Russia and USA.

Exploration expenses

The exploration expenditure in 1H2008 was USD 75 million, which is 9% less than in 1H2007. There was small decrease of exploration expenses on the territory of the Russian Federation of USD 24 million which was partially compensated by the consolidation of Norilsk Nickel International operations, contributing an additional USD 17 million.

Insurance

Insurance expenses in 1H2008 decreased by USD 10 million (or 15%) to USD 57 million, which was mainly caused by cessation of certain insurance agreements that were either not renewed or renewed at discounted rates comparing to those previously used.

Outsourced mining services

Expenses for outsourced mining services in 1H2008 increased by USD 34 million (or 340%) to USD 44 million, which is related to consolidation of Norilsk Nickel International operations only.

Operating lease expenses

Operating lease expenses in 1H2008 increased by USD 27 million (or 208%) to USD 40 million, which was mainly due to consolidation of Norilsk Nickel International operations and contribution an additional expenses of USD 25 million and the remaining portion is due to effect of translation to presentation currency.

Other cash costs

In 1H2008, other cash costs increased by USD 24 million (or 37%) to USD 89 million, which was due to consolidation of Norilsk Nickel International operations and some increase in other expenses at SWC.

Revenue from the sale of by-products

Sales of by-products in 1H2008 increased by USD 384 million (or 98%) and totaled USD 774 million mainly is due to an increase in selling prices for by-products and consolidation of Norilsk Nickel International operations.

Depreciation of operating assets

In 1H2008, depreciation of operating assets increased by USD 262 million (or 94%) to USD 542 million.

Such increase was mainly due to:

- increase in depreciation charge of USD 209 million due to consolidation of LionOre subsidiaries in 1H2008 and presentation of the results of Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary Limited (ex-OM Group nickel business subsidiaries) for the whole 1H2008 instead of consolidation of 1H2007 results starting from 1 March 2007;
- the increase in depreciation charge of USD 32 million in regard of the Group's Russian operations due to significant additions made in second half of 2007 and in 1H2008; and
- the effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 21 million.

Increase in metal inventories

The main reasons for the increase of the balance of metal inventories in 1H2008 were as follows:

- seasonal increase in the Group's physical metal operating stock by USD 69 million;
- the overall increase in production costs in the Taimyr and Kola Peninsulas led to the general increase in cost per unit and accordingly to increase amount of inventories by USD 32 million; and
- increase of platinum and palladium stock of SWC due to increase in purchase prices and an increase in the physical volume of PGM scrap purchased by Stillwater Mining Company by USD 21 million.

Total production cost per unit of metal produced for the period

Metal	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p	Year ended 31 December 2007
Taimyr Peninsula				
Nickel (USD per tonne)	6,225	5,218	19	5,855
Copper (USD per tonne)	1,480	1,328	11	1,354
Palladium (USD per ounces)	99	82	21	90
Platinum (USD per ounces)	384	320	20	325
Gold (USD per ounces)	202	171	18	175
Kola Peninsula				
Nickel (USD per tonne)	9,039	6,371	42	7,712
Copper (USD per tonne)	1,766	1,516	16	1,434
Palladium (USD per ounces)	128	108	19	100
Platinum (USD per ounces)	494	387	28	357
Gold (USD per ounces)	255	204	25	190
Stillwater Mining Company				
Palladium (USD per ounces)	386	345	12	321
Platinum (USD per ounces)	1,315	994	32	994

In 1H2008, the cost of nickel production (per tonne) in the Taimyr Peninsula increased by 19% to USD 6,225, and in the Kola Peninsula increased by 42% to USD 9,039. The main reasons for increase of nickel production cost per unit in the Taimyr Peninsula were general growth of operating costs and effect of translation to presentation currency. In the Kola Peninsula the general growth of operating costs and effect of translation to presentation currency was intensified by decrease in the physical volume of produced nickel, leading to a more significant increase of nickel production cost per unit comparing to Taimyr Peninsula

In 1H2008, the cost of copper production (per tonne) in the Taimyr Peninsula increased by 11% to USD 1,480 per tonne, by 16% to USD 1,766 per tonne in the Kola Peninsula. The increase of copper production cost both in Taimyr and Kola Peninsulas was mainly due to general increase of the overall production costs and effect of translation to presentation currency.

In 1H2008, the cost of palladium production in the Taimyr Peninsula increased by 21% to USD 99 per ounce, and increased by 19% to USD 128 per ounce in the Kola Peninsula. The cost of platinum production in the Taimyr Peninsula increased by USD 64 per ounce (or 20%) to USD 384 per ounce compare to USD 320 per ounce in 1H2007, and increased by USD 107 per ounce (or 28%) to USD 494 per ounce in the Kola Peninsula compare to USD 387 per ounce in 1H 2007. The cost of gold production in the Taimyr Peninsula and in the Kola Peninsula increased by 18% to USD 202 per ounce and by 25% to USD 255 per ounce respectively.

The changes in the cost of platinum group metals and gold production in the Peninsulas were due to:

- a general increase in the overall production costs;
- change in metals costs allocation base towards to PGMs and gold because the prices grew much higher compared to the base metals; and
- effect of translation to presentation currency

2.2 COST OF OTHER SALES

(US Dollars million)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p	Year ended 31 December 2007
Consumables and spares	456	99	361	504
Labour	199	62	221	226
Utilities	183	21	771	195
Amortisation and depreciation	97	8	1,113	81
Repairs and maintenance	37	—	N/A	58
Taxes	27	6	350	29
Transportation	24	13	85	24
Outsourced third party services	14	—	N/A	1
Rent expenses	10	1	900	14
Insurance	2	1	100	4
Other	14	4	250	27
Total	1,063	215	394	1,163

In 1H2008, costs of other sales increased by USD 848 million (or 394%) compared to 1H2007. The increase is mainly due to consolidation of OGK-3 results starting from 7 August 2007, the date when the Group obtained a control over OGK-3.

3. SELLING AND DISTRIBUTION EXPENSES

Selling and distribution expenses for the period

(US Dollars million)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p	Year ended 31 December 2007
Export customs duties	262	290	(10)	644
Labour	20	11	82	24
Transportation expenses	19	13	46	31
Commission paid	10	10	—	16
Insurance	4	2	100	6
Other	5	5	—	9
Total	320	331	(3)	730

In 1H2008, selling and distribution expenses decreased by USD 11 million (or 3%) to USD 320 million compared to USD 331 million in 1H2007. The decrease was mainly due to significant decrease in custom duties expense that is completely in line with the dynamics of export revenue generated by the Russian subsidiaries of the Group, that form the basis for calculation of custom duties. Some increase in other lines of selling expenses is due to consolidation of OGK-3 and Norilsk Nickel International results in 1H2008.

4. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

In 1H2008, general and administrative expenses increased by USD 152 million (or 45%) to USD 492 million as compared to USD 340 million in 1H2007.

General and administrative expenses for the period (US Dollars million)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p ⁽²⁾	Year ended 31 December 2007
Labour	239	150	59	435
Taxes other than mining and income taxes and pollution levies	52	42	24	90
Advertising	45	44	2	102
Consulting and other professional services	25	18	39	48
Legal and audit services	15	7	114	23
Depreciation	14	13	8	32
Transportation expenses	12	8	50	21
External research costs	11	12	(8)	18
Repairs and maintenance	10	7	43	18
Insurance	9	3	200	12
Other	60	36	67	95
Total	492	340	45	894

Labour

Labour costs increased by USD 89 million (or 59%) to USD 239 million in 1H2008.

Such increase was mainly due to:

- increase of labour expenses of USD 34 million due to consolidation of OGK-3 and LionOre subsidiaries in 1H2008 and presentation of the results of Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary Limited for the whole 1H2008 instead of consolidation of 1H2007 results starting from 1 March 2007;
- increase of labour expenses of USD 34 million related to share option plans expenses;
- general increase of labour expenses by USD 12 million mainly relate to the Russian operations of the Group;
- the effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 9 million.

Other expenses

Other types of expenses such as advertising, taxes, legal and others increased by USD 63 million (or 33%) to USD 253 million in 1H2008.

Such increase was mainly due to:

- increase of other expenses by USD 28 million due to consolidation of OGK-3 and LionOre subsidiaries in 1H2008 and presentation of the results of Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary Limited for the whole 1H2008 instead of consolidation of 1H2007 results starting from 1 March 2007;
- general increase of other expenses by USD 20 million mainly related to the Russian operations of the Group, which is practically in line with inflation; and
- effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 15 million.

5. OTHER NET OPERATING EXPENSES

During 1H2008 other net operating expenses increased by USD 242 million to USD 407 million compared to USD 165 million in 1H2007. The main reasons for the growth were recognition of impairment provision of USD 162 million and change in provision for onerous contracts of USD 150 million, both associated with on-going reassessment of impairment provision of BMR plant. Such increase was partially compensated by significant decrease of donation expenses by USD 65 million (or 63%) to USD 38 million in 1H2008 compared to USD 103 million in 1H2007.

Other operating net expenses for the period (US Dollars million)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p	Year ended 31 December 2007
Impairment of property, plant and equipment	169	12	1,308	800
Change in provision for onerous contracts	150	—	N/A	—
Donations and maintenance of social sphere facilities	38	103	(63)	158
Realised loss on derivatives held for trading	13	—	N/A	—
Change in allowance for doubtful debts	11	18	(39)	(8)
Change in provision for tax penalties	11	(4)	(375)	29
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	11	13	(15)	25
Loss on disposal of investments in subsidiaries	3	18	(83)	18
Change in allowance for value added tax recoverable	1	5	(80)	149
Other	—	—	N/A	4
Total	407	165	147	1,175

6. FINANCE COSTS

During 1H2008 finance costs increased by USD 171 million to USD 224 million as compared to USD 53 million finance costs in 1H2007. The increase of finance costs was mainly due to new borrowings made by the Group in June and second half of 2007, proceeds wherefrom were used to acquire OGK-3 and LionOre.

Finance costs for the period (US Dollars million)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p	Year ended 31 December 2007
Interest expense on borrowings	202	43	370	280
Unwinding of discount on decommissioning obligations	18	10	80	23
Interest on obligations under finance leases	3	—	N/A	3
Interest on convertible notes	1	—	N/A	1
Total	224	53	323	307

7. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

During 1H2008 income from investments increased by USD 346 million (or 509%) to USD 414 million compared to USD 68 million in 1H2007.

The main reasons for the increase were as follows:

- growth of interest income on bank deposits by USD 210 million to USD 268 million (whereof USD 117 million attributable to OGK-3); and
- realised gain of disposal of available-for-sale investments in OGK-5 shares of USD 144 million.

8. SHARE OF PROFITS OF ASSOCIATES

During 1H2008 share of profits of associates decreased by USD 49 million (or 64%) to USD 28 million profits compared to USD 77 million in 1H2007.

The main reasons for the decrease were as follows:

- excess of interest in the net fair value of associates' net assets over the cost of acquisition recognised on the acquisition of 20% of MPI and TGK-14 of USD 72 million in 1H2007;
- contribution of Nkomati joint venture in 1H2008 in the amount of USD 39 million, an associate of the Group which was acquired on 28 June 2007 as part of acquisition of LionOre; and
- release of OGK-3 contribution of USD 13 million in 1H2007 due to obtaining of control over the company in August 2007.

9. INCOME TAX

During 1H2008, the income tax expense decreased by 21% to USD 987 million from USD 1,248 million in 1H2007. This decrease was mainly due to the decrease of pre-tax income of the Group by 30%, the main reason for which was the significant decrease of gross profit by 22%.

In 1H2008, the effective tax rate was 27% (1H2007: 24%) and increased mainly due to higher effective income tax rates for newly acquired businesses of LionOre, Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary.

Income tax for the period

(US Dollars million)

	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p	Year ended 31 December 2007
Current tax expense	1,008	1,255	(20)	2,622
Deferred tax benefit	(21)	(7)	200	(163)
Total	987	1,248	(21)	2,459

10. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

Profit for the period decreased from USD 4,015 million in 1H2007 to USD 2,682 million in 1H2008 as a result of the lower prices for metals sold, inflationary growth of costs in Russia, consolidating the results of OGK-3, LionOre, Harjavalta Nickel Oy and Cawse Proprietary.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AT 30 JUNE 2008
(US Dollars million)

	Notes	30 June 2008	% of total	31 December 2007	% of total	% change
ASSETS						
Non-current assets						
Property, plant and equipment	11	16,002		14,981		7
Goodwill	12	3,477		3,360		3
Intangible assets	13	927		849		9
Investments in associates	14	783		879		(11)
Other financial assets	15	3,208		2,982		8
Other taxes receivable		43		38		13
Deferred tax assets		55		89		(38)
Pension plans assets		6		8		(25)
		<u>24,501</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>23,186</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>6</u>
Current assets						
Inventories	16	2,294		2,108		9
Trade and other receivables		964		949		2
Advances paid and prepaid expenses		241		183		32
Other financial assets	15	2,714		4,473		(39)
Income tax receivable		195		144		35
Other taxes receivable		649		585		11
Cash and cash equivalents	17	4,938		4,008		23
		<u>11,995</u>		<u>12,450</u>		<u>(4)</u>
Assets classified as held for sale		—		60		(100)
		<u>11,995</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>12,510</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>(4)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>36,496</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>35,696</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>2</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES						
Capital and reserves						
	18	<u>23,776</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>21,821</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>9</u>
Non-current liabilities						
Long-term borrowings	19	5,572		4,103		36
Employee benefit obligations		10		11		(9)
Share appreciation rights		16		—		N/A
Environmental obligations	20	636		583		9
Derivative financial liabilities		5		3		67
Deferred tax liabilities		2,729		2,741		—
		<u>8,968</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>7,441</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>
Current liabilities						
Short-term borrowings	19	1,332		3,973		(66)
Current portion of employee benefit obligations		346		378		(8)
Current portion of share appreciation rights		12		—		N/A
Trade and other payables	21	759		586		30
Advances received		66		41		61
Income tax payable		81		422		(81)
Other taxes payable		241		197		22
Derivative financial liabilities		7		24		(71)
Dividends payable		908		804		13
		<u>3,752</u>		<u>6,425</u>		<u>(42)</u>
Liabilities associated with assets classified as held for sale		—		9		(100)
		<u>3,752</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6,434</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>(42)</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		<u>36,496</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>35,696</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>2</u>

The balance sheet total as at 30 June 2008 was USD 36,496 million and increased over the first six months of 2008 by USD 800 million (or 2%), which mainly consists of USD 636 million (or 2%) increase due to the effect of translation to presentation currency, translation of foreign operations and other changes of balance sheet structure due to reasons presented below.

11. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

As at 30 June 2008, property, plant and equipment amounted to USD 16,002 million compared to USD 14,981 million as at 31 December 2007.

The increase of property, plant and equipment by USD 1,021 million was due to:

- an increase of capital construction-in-progress of USD 1,193 million (including USD 761 million of non-mining facilities); and
- the effect of translation to the presentation currency by USD 668 million.

The increase was partially offset by:

- depreciation charge for the period of USD 642 million; and
- impairment provision of BMR plant in the amount of USD 162 million.

12. GOODWILL

As at 30 June 2008, goodwill amounted to USD 3,477 million compared to USD 3,360 as at 31 December 2007.

The increase of goodwill by USD 117 million was mainly due to:

- increase in ownership in OGK-3 and Arkhangelsk Sea Commercial Port and additional goodwill undertaken in such transactions of USD 80 million; and
- effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 37 million.

13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

As at 30 June 2008, intangible assets amounted to USD 927 million compared to USD 849 million as at 31 December 2007. The increase of intangible assets by USD 78 million was mainly due to effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 77 million.

14. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATES

As at 30 June 2008, investments in associates amounted to USD 783 million compared to USD 879 million as at 31 December 2007.

The decrease of investments in associates by USD 96 million was mainly due to:

- effect of translation to presentation currency mainly attributable to investment in Nkomati joint venture of USD 66 million;
- reclassification of USD 52 million of investments in Krasnoyarskenergo and Kolenergo to investments available-for-sale in the course of restructuring process of RAO UES; and
- Group's share of profit of associates of USD 28 million (mainly related to Nkomati operations).

15. OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

As at 30 June 2008, the current and non-current other financial assets amounted to USD 5,922 million compared to USD 7,455 million as at 31 December 2007.

The decrease by USD 1,533 million is mainly due to withdrawal of short-term deposits of USD 1,936, which was compensated by an increase of long-term deposits in the amount of USD 394 million. The remaining portion mainly consists of the change in the market value of available-for-sale securities and disposal of Group's investments in OGK-5.

16. INVENTORIES

As at 30 June 2008, inventories comprising finished goods, work-in-process, stores and materials amounted to USD 2,294 million as compared to USD 2,108 million as at 31 December 2007.

The increase was mainly due to:

- the growth of work-in-progress by USD 87 million due to consolidation of LionOre operations, which mainly produces nickel concentrate that is included in work-in-progress and effect of translation to presentation currency;
- the growth of by-product balances by USD 46 million, primarily due to growth of the metal prices for by-products and effect of translation to presentation currency; and
- the growth of base metal stock (nickel and copper) by USD 24 million mainly due to effect of translation to presentation currency.

17. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

As at 30 June 2008, cash and cash equivalents amounted to USD 4,938 million compared to USD 4,008 million as at 31 December 2007.

The increase of balances of cash and cash equivalents is mainly due to:

- increase in bank deposits denominated in Russian roubles by USD 759 million; and
- increase in current accounts denominated in foreign currencies amounting to USD 186 million.

18. CAPITAL AND RESERVES

As at 30 June 2008, capital and reserves amounted to USD 23,776 million (including minority interest of USD 2,174 million) as compared to USD 21,821 million (including minority interest of USD 2,318 million) as at 31 December 2007.

Key factors that affected capital and reserves were:

- profit for the period in the amount of USD 2,682 million;
- dividends declared by the Company and OGK-3 during the six month period of 2008 amounted to USD 902 million and USD 5 million, accordingly;
- net increase of the effect of translation to presentation currency and translation of foreign operations of USD 636 million;
- decrease of minority interest in the amount of USD 255 million due to the acquisition of minority interest in OGK-3 and Arkhangelsk Sea Commercial Port;
- decrease of the revaluation reserve attributable to investments available-for-sale in the amount of USD 229 million; and
- release of revaluation reserve due to sales of Group investments in available-for-investments in OGK-5 shares of USD 119 million.

19. LONG- AND SHORT-TERM BORROWINGS

As at 30 June 2008, loans and borrowings of the Group decreased by USD 1,172 million to USD 6,904 million against USD 8,076 million as at 31 December 2007. The decrease was mainly due to repayment of loan to BNP Paribas in the amount of USD 2,497 million which was partially made with proceeds from obtained a syndicated loan at Calyon amounting to USD 1,482 million.

20. ENVIRONMENTAL OBLIGATIONS

As at 30 June 2008, environmental obligations amounted to USD 636 million compared to USD 583 million as at 31 December 2007.

The increase in balance of environmental obligations is mainly due to:

- effect of translation to presentation currency of USD 31 million; and
- unwinding of discount on decommissioning obligations amounting to USD 18 million.

21. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

As at 30 June 2008, trade and other payables amounted to USD 759 million compared to USD 586 million as at 31 December 2007. The increase was mainly due to recognition of provision for onerous contracts in the amount of USD 150 million associated with valuation of BMR plant.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 (US Dollars million)

	Notes	Six months ended 30 June 2008	Six months ended 30 June 2007	% change p-o-p	Year ended 31 December 2007
Net cash generated from operating activities	22	2,557	3,393	(25)	7,340
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	23	305	(3,510)	109	(12,759)
Net cash (used in)/generated from financing activities	24	(1,959)	5,402	(136)	7,177
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	25	903	5,285	(83)	1,758
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		4,008	2,178		2,178
Effect of translation to presentation currency		27	110		80
Cash and cash equivalents of disposal group		—	—		(8)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period		4,938	7,573		4,008

22. NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

The main source of cash for the Group is net cash flows from operating activities. Due to the significant increase in cost of sales and general expenses and decrease in revenue from metal sales in 1H2008 net cash generated by operations decreased by USD 836 million and amounted to USD 2,557 million as compared to USD 3,393 million in 1H2007.

23. NET CASH GENERATED FROM/(USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Net cash inflow from investing activities in 1H2008 amounted to USD 305 million compared to cash outflow in 1H2007 that amounted to USD 3,510 million.

The main components of the inflow include:

- net decrease in deposits in the amount of 1,542 million, proceeds wherefrom were used to settle part of outstanding borrowings of the Group;
- proceeds from disposal of OGK-5 shares in the amount of USD 109 million; and
- proceeds from disposal of investments in Norilsk Telecom and other subsidiaries of the Group in the amount of USD 47 million.

The cash outflow as a result of investing activities comprised the following key components:

- acquisition of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets for USD 1,227 million; and
- purchase of shares in subsidiaries and advances paid for acquisition associates for USD 386 million.

24. NET CASH (USED IN)/GENERATED FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

In 1H2008, net cash used in financing activities amounted to USD 1,959 million.

The cash inflow comprised from the proceeds from borrowings in the amount of USD 2,543 million. The cash inflow for financing activities was partially offset by repayment of:

- Group's borrowings in the amount of USD 3,699 million; and
- payment of Group's dividends in the amount of USD 803 million.

25. NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Net cash and increase in cash equivalents declined in 1H2008 by USD 4,382 million to USD 903 million compare to USD 5,285 million in 1H2007.

The full version of the consolidated interim financial statements of MMC Norilsk Nickel for the six months ended 30 June 2008 prepared in accordance with IFRS is available on the Company's web-site (www.nornik.ru/en) under the section Investor Relations/Reports/Financial Statements.

The information on the production results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2008 is available on the Company's web-site (www.nornik.ru/en) under the section Press releases (http://www.nornik.ru/_upload/editor_files/file1111.pdf).

CONFERENCE CALL

MMC Norilsk Nickel will hold a telephone conference call related to the publication of the Group's IFRS consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2008. The telephone conference call will be held at 5 p.m. Moscow time (2 p.m. London, 9 a.m. New York) on 3 October 2008.

Telephone numbers for access to the telephone conference call:

+1 (888) 550-23-58 (USA),
+1 (703) 546-42-42 (other countries).
Access code: 962545

The conference call record will be available within one week, from 7.00 p.m. Moscow time (4.00 p.m. London, 11.00 a.m. New York) on 3 October 2008 at the following numbers:

+1 (800) 475-67-01 (USA),
+1 (320) 365-38-44 (other countries).
Access code: 962545