Report and Financial Statements

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

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- H. Friel
- D. Cregan
- B. Mehigan

SECRETARY

B. Durran

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AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP Bristol

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the 15 month period ended 31 December 2004.

Principal Activities and Business Review

The company's principal activities are the blending and supply of spices, seasonings and food ingredient products. The directors are satisfied with the results for the period and expect to see further progress in the future.

Results and Dividends

The results for the period are shown on page 8. The company's profit for the period after taxation amounted to £24,515 (2003: Loss £68,968). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2003: nil).

The Directors and their Interests

The present membership of the Board is set out on page 2 of these financial statements. The following changes to the directors and secretary occurred during the period.

- M. Hilditch, A. Hilditch resigned as directors on 30 January 2004.
- B. Hilditch resigned as secretary on 30 January 2004.
- P. Doyle was appointed as director and secretary on 30 January 2004.
- G Russell, D. Gill and P. Gregory were appointed directors on 14 April 2004.
- H. Friel, B. Mehigan and D. Cregan were appointed as directors on 30 June 2004.
- P. Doyle resigned as secretary and B. Durran was appointed as secretary on 30 June 2004.
- P. Doyle, G. Russell, D Gill, D. Handley and P. Gregory retired as directors on 19 May 2005.

The current directors held no interest in the shares of the company or of any group company other than the ultimate parent company as at 31 December 2004 and 31 December 2003.

According to the register of directors' interests, no rights to subscribe for shares or debentures of the company were granted to or exercised by the directors or their immediate family during the period.

The interests of the current directors of the company in the share capital of Kerry Group Plc, the ultimate holding company at 31 December 2004 are disclosed within the financial statements of that company.

Auditors

Blueprint Audit Limited resigned as auditors and were replaced by Deloitte & Touche LLP during the period. A resolution to reappoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

B. Mehigan, Director 24 October 2005

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and the profit or loss of the company for that year.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for the system of internal control, safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AR PARKIN LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of AR Parkin Limited for the period ended 31 December 2004 which comprise the Statement of accounting policies, the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 24. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report for the above period and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2004 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Deloitte Monda LLP

Bristol

28 October 2005

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are denominated in Sterling.

Turnover

Turnover represents the value of sales to customers net of discounts, allowances, volume and promotional rebates, other payments to customers and excludes vat.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation on the fixed assets is calculated so as to provide for their cost less estimated residual value over the period of their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Leasehold Property 2% straight line

Plant, Machinery and Equipment 25% reducing balance (2004 Additions – 10% straight line)

Motor Vehicles 25% reducing balance Fixtures & Fittings 12.5% straight line

The carrying value of tangible fixed assets is reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the net book value may not be recoverable.

Stocks

Stocks are valued on the first in, first out basis, at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value. Cost includes all expenditure which has been incurred in the normal course of business in bringing the products to their present location and condition. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price of stock on hand less all further costs to completion and all costs expected to be incurred in marketing, distribution and selling.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is accounted for on a full provision basis. All timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date are provided, except as otherwise required by FRS 19. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is not discounted.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Pensions

The company makes contributions into the personal pension plans for two employees. Amounts are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable.

Foreign currency

Transactions carried out in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction or the relevant contracted rate.

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at contract rates where amounts payable or receivable are covered by forward contracts. All other amounts payable and receivable are translated at the rate ruling at the balance sheet date.

All exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the profit on ordinary activities before taxation.

Leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account in equal amounts over the lease term.

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated in accordance with the above depreciation policies. Further instalments under such finance leases, net of finance charges, are included in creditors.

Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

		Period from 1 Oct 2003 to 31 Dec 2004	Period from 1 Oct 2002 to 30 Sept 2003
	Note	£	£
Turnover			
Continuing operations	1	4,454,846	3,168,867
Operating profit / (loss)	4	107,410	(40,568)
Interest receivable and similar income	6	502	267
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(11,556)	(6,311)
Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		96,356	(46,612)
Tax on ordinary activities	8	(71,841)	(22,356)
Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities after taxation		24,515	(68,968)
Retained profit at beginning of year		152,289	221,257
Retained profit at end of year	18	176,804	152,289

Results for the current and the preceding financial period are derived from continuing operations.

There are no material differences between the results reported and those prepared on a historical cost basis.

There were no gains or losses other than those recognised in the profit and loss account therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	31 Dec 2004 £	30 Sept 2003 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	264,007	195,402
	-	264,007	195,402
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	226,471	219,371
Debtors	11	547,783	507,484
Cash at bank and in hand		-	105,081
	-	774,254	831,936
CREDITORS:			
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(818,398)	(832,848)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	(44,144)	(912)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		219,863	194,490
CREDITORS:			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(28,430)	(19,475)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	15	(4,162)	-
Deferred Income	16	(7,367)	(19,626)
NET ASSETS	=	179,904	155,389
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	17	1,581	1,581
Capital reserves	18	1,519	1,519
Profit and loss account	18	176,804	152,289
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS	- 19	179,904	155,389

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 October 2005 and signed on its behalf by:

B. Mehigan, Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

1. TURNOVER

Turnover comprises amounts invoiced (excluding value added tax) in the UK for sales and services.

	Period from 1 Oct 2003 to 31 Dec 2004	Period from 1 Oct 2002 to 30 Sept 2003 £
PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES		
Food ingredients products	4,454,846	3,168,867
GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS		
Ireland (including Northern Ireland) Great Britain and Rest of Europe	764,512 3,690,334	543,821 2,625,046
	4,454,846	3,168,867
2. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS		
The average number of persons employed by the company was as set out below:	Period from 1 Oct 2003 to 31 Dec 2004 No.	Period from 1 Oct 2002 to 30 Sept 2003 No.
Administration Production Sales	6 24 3	5 22 2
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows: Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs (note 21)	£ 904,322 94,289 5,333 1,003,944	£ 445,920 41,866 3,020 490,806
3. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS		
The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:	Period from 1 Oct 2003 to 31 Dec 2004 £	Period from 1 Oct 2002 to 30 Sept 2003 £
Emoluments receiveable	177,125	·

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004 (continued)

4. OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS)	Period from 1 Oct 2003 to 31 Dec 2004	Period from 1 Oct 2002 to 30 Sept 2003 £
Turnover	4,454,846	3,168,867
Less operating costs:		
Change in stocks of finished goods and work in progress Raw materials and consumables Other external charges Staff costs (note 2) Depreciation - Assets held under Finance Lease Depreciation - Other Assets Grant Amortisation (note 16) Other operating charges Operating profit before amortisation and exceptionals Operating exceptional item (note 5)	(7,100) 2,505,228 676,050 1,003,944 38,045 33,594 (12,259) 109,934	(58,158) 1,798,481 664,880 490,806 21,533 35,459 (9,808) 59,525 166,149 (206,717)
Operating profit / (loss)	107,410	(40,568)
Operating profit / (loss) is stated after charging: Auditors' remuneration - audit services	5,500	3,200
Auditors' remuneration - other services Operating lease rentals - plant and machinery Operating lease rentals - other	1,000 7,022 <u>37,778</u>	5,011 29,977

5. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

The operating exceptional item of £206,717 in the period to 30 September 2003 related to the waiving of an amount due to the company from ABM Enterprises Limited.

6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME	RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME Period from 1 Oct 2003 to	
	31 Dec 2004	1 Oct 2002 to 30 Sept 2003
	£	£
Other interest receivable and similar income	502	267

AR PARKIN LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004 (continued)

7. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	Period from 1 Oct 2003 to 31 Dec 2004 £	Period from 1 Oct 2002 to 30 Sept 2003 £
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	3,189	37
Finance lease interest	8,367	6,274
Net interest payable	11,556	6,311
8. TAXATION	Period from	Period from
	1 Oct 2003 to	1 Oct 2002 to
	31 Dec 2004	30 Sept 2003
	£	£
United Kingdom corporation tax at 30%	67,679	22,356
Deferred tax on ordinary activities (note 15)	4,162	
Tax charge for the year	71,841	22,356
Factors affecting current taxation charge for the year		
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	96,356	(46,612)
Standard rate of tax in the United Kingdom	30.0%	30.0%
Capital allowances greater than depreciation	(4.4%)	-
Items not deductible for tax purposes	44.6%	(78.0%)
Current taxation	70.2%	(48.0%)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004 (continued)

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	Leasehold Property £	Plant, Macinery Equipment and Fixt. & Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Beginning of period	89,712	492,269	49,949	631,930
Additions	-	143,594	-	143,594
Disposals		<u> </u>	(30,555)	(30,555)
End of period	89,712	635,863	19,394	744,969
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
Beginning of period	87,688	314,059	34,781	436,528
Charge during period	2,024	66,165	3,450	71,639
Disposals	· <u>-</u>	· -	(27,205)	(27,205)
End of period	89,712	380,224	11,026	480,962
NET BOOK VALUE				
End of period		255,639	8,368	264,007
Beginning of period	2,024	178,210	15,168	195,402

The net book value of assets held under finance leases as at 31 December 2004 is £90,928 (2003: Nil)

10	STOCKS

	31 Dec 2004 £	30 Sept 2003 £
Finished goods	226,471	219,371
	226,471	219,371

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004 (continued)

11. DEBTORS	31 Dec 2004 £	30 Sept 2003 £
Trade debtors	492,415	461,300
Other debtors and prepayments	55,368 547,783	46,184 507,484
12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31 Dec 2004 £	30 Sept 2003 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	378,549	7,486
Obligations under finance leases	32,176	35,666
Trade creditors	296,348	423,075
Taxation and social security	95,652	45,733
Other creditors	-	320,888
Accruals	15,673	-
	818,398	832,848
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN	ONE YEAR	
	31 Dec 2004	30 Sept 2003
	£	£
Obligations under finance leases (due within two to five years)	28,430	19,475
	28,430	19,475

Finance lease creditors are secured on the assets concerned.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004 (continued)

14. BORROWINGS	31 Dec 2004 £	30 Sept 2003 £
Amounts falling due:	-	~
In one year or less or on demand Included in amounts falling due within one year:	410,725 (410,725)	43,152 (43,152)
15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	31 Dec 2004 £	30 Sept 2003 £
Deferred tax		
At beginning of period Provided in the period - ordinary activities (note 8) At end of year	4,162 4,162	(21,509) 21,509
The deferred tax provision consists of the following amounts:		
Accelerated capital allowances Deferred tax provision at end of year	4,162 4,162	
16. DEFERRED INCOME		
Deferred grant	31 Dec 2004 £	30 Sept 2003 £
At beginning of period Released to Profit & Loss Account At end of period	19,626 (12,259) 7,367	29,434 (9,808) 19,626
17. SHARE CAPITAL		
	31 Dec 2004 £	30 Sept 2003 £
Authorised 3,500 ordinary shares of £1 each	3,500	3,500
Allotted, issued and fully paid: 1,581 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,581	1,581

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004 (continued)

18. RESERVES

		Profit and	it and	
	Capital Reserves £	Loss Account £	Total £	
At 1 October 2003	1,519	152,289	153,808	
Retained profit for the period		24,515	24,515	
At 31 December 2004	1,519	176,804	178,323	

19. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

	31 Dec 2004	30 Sept 2003
	£	£
At beginning of period	155,389	224,357
Retained profit / (loss) for the financial period	24,515	(68,968)
At end of period	179,904	155,389

20. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At the balance sheet date the company had annual commitments under non cancellable operating leases which expire as follows:

	Land and Buildings 31 Dec 2004 £	Other 31 Dec 2004 £	Land and Buildings 30 Sept 2003 £	Other 30 Sept 2003 £
Within two to five years	-	34,707	-	25,632
After five years	-	-	133,500	-
·		34,707	133,500	25,632

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21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company makes contributions into the personal pension plans of two employees. Amounts are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable.

22. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

A cash flow statement has not been prepared for the company as its ultimate parent company, Kerry Group plc, has prepared a consolidated cash flow statement dealing with the cash flows of the Group.

23. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Kerry Group plc, has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 from the requirement to disclose related party transactions within the group.

24. PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

In the opinion of the directors, the company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Kerry Group plc, a company incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. The parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group which includes the company and for which group financial statements are prepared is Kerry Group plc. Copies of these financial statements can be obtained from Prince's Street, Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland.