# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007 FOR ALIVINI (NORTH) LIMITED

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# COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

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# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 2007

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of the sale of wines and provisions

#### REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements

#### **DIVIDENDS**

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 30 June 2007

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 July 2006 to the date of this report

A Pirozzi

S D Bridgeman

J D N Pires

C J Dos Santos

G Segatta

#### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The company uses various financial instruments including cash, loans and various items, such as trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from its operations. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the group's operations.

The existence of these financial instruments exposes the company to a number of financial risks, which are described in more detail below

The main risks arising from the company's financial instruments are market risk, cash flow interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The directors review and agree policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged from previous years.

#### LIQUIDITY RISK

The company seeks to manage financial risk by ensuring sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs Short-term flexibility is achieved by invoice discounting and overdraft facilities

The maturity of borrowings is set out in the notes to the financial statements. In addition to these borrowings the company receives financial support as necessary from other group companies.

#### CASH FLOW INTEREST RATE RISK

The company finances its operations through a mixture of retained profits, group bank borrowings and unsecured loans All of the group's borrowings are at variable rates of interest. The company manages its exposure to interest rate fluctuations by seeking to minimise short term borrowings through the use of its group overdraft and invoice discounting facilities.

#### **CREDIT RISK**

The company's principal financial assets are cash deposits and trade debtors. The principal credit risk arises from its trade debtors. In order to manage credit risk the directors set limits for customers based on a combination of payment history and third party credit references. Credit limits are reviewed by the credit controller on a regular basis in conjunction with debt ageing and collection history.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the directors have elected to prepare financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year 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 United Kingdom 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 to operate

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 and safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 234ZA of the Companies Act 1985 of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

#### AUDITORS

Grant Thornton UK LLP offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

S D Bridgeman - Secretary

Date 11th July 2008

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF **ALIVINI (NORTH) LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Alivini (North) Limited for the year ended 30 June 2007 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and notes 1 to 19 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 directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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 and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors 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 other transactions is not disclosed

We read other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Directors' Report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information

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 Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements

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**NW12EP** 

Date 11th July 2008

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

	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
TURNOVER		6,068,923	5,703,129
Cost of sales		4,678,583	4,399,185
GROSS PROFIT		1,390,340	1,303,944
Administrative expenses		<u>1,319,976</u>	1,280,593
OPERATING PROFIT	3	70,364	23,351
Interest payable and similar charges	4	7,936	5,536
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		62,428	17,815
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	6,250	
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		<u>56,178</u>	17,815

#### **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year

#### **TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES**

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current year or previous year

#### BALANCE SHEET 30 JUNE 2007

	-	2007		2006	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	6		138,134		112,755
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7 8	591,020 1,253,585 10,286		559,766 1,118,439 13,054	
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	9	1,854,891 2,306,964		1,691,259 2,171,897	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(452,073)		(480,638)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			(313,939)		(367,883)
CREDITORS  Amounts falling due after more than year	one 10		35,820		38,054
NET LIABILITIES			(349,759)		<u>(405,937</u> )
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital	13 14		751 (350,510)		751 (406,68 <u>8</u> )
Profit and loss account  SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	18		(349,759)		(405,937)

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008 and were signed on its behalf by

S D Bridgeman - Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

		200	7	2006	3
A	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	1		(1,492)		90,962
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2		(7,936)		(5,536)
Capital expenditure	2		(9,910)		(12,007)
			(19,338)		73,419
Financing	2		(58,074)		(36,974)
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the	period		<u>(77,412)</u>		36,445

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	3	
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the period Cash outflow	(77,412)	36,445
from decrease in debt and lease financing	58,074	36,974
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows New finance leases	(19,338) <u>(71,119</u> )	73,419 <u>(74,890</u> )
Movement in net debt in the period Net debt at 1 July	(90,457) (727,021)	(1,471) <u>(725,550</u> )
Net debt at 30 June	<u>(817,478)</u>	<u>(727,021</u> )

## NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

1	RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT T	O NET CASE	i (OUTFLOW)/IN	IFLOW FROM	OPERATING
				2007	2006
	Outside modifi			£ 70,364	£ 23,351
	Operating profit Depreciation charges			60,148	51,568
	Profit on disposal of fixed assets			(4,498)	(2,548)
	Increase / (decrease) in group creditors			29,303 (31,254)	(85,772) (47,712)
	Increase in stocks (Increase)/Decrease in debtors			(135,146)	127,105
	Increase in creditors			9,591	24,970
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activity	ies		(1,492)	90,962
2	ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS N	IETTED IN TH	E CASH FLOW S	STATEMENT	
				2007	2006
				£	£
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance	ce		_	(170)
	Interest paid Interest element of hire purchase payments			(7,936)	(5,36 <u>6</u> )
					<u></u>
	Net cash outflow for returns on investments ar	nd servicing o	f finance	<u>(7,936</u> )	<u>(5,536</u> )
	Capital expenditure				
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets			(14,410) 4 500	(14,557) 2,550
	Sale of tangible fixed assets			<u>4,500</u>	
	Net cash outflow for capital expenditure			<u>(9,910</u> )	<u>(12,007</u> )
	Financing				
	Capital repayments in year			<u>(58,074</u> )	<u>(36,974</u> )
	Net each cutflow from financing			(58,074)	(36,974)
	Net cash outflow from financing			(30,074)	(00,014)
3	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT			Other	
				non-cash	At
		At 1 7 06	Cash flow	changes	30 6 07
	Net cash	£	£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	13,054	(2,768)		10,286
	Bank overdraft	<u>(662,832</u> )	<u>(74,644</u> )		<u>(737,476</u> )
		(649,778)	(77,412)		(727,190)
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	Dala				
	Debt Hire purchase	(77,243)	58,074	<u>(71,119</u> )	(90,288)
	•	<del></del>	<del></del>	<del></del>	
		<u>(77,243</u> )	58,074	<u>(71,119</u> )	<u>(90,288</u> )
	Total	<u>(727,021)</u>	<u>(19,338</u> )	<u>(71,119</u> )	<u>(817,478</u> )

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

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

#### Turnove

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter

Short leasehold

- in accordance with the property

Plant and machinery

20% on cost
25% on cost

Motor vehicles
Furniture and equipment

- 20% on cost

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date

#### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

#### Financial instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments (including share capital) are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the balance sheet. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.

Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity.

#### 2 STAFF COSTS

	2007	2000
	£	£
Wages and salaries	676,222	649,284
Social security costs	67,063	64,640
	743,285	713,924

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

2	STAFF COSTS - continued		
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows	2007	2006
	Sales and distribution Administration excluding directors	24 6	24 6
		30	30
3	OPERATING PROFIT		
	The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting)		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Hire of plant and machinery Other operating leases	4,847 106,486	6,056 108,797
	Depreciation - owned assets Depreciation - assets on hire purchase contracts	53,265 6,883	23,316 28,252
	Profit on disposal of fixed assets Auditors' remuneration	(4,498) <u>5,500</u>	(2,548) 4,250
	Directors' emoluments	<u></u>	<del>-</del>
4	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Bank interest Interest on tax paid late	-	22 148
	Hire purchase	7,936	5,366
		<u>7,936</u>	5,536
5	TAXATION		
	Analysis of the tax charge		
	The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows	2007 £	2006 £
	Current tax UK corporation tax	6,250	
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6,250	
	UK corporation tax has been charged at 19 25%		

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

#### 5 **TAXATION - continued**

Factors	affecting	the tax	charge
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The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below

Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2007 £ 62,428	2006 £ <u>17,815</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2006 - 30%)	18,728	5,345
Effects of Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Depreciation less than capital allowances Losses for tax purposes offset Marginal relief and rounding	358 (2,647) (6,702) (3,487)	1,694 (5,266) (1,773)
Current tax charge	6,250	

#### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS** 6

ANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				Furniture	
	Short leasehold £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	and equipment £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 July 2006	19,176	37,137	433,075	8,922	498,310
Additions	-	4,056	81,473	-	85,529
Disposals	<del></del>	<del></del>	<u>(40,678</u> )	<del></del>	<u>(40,678</u> )
At 30 June 2007	19,176	_41,193	473,870	8,922	543,161
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 July 2006	19,176	30,062	333,651	2,666	385,555
Charge for year	-	2,512	55,850	1,786	60,148
Eliminated on disposal	<del></del>		<u>(40,676</u> )		<u>(40,676</u> )
At 30 June 2007	19,176	32,574	348,825	4,452	405,027
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30 June 2007		<u>8,619</u>	125,045	4,470	138,134
At 30 June 2006		7,075	99,424	6,256	112,755
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

6	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued		
	Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts	are as follows	Motor vehicles £
	COST At 1 July 2006 Additions		129,003 75,573
	At 30 June 2007		204,576
	DEPRECIATION At 1 July 2006 Charge for year		35,237 6,883
	At 30 June 2007		42,120
	NET BOOK VALUE At 30 June 2007		162,456
	At 30 June 2006		93,766
7	STOCKS	2007	2006
	Finished goods	£ 591,020	£ 559,766
8	DEBTORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2007	2006
	Trade debtors Prepayments and accrued income	£ 1,190,366 63,219	£ 1,085,732 32,707
		1,253,585	1,118,439
	Trade debtors include an amount of £1,248,576 (2006 - £1,043,474) which provides counting borrowings	de secunty in re	spect of invoice
9	CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2007	0000
	Invoice discounting borrowings (see note 11) Hire purchase contracts (see note 12) Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Tax Social security and other taxes Other creditors	2007 £ 737,476 54,468 43,693 1,281,429 6,250 132,958 464	2006 £ 662,832 39,189 38,853 1,252,126 - 127,711 464
	Accruals and deferred income	50,226 2,306,964	50,722 2,171,897

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

#### 9 CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR - continued

The bank overdraft and invoice discounting borrowings are secured by a fixed and floating charge over all the assets of the company and by cross guarantees between the company, Franciacorta Limited and Alivini Company Limited

The invoice discounting borrowings are also secured by the personal guarantees, limited to £35,000 each, of all of the directors of the company

10	CREDITORS AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	2007	2006
	Hire purchase contracts (see note 12)	£ 35,820	£ 38,054
11	LOANS		
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Amounts falling due within one year or on demand Invoice discounting borrowings	737,476	662,832
12	OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND LEASES	Hire	
		purch	ase
		contra 2007 £	2006 £
	Gross obligations repayable Within one year	60,889	44,819
	Between one and five years	39,776	42,403
		100,665	87,222
	Finance charges repayable		
	Within one year	6,421	5,630
	Between one and five years	3,956	4,349
		10,377	9,979
	Net obligations repayable		
	Within one year  Between one and five years	54,468 35,820	39,189 38,054
	Between one and live years		<u></u>
		90,288	77,243

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

#### 12 OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND LEASES - continued

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year

			Land and buildings		Other operating leases	
	Everena		2007 £	2006 £	2007 £	2006 £
	Expiring Between one and five years In more than five years		96,848 96,848	95,954 95,954		7,778 
13	CALLED UP S	HARE CAPITAL				
	Authonsed Number	Class		Nominal	2007	2006
	1,000	Ordinary		value £1	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
	Allotted, issued Number	I and fully paid Class Ordinary		Nominal value £1	2007 £ 751	2006 £ 751
14	RESERVES	,				Profit and loss account
	At 1 July 2006 Profit for the ye	ear				(406,688) 56,178
	At 30 June 200	7				(350,510)

#### 15 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is Franciacorta Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts have been drawn up, including the company, is that headed by Franciacorta Limited. Copies of the accounts of the parent company can be obtained from Munslows, 2nd Floor Manfield House, 1 Southampton Street, London, WC2R 0LR. The company is ultimately controlled by the directors of the parent company who are the same individuals as the directors of the company.

#### 16 **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The company has provided a cross guarantee in respect of invoice discounting borrowings granted to Alivini Company Limited The total borrowings under this facility by Alivini Company Limited were £2,251,566 (2006 £2,250,018)

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

#### 17 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

As a wholly-owned subsidiary of Franciacorta Limited, the company is exempt from the requirements of FRS 8 to disclose transactions with other members of the group headed by Franciacorta Limited on the grounds that accounts are publicly available from the Registered Office

18	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS
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	2007	2006
Profit for the financial year	£ 56,178	£ 17,815
Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	56,178 <u>(405,937</u> )	17,815 <u>(423,752</u> )
Closing shareholders' funds	(349,759)	(405,937)

#### 19 DEFERRED TAXATION

Potential amounts of deferred tax assets not provided at 30% are

	Unprovided Asset	
	2007	2006
	£	£
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	8,168	11,398
Unrelieved trading losses	-	6,702
Total unprovided deferred tax asset	£8,168	£18,100
	=====	======

The deferred tax asset will be recovered when there are suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted