

## **Zambeef Products plc**

("Zambeef" or the "Group")

## [INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA] COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 31824

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#### In accordance with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act No. 38, Zambeef Products PLC announces its results for the year ended 30 September 2013

|  | Audited   | Audited   | ABRIDGED GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION               | Audited   | Audited   |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|
| ABRIDGED GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME           | 2013      | 2012      | AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER   | 2013      | 2012      |
|  | K'000     | K'000     |  | K'000     | K'000     |
| Revenue  | 1,595,062 | 1,296,339 | ASSETS   |           |           |
| Gross Profit   | 552,781   | 445,816   | Goodwill   | 15,699    | 15,699    |
|  |           |           |  | 1,395,815 | 862,015   |
| Operating profit   | 79,116    | 61,255    | Plantation development expenditure                           | 51,357    | 36,459    |
| Finance costs  | (40,884)  | (26,810)  | Biological assets  | 125,686   | 126,112   |
| Profit before taxation                                     | 21,829    | 15,558    | Deferred tax assets  | 16,385    | 4,960     |
| Taxation (charge)/credit                                   | (5,794)   | (2,129)   | Inventories  | 473,093   | 505,256   |
| Group profit for the year                                  | 16,035    | 13,429    | Trading and other receivables                                | 61,787    | 63,432    |
| Other comprehensive income                                 | (7,993)   | (696)     | Amounts due from related companies                           | 1,810     | 2,337     |
| Total comprehensive income for the year                    | 8,042     | 12,733    | Income tax recoverable                                       | 1,535     | 220_      |
| ,  |           |           | Total assets   | 2,143,167 | 1,616,490 |
| Crown profit attributable to                               |           |           | EQUITY AND LIABILITIES                                       |           |           |
| Group profit attributable to: Equity holders of the parent | 13,766    | 14,583    | Capital and reserves   | 1,353,130 | 752,020   |
| Non-controlling interest                                   | 2,269     | ·         | Interest bearing liabilities                                 | 545,488   | 532,238   |
| Non-controlling interest                                   |           | (1,154)   | Obligation under financial lease                             | 17,636    | 23,864    |
|  | 16,035    | 13,429    | Deferred liability   | 6,793     | 7,737     |
|  |           |           | Deferred tax liability                                       | 15,257    | 7,347     |
| Other comprehensive income:                                |           |           | Trade and other payables                                     | 155,398   | 192,190   |
| Exchange losses on translating presentational currency     | (7,993)   | (696)     | Amounts to from related companies                            | 1,573     | 409       |
| Total comprehensive income for the year                    | 8,042     | 12,733    | Taxation payable   | 3,676     | 2,133     |
|  |           |           | Cash and cash equivalents                                    | 44,216    | 98,552    |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to:                |           |           | Total equity and liabilities                                 | 2,143,167 | 1,616,490 |
| Equity holders of the parent                               | 8,262     | 13,993    | =  |           |           |
| Non-controlling interest                                   | (220)     | (1,260)   |  | Audited   | Audited   |
|  | 8,042     | 12,733    | ABRIDGED GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW                        | 2013      | 2012      |
|  |           |           |  | K'000     | K'000     |
| Number of shares in issue (million)                        | 247.98    | 247.98    | Net cash inflow/(outflow) from/on operating activities       | 108,707   | (159,939) |
| Earnings Per Share   | 217.50    | 217.50    | Net cash inflow/(outflow) on investing activities            | 3,132     | (131,365) |
| Basic and diluted Earnings Per Share                       | 0.0555    | 0.0588    | Net Cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities          | (33,862)  | 289,272   |
| Sacro and anated Editings For Share                        | 0.0555    | 0.0300    | Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents             | 77,977    | (2,032)   |
|  |           |           | Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year       | (98,553)  | (71,781)  |
|  |           |           | Effects of exchange gains on balances held foreign currencie |           | (24,739)  |
|  |           |           | Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year             | (44,216)  | (98,552)  |
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#### **Operational Highlights**

- Both sales and profitability impacted by the concerns surrounding imported beef products (which
  resulted in sales being approximately ZMW41.4 million lower than expected, and one-off cost of
  ZMW7.4 million relating to the beef stock write off); ZMW12.7 million relating to the increase in finance
  costs, ZMW21.2 million due to lower wheat prices and ZMW15.9 million of currency costs
- Increase in the Group's overhead expenditure, impacted by the removal of the Zambian fuel subsidy together with higher labour costs due to an increase in the statutory minimum wage
- Despite the above challenges, it was encouraging to see the business return to cash generation
- In our key divisions, strongest gross profit growth seen in cropping (up 49 per cent.), edible oils (up 105 per cent.) and stock feed (up 21 per cent.)
- Continuation of the upgrading of Zambeef's retail outlets, with 20 being refurbished during FY 2013
- Crushing resumed at Zamanita's refurbished plant, with an increased annual capacity of 100,000 M.T.
- Crop yields continued to improve across Zambeef's farms, led by Mpongwe
- Joint venture arrangements put in place with Rainbow to facilitate future expansion of the Group's poultry operations.

Commenting on the results, Chairman Dr. Jacob Mwanza, said:

"2013 was a challenging year for Zambeef as the Group sought to respond to, and address the consequences arising from concerns surrounding imported beef products together with upward pressure on general overhead expenditure. Notwithstanding these challenges, it is heartening to see revenues continue to increase at the same time as the directors prepare the business for future growth across a number of divisions. A key financial highlight this year has been to return the business to positive cash generation, which is in line with the strategy set out when Zambeef listed on the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange in June 2011. The focus on managing controllable costs continues to drive efficiency savings where possible, leaving the business well positioned to target future bottom line growth."

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