

# Jamaica Producers Group Limited 1998

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JAMAICA PRODUCERS GROUP LIMITED  
AND SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES  
UNAUDITED GROUP RESULTS - 30 JUNE, 1998  
CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

I am pleased to report that the Group has had six quarters of solid performance including this most recent quarter. The Group however continues to suffer significant losses in its banana growing operations in Jamaica.

We are increasingly concerned with the very high costs we incur in growing bananas in Jamaica and we continue to review and implement measures designed to reduce costs and increase productivity in their production. These measures will not, however have a material impact on the profitability of the banana growing operations before the end of 1998.

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GROUP BALANCE SHEET  
as at  
30 JUNE 1998

	1998 \$'000	1997 \$'000
Working Capital	1,316,567	1,090,242
Interest in Associated Companies	115,147	60,698
Investments	388,497	395,851
Fixed Assets	1,754,561	1,733,774
Loan - E.S.O.P.	<u>117,582</u>	<u>128,494</u>
	3,692,354	3,409,059
Less:		
Long Term Loans	(173,007)	(180,801)
Minority Interests	(719,018)	(672,110)
Other Net Liabilities	<u>( 52,754)</u>	<u>(98,578)</u>

Net Assets	<u>2,747,575</u>	<u>2,457,570</u>
Financed by:		
Share Capital	14,962	14,962
Reserves	<u>2,732,613</u>	<u>2,442,608</u>
Shareholders' Equity	<u>2,747,575</u>	<u>2,457,570</u>
Net Asset Per Share	\$18.36	16.42

### GROUP PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE, 1998

	THREE MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE		SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE	
	1998 \$'000	1997 \$'000	1998 \$'000	1997 \$'000
Gross Operating Revenue (Note 2)	2,986,439	2,828,580	5,852,752	<u>5,435,872</u>
Operating Profit (Note 3)	205,724	175,989	338,671	217,777
Exchange (Losses) / Gains	<u>2,822</u>	(16,719)	(3,268)	<u>3,368</u>
Profit Before Taxation	<b>208,546</b>	<b>159,270</b>	<b>335,403</b>	<b>221,145</b>
Taxation	(62,821)	(64,431)	(120,296)	(97,291)
Profit After Taxation	<b>145,725</b>	<b>94,839</b>	<b>215,107</b>	<b>123,854</b>
Extraordinary and Exceptional Items (note 4)	(29,143)	(2,126)	(29,143)	(2,126)
Minority Interests	(39,828)	(32,419)	(79,569)	(33,956)
Profit For The Period Attributable To - The Group	<u>76,754</u>	<u>60,294</u>	<u>106,395</u>	<u>87,772</u>
Earnings Per Share	<b><u>51.30</u> cents</b>	<b><u>40.30</u> cents</b>	<b><u>71.11</u> cents</b>	<b><u>58.66</u> cents</b>

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NOTES:

1. The main activities of the Group during the period consisted of agricultural production, shipping, the marketing and distribution of bananas and other fresh produce locally and overseas, production of fresh juices overseas, and the holding of investments.
2. Gross operating revenue comprises the Group's gross sales of goods and services, commissions earned on consignment sales net of returns, U.K. Value Added Tax and General Consumption Tax and investment income.
3. Overseas revenues and expenses have been translated at effective exchange rates of J\$55.82 (1997 J\$58.66) to Sterling 1.00 and J\$36.28 (1997 J\$36.27) to US\$1.00.

Adjustments have been made for exchange gains and losses on foreign currency assets and liabilities at 30 June 1998 and 1997, based upon the following exchange rates:

		J\$/Sterling	J\$/US\$
June	1998	59.12	36.15
December	1997	58.34	36.09
June	1997	56.96	35.13
December	1996	57.51	34.70

4. The Extraordinary and Exceptional Item comprises redundancy cost incurred in Jamaica -\$6,171,000- and the estimated cost of an award by the Industrial Disputes Tribunal against a subsidiary, Eastern Banana Estates Limited - \$22,972,000.
  5. The earnings and net assets per share have been calculated by reference to 149,625,911 ordinary stock units of 10 cents each.
  6. There are significant seasonal variations in some of the Group's activities, and so the results for any period are not necessarily indicative of the final results for the whole year.
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