FARSONS GROUP
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SIMONDS FARSONS CISK plc

INTERIM REPORT 2011

Six months ended 31 July 2011

Interim Directors' Report

Trading Performance

The board of directors hereby submits the group's interim results for the six months ended 31 July 2011.

Group turnover increased marginally by 3% to reach €36 million (2010: €35 million). The operating profit of the group improved by 13% while the group profit after tax for the period increased from €2.2 million to €2.6 million, representing a significant increase of 21%.

These improved results were largely attributable to:

• Stable sales performance of locally manufactured beverages within both the local and export markets;

• Improved results of the importation segment as a result of increased volumes and the divestment of loss making operations;

• Improved performance in the property segment as a result of the non-recurrence of an impairment of assets;

• Continuous effort to contain overheads and rightsize operations; and

• Improved results in the franchised food business.

The board of directors is satisfied that the group's performance is now well adjusted to the very competitive environment. The immediate outlook for the forthcoming months is dependent on international economic circumstances. In particular there are indications of inflationary pressures in commodity prices. Nevertheless, the board of directors remains determined that innovation and export growth along with further improvement in cost management, will continue to sustain the business model going forward.

Dividends

During the period under review, the company paid to the ordinary shareholders a final dividend, out of tax exempt profits, of €1.6 million on 24 June 2011 in respect of the financial year ending 31 January 2011.

The board of directors is recommending a net interim dividend of €400,000 in respect of the financial year ending 31 January 2012, payable on 21 October 2011 to the ordinary shareholders who will be on the register of members of the company on 7 October 2011. The interim dividend will be paid out of tax exempt profits and is equivalent to €0.0133 per share.

By order of the board

28 September 2011

Statement pursuant to Listing Rule 5.75.3 issued by the Listing Authority

I hereby 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 2011, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the period then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU applicable to interim financial reporting (IAS 34) and;

• the Interim Directors' Report includes a fair review of the information required in terms of Listing Rules 5.81 to 5.84.

Louis Farrugia

Louis A. Farrugia - Chairman
28 September 2011

Condensed Consolidated Income Statement Six months ended 31 July 2011

	Group 31 July 2011 (unaudited) €'000	Group 31 July 2010 (unaudited) €'000
Continuing operations:		
Revenue	**36,073**	35,081
Gross profit	**13,601**	13,494
Operating profit	**3,565**	3,164
Finance costs	**(784)**	(850)
Profit before tax	**2,781**	2,314
Tax expense	**(175)**	(157)
Profit for the period	**2,606**	2,157
Earnings per share	**€0.087**	€0.072

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 31 July 2011

	Group 31 July 2011 (unaudited) €'000	Group 31 January 2011 (audited) €'000
Assets		
Non-current assets	**118,354**	116,751
Current assets	**31,425**	28,221
Total assets	**149,779**	144,972
Equity and Liabilities		
Capital and reserves attributable to owners of the company	**86,766**	85,760
Non-current liabilities	**39,434**	36,744
Current liabilities	**23,579**	22,468
Total liabilities	**63,013**	59,212
Total equity and liabilities	**149,779**	144,972

Condensed Statement of Changes in Equity Six months ended 31 July 2011

	Attributable to equity shareholders: Share capital €'000	Revaluation and other reserves €'000	Retained earnings €'000	Total equity €'000
Group				
Period ended 31 July 2010				
Balance at 1 February 2010	9,000	59,058	15,858	83,916
Profit for the six months ended 31 July 2010	-	-	2,157	2,157
Dividends	-	-	(1,500)	(1,500)
Balance at 31 July 2010	**9,000**	**59,058**	**16,515**	**84,573**
Period ended 31 July 2011				
Balance at 1 February 2011	9,000	58,421	18,339	85,760
Profit for the six months ended 31 July 2011	-	-	2,606	2,606
Dividends	-	-	(1,600)	(1,600)
Balance at 31 July 2011	**9,000**	**58,421**	**19,345**	**86,766**

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flow Six months ended 31 July 2011

	Group 31 July 2011 (unaudited) €'000	Group 31 July 2010 (unaudited) €'000
Net cash from operating activities	**4,471**	6,849
Net cash used in investing activities	**(3,423)**	(1,644)
Net cash from/(used in) in financing activities	**974**	(35)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	**2,022**	5,170
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	**(3,584)**	(6,940)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	**(1,562)**	(1,770)

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

1. This report is being published pursuant to the terms of Chapter 5 of the Listing Rules issued by the Listing Authority 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 2011, prepared in accordance with accounting standards adopted for use in the European Union for reported interim financial information (IAS 34 - Interim Financial Reporting). In terms of Listing Rule 5.75.5, this interim report has not been audited by the group's independent auditors.

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 2011.

4. During the period under review, the company continued with the development of the new brewhouse. Out of the €14 million project specific authorised expenditure, the group had contracted capital commitments totalling €11.9 million as at 31 July 2011.

5. The group's operations consist of the brewing, production and sale of beer and branded beverages, the importation, wholesale and retail 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 €'000	Importation, wholesale & retail of food & beverages, including wines & spirits €'000	Operation of franchised food retailing establishments €'000	Property management €'000	Group €'000
Period ended 31 July 2011					
Turnover	22,250	11,415	4,774	452	**38,891**
Less: inter-divisional sales	(726)	(1,792)	-	(300)	**(2,818)**
	21,524	9,623	4,774	152	**36,073**
Segment results	3,150	1,002	232	37	**4,421**
Unallocated costs					**(856)**
Operating profit					**3,565**
Period ended 31 July 2010					
Turnover	21,880	10,860	4,583	429	**37,752**
Less: inter-divisional sales	(499)	(1,877)	-	(295)	**(2,671)**
	21,381	8,983	4,583	134	**35,081**
Segment result	3,102	948	96	(257)	**3,889**
Unallocated costs					**(725)**
Operating profit					**3,164**

6. 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.

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