



Zambeef Products plc
("Zambeef" or the "Group")

INCORPORATED IN THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA; COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER:31824; SHARE CODE: ZAMBEEF; ISIN: ZM0000000201

In accordance with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act No. 38, Zambeef Products PLC announces its unaudited results for the six months ended 31 March 2015.

ABRIDGED GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	Total Group	Zamanita	IFRS 5	Unaudited
	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited	Unaudited
	Mar-15	Mar-15	Mar-15	Mar-14
	K'000	K'000	K'000	K'000
Revenue	844,078	184,267	659,811	789,496
Gross Profit	323,482	35,243	288,239	258,148
Operating profit				15,204
Exchange Gains/(loss) on translating foreign currency transaction and balances	(51,581)	(2,419)	(49,162)	(29,498)
Finance costs	(30,054)	(3,337)	(26,717)	(22,508)
Profit/(loss) before taxation	(19,573)	4,918	(24,491)	(36,802)
Taxation (charge)/credit	(2,139)	1,702	(3,841)	(1,460)
Group profit/(loss) for the year from continued operations	(21,712)	6,620	(28,332)	(38,262)
Profit for the year from assets held for disposal			6,620	
Exchange gain/(loss) on translating presentational currency	22,587		22,587	8,848
Total comprehensive income	875		875	(29,414)
Group profit/(loss) attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent	(24,429)		(24,429)	(40,960)
Non-controlling interest	2,717		2,717	2,698
	(21,712)		(21,712)	(38,262)
Other comprehensive income/(loss):				
Exchange losses	22,587		22,587	8,848
Total comprehensive income	875		875	(29,414)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) to:				
Equity holders of the parent	(1,801)		(1,801)	(32,484)
Non-controlling interest	2,676		2,676	3,070
	875		875	(29,414)
Number of shares in issue (million)	247,978,195		247,978,195	247,978,195
Earnings Per Share (Ngwee)				
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share	(0.0985)		(0.0985)	(16.52)

Key Financial Highlights

Revenue (incl. Zamanita)	Up 6.9% to ZMW 844.1m	(2014: ZMW 789.5m)
Gross Profit	Up 25.3% to ZMW 323.5m	(2014: ZMW 258.1m)
EBITDA	Up 91.9% to ZMW 92.3m	(2014: ZMW 48.1m)
Adjusted Pre Tax Profit/Loss *	ZMW 0.8m* profit	(2014: ZMW 18.2m* loss)
Pre Tax Profit/Loss	ZMW 19.6m loss	(2014: ZMW 36.8m loss)
Net Cash Inflow Before Financing	ZMW 61.0m inflow; up 171%	(2014: ZMW 22.5m inflow)

* adjusted to exclude unrealised foreign exchange differences

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

"We are pleased to announce that the financial performance for the first half of 2015 is up on 2014. In addition, the completion of the Zamanita disposal on 1 June 2015 has allowed Zambeef to unlock value, capital gains and reduce gearing for the Group.

"Operating in some of the fastest growing parts of the world, where both populations are increasing and real incomes growing rapidly, Zambeef has a clear intention to be an important player in meeting this increased demand for food products. Our strong platform now enables Zambeef to focus on driving the core business, the retailing of cold chain meat and dairy products delivered through the Group's extensive processing, distribution and retail network."

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Accordingly, investors in Zambeef Products PLC are advised to exercise caution when trading in the Company's shares and should seek the professional advice of a broker or investment advisor for guidance.

Further information can be found on www.zambeefplc.com

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ABRIDGED GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 March	Unaudited 2015	Unaudited 2014
	K'000	K'000
ASSETS		
Goodwill	15,699	15,699
Property, plant and equipment	1,439,492	1,449,678
Plantation development expenditure	75,422	57,380
Biological assets (non – current asset)	29,197	19,917
Biological assets (current asset)	212,034	213,297
Deferred tax assets	28,343	24,037
Investments	-	5
Assets held for disposal	318,961	-
Inventories	243,802	293,894
Trade and other receivables	77,629	115,836
Amounts due from related companies	-	17,215
Income tax recoverable	4,804	9,546
Total assets	2,445,383	2,216,504
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves	1,368,993	1,323,716
Interest bearing liabilities	366,174	374,838
Obligations under finance leases	11,059	8,591
Deferred liability	7,842	7,510
Deferred taxation	12,707	23,086
Assets held for disposal	163,917	-
Interest bearing liabilities	55,095	69,670
Collateral management agreement	123,802	88,373
Obligations under finance leases	9,849	8,600
Trade and other payables	157,947	189,480
Amounts due to related companies	17,471	-
Taxation payable	3,764	9,091
Cash and cash equivalents	146,763	113,549
Total equity and liabilities	2,445,383	2,216,504
ABRIDGED GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW	Unaudited 2015	Unaudited Mar - 2014
	K'000	K'000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	168,175	63,409
Net cash (outflow)/inflow (on)/from investing activities	(107,162)	(40,903)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing	61,013	22,507
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(36,815)	(55,413)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	(147,868)	(44,216)
Effects of exchange gains on balances held foreign currencies	(6,606)	(13,920)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	(191,289)	(113,549)

Key Points

- Overall, financial performance for the Group improved on the same period in the previous financial year, with gross profits up 25.3% to ZMW323.5m.
- Gross margins increased from 32.7 per cent. for March 2014 to 38.3 per cent. for March 2015.
- EBITDA increased by 91.9% to ZMW92.3m
- Net cash inflow from operating activities increased by 165% to ZMW168.2m; and net cash inflow before financing increased by 171% to ZMW61.0m.
- Gross profits from core cold chain food product divisions increased by 47.7% to ZMW137.8m.
- Administrative expenses continued to be tightly controlled with administrative costs (including depreciation) increasing by 7% in ZMW and decreasing by 6% in USD terms.
- Zambian Kwacha depreciated by 21.5% against the US Dollar, resulting in exchange losses of ZMW51.6m (USD8.0m); and also adversely impacting divisions with USD denominated inputs.
- Zamanita disposal completed on 1 June 2015, for USD26.4m (with third party debt of USD11.1m remaining in Zamanita), allowing the Group to unlock value/capital gain and reduce gearing.

