## LASCELLES DEMARCADO & CO. LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDARIES COMPANIES

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### AUDITED STATEMENT OF TURNOVER AND CONSOLIDATED PROFITS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

The Directors of Lascelles, deMercado & Co. Limited report the consolidated audited results as follows:

| | 1998 $000's | 1997 $000's |
|---|---|---|
| Turnover | 6,424,635 | 6,457,018 |
| Operating Profit | 137,321 | 352,225 |
| Share of results of associated companies | (17,169) | (13,438) |
| Profit before taxation and extraordinary item | 120,152 | 338,787 |
| Taxation | (57,448) | (84,079) |
| Profit after taxation and before extraordinary item | 62,704 | 254,708 |
| Extraordinary item | (85,905) | - |
| (Loss)/profit after taxation and extraordinary item | (23,201) | 254,708 |
| Minority interest of subsidiaries | 191 | 1,949 |
| (Loss)/profit attributable to members | (23,010 | 256,657 |
| (Loss)/Earnings per ordinary stock unit | | |
| Before extraordinary item | 65.3c | 267.2c |
| After extraordinary item | (24.1)c | 267.2c |

Notes:

1. There has been no material change in the basis of accounting from the previous year.

2. Turnover represents the price of goods and services sold to external customers, after deducting returns and discounts.

3. The extraordinary item represents the loss incurred on disposal of the Group's 17% interest in The Sugar Company of Jamaica Limited to the Government of Jamaica.

4. The (loss)/earnings per ordinary stock unit is computed by dividing the (loss)/profit attributable to member, less gross preference dividends, by the 96,000,000 issued fully paid ordinary stock units.

5. The complete rebuilding of the sugar mills at Appleton Estate to substantially expand its capacity, delayed start of the 1998 crop, resulting in a radically shortened harvesting period. Therefore less sugar was produced than originally planned. This has caused a significant adverse impact on the Group's profit performance for the year. Projections indicate that this situation will rebuild should be realized in earnest at the start of the new millenium.