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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a Company Announcement issued by Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c. pursuant to MFSA Listing Rule 8.7.4, 8.7.21, 8.7.23, 9.42, 9.43 & 9.44.

Quote

At its meeting held today 26th September 2007, the Board of Directors of Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c. approved the group's financial statements and half yearly report for the six month period ending on 31st July 2007.

A copy of the financial statements and report for the period 1st February 2007 to 31st July 2007 is attached herewith. These financial statements and report are available to the public on www.farsons.com.

The Board of Directors of Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c. also resolved to distribute, out of tax exempt profits, an interim dividend of Lm0.003889 per share on all ordinary shares of Lm0.125 each. This dividend will be paid on 19th October 2007 to the ordinary shareholders on the Register as at the close of business on 5th October 2007. This will amount to a net dividend of Lm100,000.

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ARTHUR MUSCAT
Company Secretary

26th September 2007

Interim Report

Six months ended 31 July 2007

Interim Directors' Report

– TRADING PERFORMANCE –

The directors have the pleasure of reporting the company's interim results for the six months ending 31 July 2007.

Group turnover for the period to 31 July 2007 increased by 4% from Lm13,957,000 to Lm14,485,000. Profit before tax amounted to Lm1,422,000 compared to Lm590,000 for the same period last year. Profit for the period after tax amounts to Lm1,238,000 (2006: Lm467,000).

These improved results were largely achieved due to:

- Increased sales of beers and beverages during the period due to successful new product launches, better economic environment and an improved tourist season;
- Profit on sale of two properties surplus to the group's requirements;
- Cessation of losses from discontinued operations;
- Marked improvement in the profitability of the franchised food retailing establishments as a result of higher turnover;
- Further improved results of Quintano Foods Limited.

The heavy investment in a new soft drinks packaging hall and a new logistics centre is nearing completion. Such investment will enable the group to face the full liberalisation of current packaging restrictions for soft drinks as from 1 January 2008.

As announced at the Annual General Meeting, the board has commissioned the preparation of a set of valuations for all the group's properties.

– DIVIDENDS –

During the period under review, the company paid to the ordinary shareholders an interim dividend of Lm75,000 on 16 May 2007 and a final dividend of Lm425,000 on 27 June 2007 in respect of the financial year ending 31 January 2007. These dividends have been paid out of tax exempt profits resulting in net dividends to the ordinary shareholders of Lm500,000, equivalent to Lm0.0194 per share.

The board of directors is recommending a net interim dividend of Lm100,000 in respect of the financial year ending 31 January 2008 payable on 19 October 2007 to the ordinary shareholders who will be on the register of members of the company on 5 October 2007. The interim dividend will be paid out of tax exempt profits and is equivalent to Lm0.0039 per share.

By order of the board
26 September 2007

Statement pursuant to Listing Rule 9.44.3 issued by the Listing Authority

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge:

- The condensed interim financial information gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the group as at 31 July 2007, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU applicable to Interim Financial Reporting (IAS34);
- The Interim Directors' Report includes a fair review of the information required in terms of Listing Rule 9.44.2.



Bryan A. Gera
Chairman
26 September 2007

Independent Auditor's Report

The group's condensed interim financial information has been reviewed by the company's independent auditor. The auditor's report, as at 31 July 2007, is reproduced hereunder:

Report on Review of Interim Financial Information to the directors of Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c.:

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c. as at 31 July 2007 and the related condensed consolidated profit and loss account, statement of changes in equity and cash flows for the six month period then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union applicable to interim financial reporting (IAS 34). Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these interim consolidated financial statements based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity'. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

This report, including the conclusion, has been prepared for and only for the company for the purpose of the Listing Rules of the Malta Financial Services Authority and for no other purpose. We do not, in producing this report, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS 

167, Merchants Street, Valletta, Malta
26 September 2007

Condensed Consolidated Profit and Loss Account Six months ended 31 July 2007

	Group	
	31 July 2007 (unaudited) Lm'000	31 July 2006 (unaudited) Lm'000
Continuing Operations:		
Turnover	14,485	13,957
Gross profit	3,798	3,413
Operating profit	1,247	901
Profit on disposal of land and buildings	463	-
Net fair value gains on investment property	9	35
Interest payable	(297)	(346)
Profit before tax	1,422	590
Tax expense	(184)	(59)
Profit for the period from continuing operations	1,238	531
Discontinued Operations:		
Loss for the period from discontinued operations	-	(64)
Profit for the period	1,238	467
Earnings per share on profit from continuing operations attributable to the Equity holders during the period	4c8	2c1
Earnings per share on loss from discontinued operations attributable to the Equity holders during the period	-	(0c3)

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet As at 31 July 2007

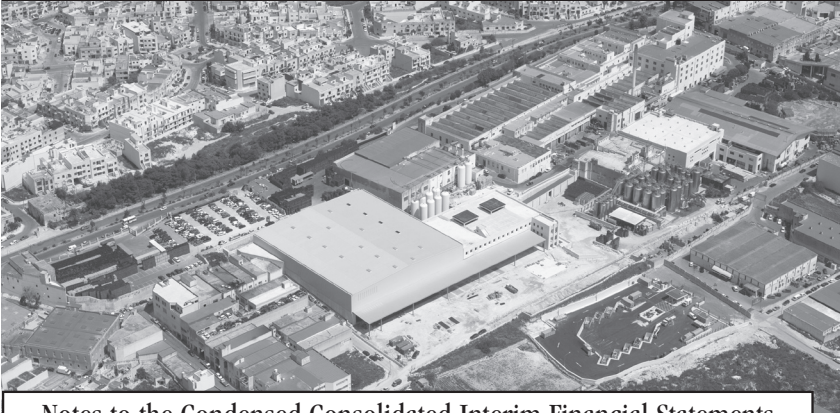
	Group	
	31 July 2007 (unaudited) Lm'000	31 January 2007 (audited) Lm'000
– ASSETS –		
Fixed assets	25,190	24,549
Other non-current assets	2,087	1,012
Current assets	15,398	12,647
Non-current assets held for sale	-	1,667
Total assets	42,675	39,875
– EQUITY AND LIABILITIES –		
Capital and reserves	16,768	16,037
Minority interest	-	(7)
Total equity	16,768	16,030
Provisions for liabilities & charges	101	138
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13,480	13,416
within one year	12,326	10,291
Total creditors	25,806	23,707
Total equity and liabilities	42,675	39,875

Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity Six months ended 31 July 2007

	Attributable to Equity holders					
– GROUP –	Share capital Lm'000	Share premium Lm'000	Other reserves Lm'000	Profit and loss account Lm'000	Minority interest Lm'000	Total Lm'000
Period ended 31 July 2006						
Balance at 1 February 2006	3,214	892	5,878	5,485	64	15,533
Profit for the six months ended 31 July 2006	-	-	-	467	-	467
Other movements	-	-	-	-	(71)	(71)
Transfer of fair value gains on investment property, net of deferred tax	-	-	31	(31)	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	(300)	-	(300)
Balance at 31 July 2006	3,214	892	5,909	5,621	(7)	15,629
Period ended 31 July 2007						
Balance at 1 February 2007	3,214	892	6,204	5,727	(7)	16,030
Profit for the six months ended 31 July 2007	-	-	-	1,238	-	1,238
Other movements	-	-	-	(7)	7	-
Transfer of fair value gains on investment property, net of deferred tax	-	-	8	(8)	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-	(500)	-	(500)
Balance at 31 July 2007	3,214	892	6,212	6,450	-	16,768

Condensed Consolidated Cashflow Statement Six months ended 31 July 2007

	Group	
	31 July 2007 (unaudited) Lm'000	31 July 2006 (unaudited) Lm'000
Net cash from operating activities	900	1,518
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,287)	(1,592)
Net cash (outflows)/inflows from financing activities	(380)	326
Movement in cash and cash equivalents	(1,767)	252
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	(1,772)	(3,428)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	(3,539)	(3,176)



Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

1. This report is being published pursuant to the terms of Chapters 8 and 9 of the Malta Financial Services Authority Listing Rules and the Prevention of Financial Markets Abuse Act 2005.
2. The financial information being published has been extracted from the Simonds Farsons Cisk group's unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 31 July 2007 and has been reviewed in terms of ISRE 2410 'Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity'. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.
3. The accounting policies used in the preparation of the interim financial information are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2007.
4. The group's operations consist of the brewing, production and sale of beer and branded beverages, the importation and sale of food and beverages, including wines and spirits, the operation of franchised food retailing establishments and property management. These operations are carried out, primarily, on the local market. An analysis by business segment of the group's turnover and operating profit is set out below:

	Brewing, production & sale of branded beers & beverages Lm'000	Importation, wholesale & retail of food & beverages, including wines & spirits Lm'000	Operation of franchised food retailing establishments Lm'000	Property management Lm'000	Group Lm'000
Period ended 31 July 2007					
Turnover	9,027	4,644	1,659	261	15,591
Less: inter-segmental sales	(168)	(731)	-	(207)	(1,106)
	8,859	3,913	1,659	54	14,485
Segment results	1,153	342	52	18	1,565
Unallocated costs					(318)
Operating profit					1,247
Period ended 31 July 2006					
Turnover	8,672	4,554	1,504	228	14,958
Less: inter-segmental sales	(207)	(615)	-	(179)	(1,001)
	8,465	3,939	1,504	49	13,957
Segment results	1,018	238	(65)	15	1,206
Unallocated costs					(305)
Operating profit					901

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5. Earnings per share is based on the profit after tax attributable to the ordinary shareholders of Simonds Farsons Cisk p.l.c. divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period and ranking for dividend.
6. Commitments for capital expenditure not provided for in these condensed financial statements amount to Lm2.5 million. These capital commitments relate to the approved investment plan and modernisation programme, that comprises a new soft drinks packaging hall and a distribution centre, whose development substantially progressed in 2007.

Key Figures in the Interim Financial Statements in Euros

	Group 31 July 2007 €'000	31 July 2006 €'000
Turnover	33,741	32,511
Profit for the financial period	2,884	1,088

	Group 31 July 2007 €'000	31 January 2007 €'000
Total assets	99,406	92,884
Total equity	39,059	37,340

The amounts in Euro have been translated using the irrevocably fixed conversion rate of €1 = Lm0.4293.



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