# ALLIED DOMECQ EUROPEAN INVESTMENTS LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

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# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007

### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of an intermediate finance company within the Pernod Ricard S A group

The Directors do not consider there to be any Key Performance Indicators applicable, as the entity is simply an intermediate group finance company

The directors believe that the results disclosed for the period are in line with their expectations. They have also considered the future developments of the company, and no significant fluctuations are expected when compared to the actual results disclosed in the Profit and Loss account for the current year.

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4

The directors did not declare any dividends for the year ended 30 June 2007 (Period ended 30 June 2006 £nil)

#### **Directors**

The following directors have held office since 1 July 2006

I Fitzsimons

(Resigned 1 September 2006)

S Macnab

(Appointed 1 September 2006)

A Schofield

#### **Auditors**

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Mazars LLP be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

#### Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

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 and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditor

(a) so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and

(b) they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

On behalf of the board

A Schofield Director

29 November 2007

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALLIED DOMECQ EUROPEAN INVESTMENTS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Allied Domecq European Investments Limited for the year to 30 June 2007 comprising the Profit & Loss Account, Balance Sheet and related notes numbered 1-11 These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

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 or assume 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 the directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, whether the financial statements are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and whether the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements. We also report to you if, in our opinion, 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 and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatement

# Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2007 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

Mazars LLP
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors

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29 November 2007 90 St Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5UB

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	Notes	Year ended 30 June 2007 £'000	10 month Period ended 30 June 2006 £'000
Administrative expenses		(5,042)	(2,038)
Operating loss	2	(5,042)	(2,038)
Interest receivable and similar income	3	18,346	13,876
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		13,304	11,838
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4		
Profit for the year	7	13,304	11,838

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account.

Accordingly, no Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is presented.

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2007

		30 June	30 June
		2007	2006
	Notes	£'000	£:000
Current assets			
Debtors	5	354,472	341,168
Total assets less current liabili	ities	354,472	341,168
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	6	236,778	236,778
Share premium account	7	31,835	31,835
Profit and loss account	7	85,859	72,555
Shareholders' funds	8	354,472	341,168

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 29 November 2007 and signed on their behalf by

A Schofield **Director** 

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

#### 1 Accounting policies

### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the applicable accounting standards

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a subsidiary undertaking where 90 percent or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group

#### 1.2 Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at future dates, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements

Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets where there is no commitment to sell the asset, or on unremitted earnings of subsidiaries and associates where there is no commitment to remit these earnings

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

## 1.3 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to profit and loss account.

#### 14 Current taxation

Corporation tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted by the balance sheet date

2	Operating loss		10 month
		Year	Period
		ended	ended
		30 June	30 June
		2007	2006
		£'000	£'000
	Operating loss is stated after charging		
	Loss on foreign exchange transactions	5,042	2,038

The audit fee for the current year (and prior period) has been borne by another group company

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

Interest receivable and similar income	Year ended 30 June 2007 £'000	10 month Period ended 30 June 2006 £'000
Interest receivable from fellow subsidiary undertakings	18,346	13,876
Taxation	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Current tax charge	<u>.</u>	-
Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	13,304	11,838
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 30 00% (2006 - 30 00%)	3,991	3,551
Effects of		
Group relief claimed for nil consideration	(3,991)	(3,551)
	(3,991)	(3,551)
Current tax charge	_	
The tax charge in the year has been reduced by £3,991,000 (2006 £3,551,000 claimed from group undertakings for nil consideration	)) in respect of	group relief
Debtors	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Amounts owed by parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	354,472	341,168
	Interest receivable from fellow subsidiary undertakings  Taxation  Current tax charge  Factors affecting the tax charge for the year Profit on ordinary activities before taxation  Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 30 00% (2006 - 30 00%)  Effects of Group relief claimed for nil consideration  Current tax charge  The tax charge in the year has been reduced by £3,991,000 (2006 £3,551,000 claimed from group undertakings for nil consideration  Debtors	Interest receivable from fellow subsidiary undertakings  Interest receivable from fellow subsidiary undertakings  It is, 346  Taxation  Current tax charge  Current tax charge  Factors affecting the tax charge for the year  Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 30 00% (2006 - 30 00%)  Effects of Group relief claimed for nil consideration  Current tax charge  Current tax charge  The tax charge in the year has been reduced by £3,991,000 (2006 £3,551,000) in respect of claimed from group undertakings for nil consideration  Debtors  2007 £:000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

6	Share capital	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
	Authorised	£ GGG	£ 000
	240,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	240,000	240,000 ———
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	236,777,800 Ordinary shares of £1 each	236,778	236,778
7	Statement of movements on reserves		
		Share	Profit and
		premium	loss
		account £'000	account £'000
	Balance at 1 July 2006	31,835	72,555
	Profit for the year	-	13,304
	Balance at 30 June 2007	31,835	85,859
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8	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2007	2006
		£'000	£'000
	Profit for the financial year	13,304	11,838
	Opening shareholders' funds	341,168	329,330
	Closing shareholders' funds	354,472	341,168

## 9 Employees

## **Number of employees**

There were no employees during the year apart from the directors (period ended 30 June 2006 nil)

The directors received no remuneration during the year (period to 30 June 2006 £nil)

## 10 Control

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Pernod Ricard S.A., a Company incorporated in France Copies of its annual report may be obtained from 12 Place Des Etats-Unis, 75783 Paris, Cedex 16, France

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

## 11 Related party transactions

The Company is included in the consolidated financial statements of Pernod Ricard S A, which are publicly available. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard No 8 from disclosing transactions with entities that are part of the Pernod Ricard S A group.