

Jamaica Producers Group Limited 1998

Directors' Report

The Directors present their reports to the 62nd Annual General Meeting.

Group Accounts

Operating highlights are -

	1998	1997
	J\$M	J\$M
Gross Operating Revenue	11,300	11,254
Group Attributable Profit	13	231
Retained earnings at beginning of year	1,039	879
Retained earnings at end of year	1,002	1,039
Earnings per stock unit after extraordinary items	6.80c	123.76c
Stockholders Funds per stock unit at year end amounted to	\$14.25	\$17.78

DIVIDENDS & BONUSES

An interim dividend by way of Capital Distribution less transfer tax, was paid on May 22, 1998 at a cost of \$35.909 million. A second interim dividend out of incentive profits (agricultural profits) was paid on December 18, 1998 at a cost of \$44.886 million. No final dividend in respect of 1998 is recommended.

The Annual General Meeting held on May 28, 1998, approved the capitalization of \$3,740,185 of non-agricultural income at July 9, 1998. This was applied to making full payment at par for 37,401,848 ordinary shares of 10 cents each (one for four bonus) and distributed to shareholders of record on July 9, 1998.

AUDITORS

The auditors, KPMG Peat Marwick, have expressed their willingness to continue in once.

DIRECTORS

Since our last Annual General Meeting, Professor Alvin G. Wint, Mrs. Kathleen A. J. Moss and Mr. Peter K. Morris were invited to join the Board. In accordance with the Articles of

Association they retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Mr. R. D. Honiball and Mrs. M. T. A. Payne retire by rotation in accordance with the Articles of Association and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

All directors served purposefully during the year.

MANAGEMENT & STAFF

We express our thanks to our management and staff in all locations, for their dedicated services and hard work through yet another year.

C.H. Johnston
Chairman

April 27, 1999
