

PRODUCTION

REFINED ZINC

Our refined zinc production was only slightly below Plan at 65 066.

A sustained improvement in physical quality and presentation of our refined zinc products has been achieved.

ISF ZINC

The furnace target of 68 300 tonnes of zinc was achieved with variable periods of high production interrupted by hearth and casing failures. This was particularly evident towards the end of the longest operating campaign we have seen. These variations adversely affected the operating and maintenance schedules at the ISF.

Modifications made during the campaign shutdown will enable us to operate at consistent levels and achieve our target of 80 000 tonnes during the coming year.

Further improvements in zinc recovery are foreseeable with the commissioning of the pilot slag fuming plant, which has shown considerable promise.



Ken Murphy.



Bob Vero and Richard Kelly.

RAW MATERIALS

The cost of raw materials for metal sold during the year was approximately \$82M. This represents a significant proportion of our total cost.

Deliveries of raw materials to the site totalled 202 000 tonnes.

To maximise Pasminco's profit, our aim is to increase use of Pasminco materials whenever it is economical.

