

# Strikes hit South Africa's platinum belt

Tens of thousands of workers have downed tools at the world's top three platinum producers, demanding minimum wages be doubled to 12,500 rand (\$1,120) a month. Strikes are costing the companies \$17.9 million a day



**ANGLO AMERICAN**

## Anglo American Platinum

World's largest producer of platinum – 38% of global supply

Production: **68 tonnes**  
Employees: **56,380**  
Revenue: **\$3.8bn**  
Loss (2012): **\$126.7m**

**IMPLATS**  
Distinctly Platinum



## Impala Platinum

World's second-largest producer – 25% of global supply. Also two mines in Zimbabwe

Production: **52.2 tonnes**  
Employees: **61,400**  
Revenue: **\$2.98bn**  
Profit: **\$613.1m**

**LONMIN**

## Lonmin

Seven operations producing platinum and other platinum-group metals (PMGs\*)

Production: **19.3 tonnes**  
Employees: **36,520**  
Revenue: **\$1,614bn**  
Loss: **\$550m**

**Cost of demands by Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union**

**\$378.9 million**

**\$412.6 million**

**\$245.4 million**

\*The six PMGs are ruthenium, rhodium, palladium, osmium, iridium, and platinum

Sources: Chamber of Mines, most recent annual reports

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