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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following is a Company Announcement by Simonds Farsons Cisk plc pursuant to Malta Stock Exchange Bye-Law 6.05.06(i)

Quote

The Board of Directors of Simonds Farsons Cisk plc has today approved the company's Financial Statements and Half Yearly Report for the six month period ending on 31st July 2003.

A copy of the Report for period 1st February 2003 to 31st July 2003 is attached herewith.

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Anthony J. Tabone
Company Secretary

October 1, 2003

DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY

TRADING PERFORMANCE

Group turnover for the six-month trading period to 31 July 2003 increased from Lm12,358,000 to Lm12,773,000, an increase of 3.4% on the comparative period last year.

Group profit before tax for the period amounted to Lm772,000 (2002 - Lm582,000) reflecting an increase of 33% on the comparative period last year.

Turnover increased throughout the Group mainly as a result of the above average temperatures for the months of June and July. This, together with enhanced productivity, has resulted in improved profit for the Group in the period under review.

The profit attributable to shareholders increased from Lm618,000 to Lm762,000, an increase of 23%.

DIVIDENDS

The Company has paid net dividends of Lm460,000 to the shareholders of the ordinary shares. These dividends have been paid out of tax exempt profits and are equivalent to 1c8 per share.

By order of the Board

1 October 2003



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS

Six months ended 31 July 2003

| | Group | | Company | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | 31 July 2003 (unaudited) | 31 July 2002 (unaudited) | 31 July 2003 (unaudited) | 31 July 2002 (unaudited) | |
| | Notes | Lm'000 | Lm'000 | Lm'000 | Lm'000 |
| Turnover | 4 | 12,773 | 12,358 | 8,425 | 8,289 |
| Gross profit | | 3,545 | 3,484 | 2,350 | 2,255 |
| Operating profit | 4 | 1,168 | 1,052 | 1,027 | 861 |
| Interest | | (396) | (381) | (306) | (256) |
| Share of losses and provisions in respect of Associated undertakings | | - | (89) | - | (50) |
| Profit before tax | | 772 | 582 | 721 | 555 |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | | (51) | 37 | (12) | 65 |
| Profit before minority interest | | 721 | 619 | 709 | 620 |
| Minority interest | | 41 | (1) | - | - |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | | 762 | 618 | 709 | 620 |
| Earnings per share | 5 | 3c0 | 2c2 | 2c8 | 2c2 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

As at 31 July 2003

| | Group | | Company | |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| | 31 July 2003 (unaudited) Lm'000 | 31 January 2003 (audited) Lm'000 | 31 July 2003 (unaudited) Lm'000 | 31 January 2003 (audited) Lm'000 |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Fixed assets | 17,970 | 18,709 | 16,866 | 17,362 |
| Current assets | 16,217 | 13,387 | 14,349 | 11,679 |
| Total assets | 34,187 | 32,096 | 31,215 | 29,041 |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Capital and reserves | 12,840 | 12,538 | 13,579 | 13,330 |
| Minority interest | 306 | 342 | - | - |
| | 13,146 | 12,880 | 13,579 | 13,330 |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 916 | 1,128 | 1,375 | 1,515 |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due | | | | |
| after more than one year | 9,891 | 11,121 | 9,737 | 10,026 |
| within one year | 10,234 | 6,967 | 6,524 | 4,170 |
| Total creditors | 20,125 | 18,088 | 16,261 | 14,196 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 34,187 | 32,096 | 31,215 | 29,041 |

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Six months ended 31 July 2003

| | Share capital Lm'000 | Share premium Lm'000 | Other reserves Lm'000 | Profit and loss account Lm'000 | Total Lm'000 |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| GROUP | | | | | |
| Balance at 1 February 2002 | 6,000 | 110 | 2,280 | 5,670 | 14,060 |
| Profit for the six months ended 31 July 2002 | - | - | - | 618 | 618 |
| Dividends | - | - | - | (400) | (400) |
| Balance at 31 July 2002 | 6,000 | 110 | 2,280 | 5,888 | 14,278 |
| Balance at 1 February 2003 | 3,214 | 892 | 4,284 | 4,148 | 12,538 |
| Profit for the six months ended 31 July 2003 | - | - | - | 762 | 762 |
| Dividends | - | - | - | (460) | (460) |
| Balance at 31 July 2003 | 3,214 | 892 | 4,284 | 4,450 | 12,840 |
| COMPANY | | | | | |
| Balance at 1 February 2002 | 6,000 | 110 | 2,280 | 6,622 | 15,012 |
| Profit for the six months ended 31 July 2002 | - | - | - | 620 | 620 |
| Dividends | - | - | - | (400) | (400) |
| Balance at 31 July 2002 | 6,000 | 110 | 2,280 | 6,842 | 15,232 |
| Balance at 1 February 2003 | 3,214 | 892 | 4,284 | 4,940 | 13,330 |
| Profit for the six months ended 31 July 2003 | - | - | - | 709 | 709 |
| Dividends | - | - | - | (460) | (460) |
| Balance at 31 July 2003 | 3,214 | 892 | 4,284 | 5,189 | 13,579 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS

Six months ended 31 July 2003

| | Group | | Company | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 31 July 2003 (unaudited) Lm'000 | 31 July 2002 (unaudited) Lm'000 | 31 July 2003 (unaudited) Lm'000 | 31 July 2002 (unaudited) Lm'000 |
| Net cash from operating activities | 1,225 | 1,307 | 591 | 908 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (619) | (1,136) | (545) | (1,197) |
| Net cash (outflows)/inflows from financing activities | (1,844) | (182) | (752) | 293 |
| Movement in cash and cash equivalents | (1,238) | (11) | (706) | 4 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | (1,637) | (4,048) | (401) | (2,661) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | (2,875) | (4,059) | (1,107) | (2,657) |

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. This report is being published in terms of Section 6.05.06 (i) of the bye-laws of the Malta Stock Exchange.
2. The financial information being published has been extracted from the Simonds Farsons Cisk Group's unaudited interim financial statements for the six-month period ended 31 July 2003. The comparative amounts reflect the position of the Company and of the Group as included in the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2003 and the results for the six-month period ended 31 July 2002.
3. These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 'Interim Financial Reporting', and are consistent with the accounting policies used in the preparation of the 2003 audited financial statements.
4. The Group's operations consist of the brewing, production and sale of beer and branded beverages, the importation and sale of 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 as follows:

| | Group | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 31 July 2003 | 31 July 2002 |
| | Lm'000 | Lm'000 |
| Turnover | | |
| Brewing, production and sale of beer and branded beverages | 8,570 | 8,478 |
| Importation and sale of beverages | 2,436 | 2,368 |
| Operation of food retailing establishments | 1,625 | 1,375 |
| Property management | 142 | 137 |
| | 12,773 | 12,358 |
| Operating profit | | |
| Brewing, production and sale of beer and branded beverages | 998 | 912 |
| Importation and sale of beverages | 172 | 145 |
| Operation of food retailing establishments | (53) | (107) |
| Property management | 51 | 102 |
| | 1,168 | 1,052 |

5. Earnings per share is based on the profit after tax attributable to the ordinary shareholders of Simonds Farsons Cisk plc divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period and ranking for dividend.