Consolidated Financial Statements 31 December 2005

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3 July 2006

To the Members of Seprod Limited

Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Seprod Limited, its subsidiaries and its associates ("the group") as at 31 December 2005 and the related consolidated profit and loss account, statements of changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the accompanying balance sheet of Seprod Limited standing alone as at 31 December 2005. We have received all the information and explanations which we considered necessary. These financial statements set out on pages 1 to 42 are the responsibility of the company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept and the accompanying financial statements, which are in agreement therewith, give a true and fair view of the financial position of the group and the company as at 31 December 2005, and of the results of operations, changes in equity and cash flows of the group for the year then ended, so far as concerns the members of the company, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the provisions of the Jamaican Companies Act.

Chartered Accountants Kingston, Jamaica

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Seprod Limited
Group Profit and Loss Account

Year ended 31 December 2005

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Revenue		3,953,775	3,346,651
Direct expenses		(2,998,840)	(2,647,243)
Gross Profit		954,935	699,408
Finance and other operating income	6	221,242	216,638
Selling expenses		(174,622)	(129,003)
Administration expenses		(415,988)	(309,672)
Other operating expenses		(23,598)	(65,396)
Operating Profit		561,969	411,975
Finance costs	9	(34,650)	(3,491)
Negative goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries	29	247,396	-
Share of results of associates	17(e)	147,704	257,428
Profit before Taxation		922,419	665,912
Taxation	10	(172,239)	(118,195)
NET PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO STOCKHOLDERS	11	750,180	547,717
EARNINGS PER STOCK UNIT	12	\$1.45	\$1.06

Group Balance Sheet

31 December 2005

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Non-Current Assets			,
Fixed assets	14	1,208,221	617,899
Intangible assets	15	44,400	-
Available-for-sale investments	16	993,481	849,109
Investment in associates	17	1,502,058	1,418,213
Retirement benefit asset	18	100,900	92,540
Biological assets	19	60,294	-
Deferred tax assets	27	93,560	21,263
		4,002,914	2,999,024
Current Assets			
Inventories	20	562,955	462,602
Receivables	21	493,908	320,029
Available-for-sale investments	16	151,006	448,135
Taxation recoverable		871	4,557
Cash and bank balances	22	135,112	89,943
		1,343,852	1,325,266
Current Liabilities			, , , , , ,
Payables	23	406,752	245,856
Current portion of long term liabilities	26	78,552	163,214
Taxation payable		36,552	15,009
		521,856	424,079
Net Current Assets		821,996	901,187
		4,824,910	3,900,211
Equity			
Share capital	24	516,398	516,398
Share premium	2.	44,889	44,889
Capital reserve	25	836,631	823,736
Retained earnings		2,715,685	2,114,750
		4,113,603	3,499,773
Non-Current Liabilities		.,,	0,100,770
Long term liabilities	26	467,434	206,358
Deferred tax liabilities	27	199,773	156,180
Retirement benefit obligations	18	44,100	37,900
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		4,824,910	3,900,211
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Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 3 July 2006 and signed on its behalf by:

Byron F. Thompson Director

Paul B. Scott

Director

Seprod Limited
Group Statement of Changes in Equity
Year ended 31 December 2005

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

		Number of Shares	Share Capital	Share Premium	Capital Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total
	Note	'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance as at 1 January 2004		516,398	516,398	44,889	798,481	1,674,033	3,033,801
Total recognised income for 2004	-						
Net profit		-	-	-	-	547,717	547,717
Fair value gain on available-for- sale securities		-	-	-	26,334	-	26,334
Realised fair value gain on sale of investments		~	_	_	(4,799)	_	(4,799)
		-	-	-	21,535	547,717	569,252
Transfer to capital reserve - gain on sale of investments		-	-	-	3,720	(3,720)	-
Dividends paid	13	-	_	-	-	(103,280)	(103,280)
Balance at 31 December 2004		516,398	516,398	44,889	823,736	2,114,750	3,499,773
Total recognised income for 2005	_						
Net profit		-	-	-	-	750,180	750,180
Fair value gain on available-for- sale securities		-	-	-	20,185	-	20,185
Realised fair value gain on sale of investments		-	-	_	(14,526)		(14,526)
		-	-	-	5,659	750,180	755,839
Transfer to capital reserve – gain on sale of investments		-	-	-	7,236	(7,236)	-
Dividends paid	13	-		*	-	(142,009)	(142,009)
Balance at 31 December 2005	:	516,398	516,398	44,889	836,631	2,715,685	4,113,603

Group Statement of Cash Flows Year ended 31 December 2005

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
CASH RESOURCES WERE PROVIDED BY/(USED IN):			
Operating Activities			
Cash provided by operating activities	28	237,631	352,119
Investing Activities			
Purchase of fixed assets		(209,399)	(119,037)
Proceeds on disposal of fixed assets		18,337	2,515
Purchase of available-for-sale investments		(454,850)	(817,858)
Proceeds from disposal of available-for-sale investments		640,629	556,589
Acquisition of associates		~	(143,253)
Disposal of associate		(3,736)	_
Loans repaid by associate		15,385	-
Acquisition of subsidiary		(83,416)	-
Interest received		133,023	164,624
Dividends received		952	826
Cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		56,925	(355,594)
Financing Activities	•		
Long term loans received		119,114	76,386
Long term loans repaid		(191,842)	(15,458)
Dividends paid		(142,009)	(103,280)
Interest paid		(34,650)	(3,491)
Cash used in financing activities	•	(249,387)	(45,843)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	-	45,169	(49,318)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		89,943	139,261
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	22	135,112	89,943

Seprod Limited Company Balance Sheet 31 December 2005

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Non-Current Assets			
Fixed assets	14	148,976	131,649
Available-for-sale investments	16	993,481	849,109
Investment in associates	17	532,016	572,401
Investment in subsidiaries		440,779	182,364
Retirement benefit asset	18	100,900	92,540
		2,216,152	1,828,063
Current Assets			
Receivables	21	78,776	43,590
Available-for-sale investments	16	151,006	448,135
Taxation recoverable		-	1,385
Cash and bank balances	22	21,986	10,172
		251,768	503,282
Current Liabilities		,	,
Payables	23	66,302	69,403
Due to subsidiaries		415,677	425,852
Taxation payable		12,714	
Current portion of long term liabilities	26	30,389	145,937
General Formation of the Control of		525,082	641,192
Net Current Liabilities		(273,314)	(137,910)
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Equity	24	E10 000	F4C 000
Share capital	24	516,398	516,398
Share premium	0.5	44,889	44,889
Capital reserve	25	255,142	242,247
Retained earnings		598,081	634,026
		1,414,510	1,437,560
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long term liabilities	26	426,190	172,707
Deferred tax liabilities	27	58,038	41,986
Retirement benefit obligations	18	44,100	37,900
		528,328	252,593
		1,942,838	1,690,153

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 3 July 2006 and signed on its behalf by:

Paul B. Scott

Director

Notes to the Financial Statements

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(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

1. Principal Activities and Operations

Seprod Limited ("the company") is incorporated and domiciled in Jamaica. The company is publicly listed on the Jamaica Stock Exchange, and has its registered office at 3 Felix Fox Boulevard, Kingston.

The company, its subsidiaries and its associates are collectively referred to as "the Group".

Subsidiaries

The company's subsidiaries, which are all wholly owned and incorporated and domiciled in Jamaica, and their principal activities are as follows:

Name of company	Principal activities
Caribbean Products Company Limited	Manufacture and sale of oils and fats
Serge Island Farms Limited	Dairy farming
Serge Island Dairies Limited	Manufacture and sale of milk products and juices
Jamaica Edible Oils and Fats Company Limited	Sale of oils and fats
Jamaica Grain and Cereals Limited	Manufacture and sale of corn products and cereals
Industrial Sales Limited	Sale of consumer products
Jamaica Detergents Limited	Dormant
Jamaica Feeds Limited	Dormant
Coper Limited	Dormant
Jamaica Household Products Limited	Dormant

The interest in Serge Island Farms Limited and Serge Island Dairies Limited were acquired during the year (Note 29). There were no disposals of subsidiaries during the year.

Associates

The company's associates, their principal activities and the percentage ownership at each year end are as follows:

Name of company	Principal activities	Percentage ownership		
		2005	2004	
Facey Commodity Company Limited	Sale of industrial, pharmaceutical, consumer and telecommunications products	Nil	48.8%	
Gatcombe Investments Limited	Sale of industrial, pharmaceutical, consumer and telecommunications products	50%	Nil	
CBM Limited	Provision of document management services	50%	50%	
Productive Business Solutions Limited	Provision of document management services	50%	50%	
North Coast Milling Limited	Dormant	Nil	50%	

All associates are incorporated and domiciled in St. Lucia, with the exception of Facey Commodity Company Limited and North Coast Milling Limited, which are incorporated and domiciled in Jamaica.

In January 2005, Seprod Limited and Musson Jamaica Limited, each 48.8% shareholders of Facey Commodity Company Limited (Facey), transferred their entire shareholding in Facey to Gatcombe Investments Limited (Note 17(b)). Gatcombe Investments Limited is owned 50% each by Seprod Limited and Musson Jamaica Limited.

On 31 July 2005, the Seprod Limited's 50% shareholding in North Coast Milling Limited was cancelled following the winding up of that entity (Note 17(a)).

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2. Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. The policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. Although these estimates are based on managements' best knowledge of current events and action, actual results could differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in Note 4.

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards effective in 2005

Certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been published that became effective during the current financial year. The Group has assessed the relevance of all such new standards, interpretations and amendments and has adopted the following, which are relevant to its operations. The 2004 comparative figures have been amended as required, in accordance with the relevant requirements.

IAS 2 (revised 2003) IAS 8 (revised 2003) IAS 10 (revised 2003) IAS 16 (revised 2003) IAS 24 (revised 2003) IAS 27 (revised 2003) IAS 28 (revised 2003) IAS 32 (revised 2003) IAS 33 (revised 2003) IAS 36 (revised 2004) IAS 38 (revised 2004)	Presentation of Financial Statements Inventories Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors Events after the Balance Sheet Date Property, Plant and Equipment Related Party Disclosures Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements Investments in Associates Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation Earnings per Share Impairment of Assets Intangible Assets Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement
IAS 39 (revised 2003/2004) F	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement Business Combinations

The adoption of the new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards did not result in substantial changes to the Group's accounting policies and have not impacted the amounts reported for the current or prior years. However, the adoption of the new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have impacted the format and extent of disclosures presented in the accounts.

All changes in the accounting policies have been made in accordance with the transitional provisions in the respective standards. All new standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Group require retrospective application. There was no impact on opening retained earnings at 1 January 2004 from the adoption of any of the above-mentioned standards.

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Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been issued which are not yet effective, and which the Group has not early adopted. The Group has assessed the relevance of all such new standards, interpretations and amendments, has determined that the following may be relevant to its operations, and has concluded as follows:

- IAS 19 (Amendment), Employee Benefits (effective from 1 January 2006). This amendment introduces the option of an alternative recognition approach for actuarial gains and losses. It may impose additional recognition requirements for multi-employer plans where insufficient information is available to apply defined benefit accounting. It also adds new disclosure requirements. As the Group does not intend to change the accounting policy adopted for recognition of actuarial gains and losses, adoption of this amendment will only impact the format and extent of disclosures presented in the accounts. The Group will apply this amendment from annual periods beginning 1 January 2006.
- IAS 39 (Amendment), The Fair Value Option (effective from 1 January 2006). This amendment changes the definition of financial instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss and restricts the ability to designate financial instruments as part of this category. The Group believes that this amendment should not have a significant impact on the classification of financial instruments, as the Group should be able to comply with the amended criteria for the designation of financial instruments at fair value through profit and loss. The Group will apply this amendment from annual periods beginning 1 January 2006.
- IFRS 7, Financial Instruments: Disclosures, and a complementary Amendment to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements - Capital Disclosures (effective from 1 January 2007). IFRS 7 introduces new disclosures to improve the information about financial instruments. It requires the disclosure of qualitative and quantitative information about exposure to risks arising from financial instruments, including specified minimum disclosures about credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk, including sensitivity analysis to market risk. It replaces IAS 30, Disclosures in the Financial Statements of Banks and Similar Financial Institutions, and disclosure requirements in IAS 32, Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation. The amendment to IAS 1 introduces disclosures about the level of an entity's capital and how it manages capital. The Group assessed the impact of IFRS 7 and the amendment to IAS 1 and concluded that the main additional disclosures will be the sensitivity analysis to market risk and the capital disclosures required by the amendment of IAS 1. The Group will apply IFRS 7 and the amendment to IAS 1 from annual periods beginning 1 January 2007.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(b) Basis of consolidation Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are those entities in which the Group has power to govern the financial and operating policies. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently excersiable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Group controls an entity. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and are no longer consolidated from the date that control ceases.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for the acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given up, shares issued or liabilities undertaken at the date of acquisition plus cost directly attributable to the acquisition. The excess of the cost is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the profit and loss account.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between the Group companies are eliminated; unrealised losses are also eliminated unless cost cannot be recovered.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control. Investments in associated companies are accounted for by the equity method of accounting. Under this method, the Group's share of post-acquisition profit or losses of the associated companies is recognised in the profit and loss account and its share of post-acquisition movement in reserves is recognised in reserves. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the cost of the investment.

The Group's investment in associates includes goodwill on acquisition. When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless the Group has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associates.

Accounting policies of associates have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(c) Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue is shown net of General Consumption Tax, returns, rebates and discounts and after eliminated sales within the Group. Revenue is recognised as follows:

Sales of goods - wholesale

Sales of goods are recognised when a group entity has delivered products to the customer, the customer has accepted the products and collectibility of the related receivables is reasonably assured. Some products are often sold with a right of return. Accumulated experience is used to estimate and provide for such returns at the time of sale.

Sales of goods - retail

Sales of goods are recognised when a group entity sells a product to the customer. The recorded revenue includes credit card fees payable for the transaction. Such fees are included in distribution costs. It is the Group's policy to sell its products to the end customer with a right of return. Accumulated experience is used to estimate and provide for such returns at the time of sale.

Sales of services

Sales of services are recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered, by reference to completion of the specific transaction assessed on the basis of the actual service provided as a proportion of the total services to be provided.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method. When a receivable is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income.

Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

(d) Segment reporting

A business segment is a group of assets and operations engaged in providing products or services that are subject to risks and returns that are different from those of other business segments.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(e) Foreign currency translation

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of primary economic environment in which the entity operates, referred to as the functional currency. The functional currency of each entity is the same as its presentation currency. The consolidated financial statements are presented in Jamaican dollars, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from such transactions and from the translation of foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities at the year end exchange rates are recognised in the profit and loss account.

Translation differences resulting from changes in the amortised cost of foreign currency monetary assets classified as available-for-sale are recognised in the profit and loss account. Other changes in the fair value of these assets are recognised in equity. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets classified as available-for-sale are reported as a component of the fair value gain or loss in equity.

(f) Fixed assets

Buildings, plant and equipment are recorded at deemed cost, less accumulated depreciation. All other fixed assets are carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation, except land, which is not depreciated.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line basis at such rates as will write off the carrying value of the assets over the period of their expected useful lives. The expected useful lives are as follows:

Buildings 40-50 years Plant, equipment and furniture 5-40 years Motor vehicles 3 years

Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down to its recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals of fixed assets are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining profit.

Repairs and maintenance expenditure is charged to the profit and loss account during the financial period in which it is incurred.

(a) Intangible assets

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary or associate at the date of acquisition. Separately recognised goodwill is tested annually for impairment, and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Impairment losses on goodwill are not reversed. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Brands

Brands obtained by the Group on acquisition of subsidiaries are deemed to have a finite useful life, and are carried at fair market value less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight line method to allocate the carrying value of brands over their estimated useful lives.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(h) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation but are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the greater of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identified cash flows. Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

(i) Investments

The Group classifies its investments (other than investments in subsidiaries and associates) as available-for-sale, due to the purposes for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of investments at initial recognition and re-evaluates such designation at each reporting date.

Investments classified as available-for-sale are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time, and may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates. These investments are included in non-current assets unless management has the express intention of holding the investment for less than twelve months from the balance sheet date, in which case they are included in current assets.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised at trade date, which is the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Available-for-sale investments are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs and are subsequently carried at fair value. Investments are derecognised when the right to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the Group has transferred substantially all the risk and rewards of ownership.

Changes in the fair value of monetary available-for-sale investments denominated in foreign currencies are analysed between translation differences resulting in changes in amortised cost of the security and other changes. The translation differences are recognised in the profit and loss account and other changes in the carrying amount are recognised in equity. Changes in the fair value of other monetary available-for-sale investments are recognised in equity.

When investments classified as available-for-sale are sold or impaired, the accumulated fair value adjustments recognised in equity are included in the profit and loss account as gains and losses from investment securities. Interest on available-for-sale investments calculated using the effective interest method is recognised in the profit and loss account. Dividends on available-for-sale investments are recognised in the profit and loss account when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

The fair values of quoted investments are based on current bid prices. If there is no active market for investments, the Group establishes fair value by using valuation techniques, such as reference to recent arms length transactions, reference to other instruments that are substantially the same or amounts derived from discounted cash flow models, making maximum use of market inputs.

At each balance sheet date, the Group assesses whether there is objective evidence that an investment or group of investments is impaired. If any such evidence exists, the cumulative loss, measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value less any impairment loss previously recognised in the profit and loss account, is removed from equity and recognised in the profit and loss account. Impairment losses on equity instruments recognised in the profit and loss account are not reversed through the profit and loss account.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(j) Biological assets

Biological assets are measured at their fair value, less estimated point of sale costs. Fair value is determined based on market prices of livestock of similar age, breed and genetic merit.

(k) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The cost of finished goods and work in progress includes cost of raw materials used, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of overhead expenses. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the cost of selling expenses.

(I) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are carried at anticipated realisable value. An estimate is made for doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at year end. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest for similar borrowings. Bad debts are written off during the year in which they are identified.

(m) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried in the balance sheet at cost. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand.

(n) Payables

Payables are recorded at cost.

(o) Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at the proceeds received. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost using the effective yield method. Any difference between proceeds and the redemption value is recognised in the profit and loss account over the period of the borrowings.

(p) Income taxes

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates in force at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable and tax losses in respect of previous years.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and the corresponding tax bases. Currently enacted tax rates are used in the determination of deferred income tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax is charged or credited to the profit and loss account, except where it relates to items charged or credited to equity, in which case, deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Current and deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they arise within the same taxable entity, relate to the same tax authority and when the legal right of offset exists.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(q) Employee benefits

Pension obligations

The Group operates a defined benefit plan, the assets of which are generally held in a separate trustee-administered fund. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit to be provided, usually as a function of one or more factors such as age, years of service or compensation.

The asset or liability in respect of the defined benefit plan is the difference between the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the balance sheet date less the fair value of the plan assets, together with adjustments for actuarial gains and losses and past service cost. The defined benefit obligation is determined annually by independent actuaries, using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of government securities which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability. Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments, changes in actuarial assumptions and amendments to pension plans are charged or credited to income over the remaining service lives of the employees.

Other post-retirement obligations

The Group provides post-retirement health benefits to its retirees. The entitlements to these benefits are usually based on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age and the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment, using an accounting methodology similar to that for defined benefit pension plans. These obligations are valued annually by independent qualified actuaries.

(r) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, when it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation, and when a reliable estimate of the amount can be made.

(s) Leases

Leases of fixed assets where the Group has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the lower of the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance charges so as to achieve a constant rate of the finance balance outstanding. The interest element of the finance cost is charged to the profit and loss account over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The fixed assets acquired under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the useful life of the asset or the lease term.

Leases where a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(t) Dividends

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Group's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the company's shareholders.

(u) Comparative information

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with changes in presentation in the current year. In particular, the comparatives have been adjusted or extended to reflect the requirements of new IFRS, as well as amendments to and interpretations of existing IFRS.

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3. Financial Risk Management

(a) Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow interest rate risk. Risk management is carried out by a central treasury function under policies approved by the Board of Directors. The central treasury function identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks in close co-operation with the Group's operating units. The Group's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance.

(i) Market risk

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group is primarily exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, primarily with respect to the US dollar. Foreign exchange risk arises from transactions for purchases, recognised assets and liabilities and net investments in foreign operations. The balance sheet at 31 December 2005 includes aggregate net foreign assets of approximately US\$4,907,000 (2004 – US\$13,585,000), in respect of such transactions. The central treasury function sets limits on the level of exposure by currency and in total based on guidelines from the Board of Directors.

Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all instruments traded in the market.

The Group is exposed to equity securities price risk because of available-for-sale investments held by the Group. The Group manages its exposure to such risks by actively monitoring price movements of financial assets on the local and international market.

The Group is also exposed to price risks from changes in the price of milk and milk products. The Group does not anticipate that milk prices will decline significantly in the foreseeable future and, therefore, has not entered into derivative or other contracts to manage the decline in the price of milk and milk products. The Group reviews its outlook for the price of milk and milk products regularly in considering the need for active financial risk management.

(ii) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk as the Group has a large and diverse customer base, with no significant balances arising from any single economic or business sector, or any single entity or group of entities. The Group has policies in place to ensure that sales of products and services are made to customers with an appropriate credit history. Sales to retail customers are made in cash or via major credit cards. Cash transactions are limited to high credit quality financial institutions. The Group has policies that limit the amount of credit exposure to any financial institution.

(iii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an enterprise will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial instruments. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and marketable securities, the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to close out market positions. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying businesses, the central treasury function aims to maintain flexibility in funding by keeping committed credit lines available.

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Financial risk factors (continued)

(iv) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The Group is exposed to such risks primarily through its holding of available-for-sale investments. The Group manages its exposure to interest rate risks by actively monitoring interest rate fluctuations of financial assets on the local and international market, and by diversifying its portfolio through its holding of non-interest bearing investments.

(b) Fair value estimation

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets, such as available-for-sale investments, is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Group uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at each balance sheet date. The fair values of these financial instruments are determined as follows:

- (i) The face value, less any estimated credit adjustments, for financial assets and liabilities with a maturity of less than one year are estimated to approximate their fair values. These financial assets and liabilities include cash and bank balances and trade receivables and payables.
- (ii) The fair values of investments in associates have been estimated as the company's investment plus its share of post acquisition reserves, as there is no active market for the shares held in the associated companies.
- (iii) The carrying values of long term loans approximate their fair values, as these loans are carried at amortised cost reflecting their contractual obligations and the interest rates are reflective of current market rates for similar transactions.
- (iv) The fair values of the loans from associates could not be reliably determined as these instruments were granted under special terms and are not likely to be traded in a fair market exchange.

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4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments in Applying Accounting Policies

The Group makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Retirement benefit obligations

The cost of these benefits and the present value of the future obligations depend on a number of factors that are determined by actuaries using a number of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net periodic cost or income for retirement benefits include the expected long-term rate of return on the relevant plan assets, the discount rate, and, in the case of health benefits, the expected rate of increase in health costs. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the net periodic cost or income recorded for retirement benefits and may affect planned funding of the pension plan. The expected return on plan assets assumption is determined on a uniform basis, considering long-term historical returns, asset allocation and future estimates of long-term investment returns. The Group determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each year, which represents the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows expected to be required to settle the retirement benefit obligations. In determining the appropriate discount rate, the Group considered interest rate of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related obligations. The expected rate of increase of health costs has been determined by comparing the historical relationship of the actual health cost increases with the rate of inflation. Other key assumptions for the retirement benefits are based on current market conditions.

Negative goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries

Negative goodwill recognised on the acquisition of subsidiaries during the year was primarily attributable to the recognition of deferred tax assets on certain tax losses carried forward, the recognition of intangible assets and the excess of the fair market value of the acquired fixed assets over their carrying values (Note 29).

Deferred tax assets were recognised based on improvements in trading conditions and profitability of the acquirees since the acquisition date, and management's expectation that it will be able to take advantage of tax losses carried forward. The extent of the recognition was based on profit forecasts done by management, as well as anticipated changes in tax laws with respect to the number of years that tax losses may be carried forward.

Several brands were recognised on the acquisition of the subsidiaries. The fair values of these intangible assets were determined by independent valuers. On the instructions of management, the valuers have used an income approach to determine fair market value. This approach uses the principle of expectation, whereby fair value is determined based on the present value of the expected economic income to be generated by the intangible asset. It requires estimates of future income to be generated directly from the asset, appropriate discount rates, projected earnings decline rates, and the Group's rate of return on investment.

The fair market value of fixed assets was determined by professional valuers. On the instructions of management, the valuers have used a direct sales comparison approach to determine fair market value. This approach is based on the principle of substitution, whereby there is a purchaser with perfect knowledge of the market who would pay no more for the assets than the cost of acquiring existing comparable assets, assuming no cost delay in making the substitution. This approach thus requires a comparison of the assets with others of similar design and utility which were sold in the recent past. In instances where there is no exact comparable asset, the valuers make adjustments to reflect differences. Consequently, the determination of fair market value of the assets requires that the valuers analyse the differences in relation to age and physical condition, time of sale, and, specifically relating to property, land to building ratio, the advantages and disadvantages of the location and other functional gains to be derived from the property, and make necessary adjustments.

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5. Business Segments

The Group is organised into two main business segments:

- a) Manufacturing This incorporates the operations for manufacturing and sale of oils and fats, corn products and cereals, and milk products and juices.
- b) Distribution The merchandising of consumer goods.

	2005			
	Manufacturing	Distribution	Eliminations	Group
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
External revenue	1,783,585	2,170,190	-	3,953,775
Inter-segment revenue	1,164,374	-	(1,164,374)	-
Total revenue	2,947,959	2,170,190	(1,164,374)	3,953,775
Segment result	268,323	105,446	-	373,769
Unallocated corporate income				188,200
Operating profit			=	561,969
Segment assets	1,765,153	384,011	-	2,149,164
Investment in associates				1,502,058
Unallocated corporate assets				1,695,544
Total consolidated assets			=	5,346,766
Segment liabilities	296,637	67,283	-	363,920
Unallocated corporate liabilities				869,243
Total consolidated liabilities			_	1,233,163
Other segment items –			=	
Capital expenditure	173,607	6,020	-	179,627
Unallocated capital expenditure				29,772
Total capital expenditure			=	209,399
Depreciation	76,286	2,660	-	78,946
Unallocated depreciation				18,360
Total depreciation				97,306
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5. Business Segments (Continued)

	2004			
	Manufacturing	Distribution	Eliminations	Group
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
External revenue	1,204,938	2,141,713	-	3,346,651
Inter-segment revenue	1,074,790	-	(1,074,790)	-
Total revenue	2,279,728	2,141,713	(1,074,790)	3,346,651
Segment result	101,139	142,658	-	243,797
Unallocated corporate income				168,178
Operating profit			=	411,975
Segment assets	1,524,152	467,990	-	1,992,142
Investment in associates				1,418,213
Unallocated corporate assets				913,935
Total consolidated assets			=	4,324,290
Segment liabilities	(304,998)	(288,329)	-	593,327
Unallocated corporate liabilities				231,190
Total consolidated liabilities				824,517
Other segment items –			=	
Capital expenditure	105,903	1,274	-	107,177
Unallocated capital expenditure				11,860
Total capital expenditure			=	119,037
Depreciation	46,276	14,757	-	61,033
Unallocated depreciation				9,356
Total depreciation			_	70,389
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6.	Finance and Other Operating Income		
	,	2005	2004
	Interest income	\$'000 130,231	\$'000 150,499
	Dividend income	952	826
	Net foreign exchange gains	34,246	30,088
	Gain on sale of available-for-sale investments	7,236	3,720
	Gain on disposal of fixed assets	3,466	89
	Other	45,111	31,416
		221,242	216,638
7.	Expenses by Nature		
	Total direct, selling, administration and other operating expenses:		
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
	Advertising and promotion	33,105	17,233
	Amortisation of intangible assets	3,600	-
	Auditors' remuneration	7,489	5,459
	Bad debt expense	6,461	2,820
	Cost of inventories recognised as an expense	2,399,777	2,273,419
	Depreciation	97,306	70,389
	Impairment loss on fixed assets (Note 14)	-	46,384
	Insurance	76,024	53,140
	Loss on disposal of investment in associate (Note 17(a))	3,696	-
	Repairs and maintenance	103,913	65,169
	Security	21,917	14,766
	Staff costs (Note 8)	419,353	289,850
	Utilities	162,375	114,823
	Other	278,032	197,862
		3,613,048	3,151,314
8.	Staff Costs		
		2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
	Wages and salaries	304,133	222,442
	Statutory contributions	31,358	21,435
	Pension (Note 18)	(6,200)	400
	Other post-retirement obligations (Note 18)	10,800	11,600
	Other	79,262	33,973
		419,353	289,850

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9. Finance Costs		
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Interest expense –		
Long term loans	26,949	2,372
Other	7,701	1,119
	34,650	3,491

10. Taxation Expense

Taxation is based on the profit for the year adjusted for tax purposes and comprises income tax at 331/3%:

	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000
Current taxation	108,473	108,650
Adjustment to prior year provision	4,866_	
	113,339	108,650
Deferred taxation (Note 27)	58,900	9,545
	<u>172,239</u>	118,195

The tax on the Group's profit differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the applicable tax rate of 331/3%, as follows:

	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Profit before taxation	922,419	665,912
Tax calculated at a tax rate of 331/3/%	307,473	221,971
Adjusted for the effect of:		
Negative goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries	(82,465)	-
Share of profit of associates shown net of tax	(49,235)	(78,461)
Investment income not subject to tax	(18,971)	(19,748)
Group's share of reserves on disposal of investment in associate	7,825	-
Additional depreciation charge on recognition of fixed assets of acquired	4.070	
subsidiaries at fair market value	1,972	-
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,200	-
Adjustment to prior year provision	4,866	-
Other allowances	(426)	(5,567)
	172,239	118,195

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11. Net Profit Attributable to Stockholders

Dealt with as follows in the financial statements:

	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000
The company	113,300	132,594
Subsidiaries	241,780	157,695
Negative goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 29)	247,396	-
Associates (Note 17)	147,704	257,428
	750,180	547,717

12. Earnings per Stock Unit

Earnings per stock unit is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to stockholders by the weighted average number of ordinary stock units in issue.

	2005	2004
Net profit attributable to stockholders (\$'000)	750,180	547,717
Weighted average number of ordinary stock units ('000)	516,398	516,398
Basic earnings per stock unit (\$)	1.45	1.06

The company has no dilutive potential ordinary shares.

13. Dividends

	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000
Interim dividend – \$0.275 (2004 – \$0.20) per stock unit	142,009	103,280

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14. Fixed Assets

	The Group					
	Freehold Land & Site Improvements \$'000	Buildings \$'000	Plant, Equipment & Furniture \$'000	Motor Vehicles \$'000	Work in Progress \$'000	Total \$'000
			2005		.	
Cost -	***************************************					
At 1 January 2005	34,958	544,851	1,023,527	14,767	102,712	1,720,815
Acquisition of subsidiaries	119,730	160,270	205,000	5,480	2,620	493,100
Additions	-	150	29,898	7,032	172,319	209,399
Disposals	-	-	(20,363)	(8,514)	-	(28,877)
Transfers	-	37,140	144,643	3,000	(184,783)	-
At 31 December 2005	154,688	742,411	1,382,705	21,765	92,868	2,394,437
Accumulated Depreciation -		MININE II				
At 1 January 2005	-	403,600	687,861	11,455	-	1,102,916
Charge for the year	-	13,825	80,296	3,185	-	97,306
On disposals	-	-	(6,718)	(7,288)	-	(14,006)
At 31 December 2005	-	417,425	761,439	7,352	-	1,186,216
Net Book Value -						
At 31 December 2005	154,688	324,986	621,266	14,413	92,868	1,208,221
			2004			
Cost -						
At 1 January 2004	34,958	542,142	1,120,740	10,710	30,844	1,739,394
Additions	-	-	5,078	4,633	109,326	119,037
Disposals	-	-	(6,704)	(576)		(7,280)
Transfers	-	2,709	34,749	-	(37,458)	-
Impairment charge	-		(130,336)	-	-	(130,336)
At 31 December 2004	34,958	544,851	1,023,527	14,767	102,712	1,720,815
Accumulated Depreciation -						
At 1 January 2004	-	391,181	720,336	9,816	-	1,121,333
Charge for the year	-	12,419	55,806	2,164	-	70,389
On disposals	-	-	(4,329)	(525)	-	(4,854)
Impairment charge	-	-	(83,952)	-	~	(83,952)
At 31 December 2004	-	403,600	687,861	11,455	-	1,102,916
Net Book Value -			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
At 31 December 2004	34,958	141,251	335,666	3,312	102,712	617,899

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14. Fixed Assets (Continued)

		The Company				
	Freehold Land & Site Improvements	Buildings	Plant, Equipment & Furniture	Motor Vehicles	Work in Progress	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
			2005			
Cost -						
At 1 January 2005	20,218	291,889	105,356	13,810	9,654	440,927
Additions	-		218	4,217	25,337	29,772
Disposals	-	-	-	(1,914)	-	(1,914)
Transfers	-	-	31,459	-	(31,459)	-
At 31 December 2005	20,218	291,889	137,033	16,113	3,532	468,785
Accumulated Depreciation -						
At 1 January 2005	-	204,240	94,542	10,496	-	309,278
Charge for the year	-	5,257	5,199	1,989	-	12,445
Relieved on disposals	-		-	(1,914)		(1,914)
At 31 December 2005	-	209,497	99,741	10,571	-	319,809
Net Book Value -						
At 31 December 2005	20,218	82,392	37,292	5,542	3,532	148,976
			2004			
Cost -						
At 1 January 2004	20,218	291,889	104,939	9,349	2,844	429,239
Additions	-	-	417	4,633	6,810	11,860
Disposals	-	-	-	(172)	-	(172)
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2004	20,218	291,889	105,356	13,810	9,654	440,927
Accumulated Depreciation -						
At 1 January 2004	-	196,131	95,459	8,504	-	300,094
Charge for the year	-	8,109	(917)	2,164	-	9,356
Relieved on disposals	-	-		(172)	-	(172)
At 31 December 2004	***	204,240	94,542	10,496	*	309,278
Net Book Value -						
At 31 December 2004	20,218	87,649	10,814	3,314	9,654	131,649

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14. Fixed Assets (Continued)

Included in the tables above are amounts totalling \$830,622,000 for the Group and \$188,841,000 for the company representing the previous Jamaican GAAP revalued amounts of buildings and plant and equipment which have been used as the deemed cost of these assets on transition to IFRS on 1 January 2002.

A subsidiary ceased manufacturing operations; accordingly, certain items of plant, equipment and furniture with a net book value of \$46,384,000 were deemed to be irrecoverable and fully impaired during the year ended 31 December 2004.

15. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets comprise brands obtained by the Group on acquisition of subsidiaries (Note 29), and are amortised over their estimated useful lives of 10 years.

The carrying value of intangible assets was determined as follows:

	The Gro	The Group		
	2005	2004		
	\$'000	\$'000		
Fair value of brands acquired	48,000	-		
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(3,600)	-		
	44,400	_		

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16. Available-for-sale Investments

Available-for-sale investments comprise the following:

		roup & ompany
	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000
Quoted equity securities	-	41,290
Amounts held in US\$ mutual funds	398,095	339,930
Government of Jamaica securities	746,392	916,724
	1,144,487	1,297,244
Less: Government of Jamaica securities maturing within 12 months	(151,006)	(448,135)
	993,481	849,109

The weighted average effective interest rate on Government of Jamaica securities was 16% (2004 – 14%). At 31 December 2005, Government of Jamaica securities include interest receivable of \$17,195,000 (2004 – \$19,987,000).

The weighted average yield on amounts held in US\$ mutual funds was 8% (2004 - 8%).

The movement in available-for-sale investments during the year was as follows:

	The Group & The Company		
	2005	2004	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Balance at start of year	1,297,244	994,100	
Additions	452,058	803,733	
Disposals	(633,393)	(552,869)	
Net revaluation surplus transferred to equity	5,659	21,535	
Effect of changes in foreign exchange rates	22,919	30,745	
Balance at end of year	1,144,487	1,297,244	

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17. Investment in Associates

Investment in associates comprises the following:

	The C	iroup	The Co	mpany
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
North Coast Milling Limited		48,474	-	25,000
Gatcombe Investments Limited/ Facey Commodity Company Limited	1,121,177	1,030,547	229,018	229,018
CBM Limited	238,094	216,558	205,038	205,038
Productive Business Solutions Limited	142,787	122,634	97,960	113,345
	1,502,058	1,418,213	532,016	572,401

- (a) On 31 July 2005, Seprod Limited's 50% shareholding in North Coast Milling Limited was cancelled following the winding up of that entity. Loans amounting to \$48,514,000 (Note 26(b)) were discharged and the Group's investment of \$48,474,000 was written-off. The resulting loss of \$3,696,000, after transfer taxes and other deductions amounting to \$3,736,000, was charged to the profit and loss account (Note 7).
- (b) In January 2005, Seprod Limited and Musson Jamaica Limited, each 48.8% shareholders of Facey Commodity Company Limited (Facey), transferred their entire shareholding in Facey to Gatcombe Investments Limited (Gatcombe). Gatcombe is owned 50% each by Seprod Limited and Musson Jamaica Limited.

A loan due from Facey, which had a carrying value of \$1 and a face value of \$826,086,000, was assigned to Gatcombe on the transfer of shares in Facey.

Included in the Gatcombe balance is an amount of \$1, which represents the cost of a loan which has a face value of US\$13,651,604.84. The loan attracts interest at 12% (which was forgiven in 2005). Future repayments by Gatcombe will be charged against the carrying value of the Group's investment.

- (c) Included in the CBM Limited balance is a loan receivable of \$205,038,000 (2004 \$95,229,000). This loan attracts interest at a rate of 12%, and is to be repaid no later than 31 October 2015, or such later date as may be agreed between the parties.
- (d) Included in the Productive Business Solutions Limited balance is a loan receivable of \$68,767,000 (2004 \$48,024,000). This loan attracts interest at a rate of 20%, and has no set repayment date. During the year, Productive Business Solutions Limited made repayments amounting to \$15,385,000.

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17. Investment in Associates (Continued)

(e) The movement in investment in associates during the year was as follows:

	The Group		The Company	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Balance at start of year	1,418,213	842,402	572,401	254,018
Acquisitions	-	318,383	-	318,383
Disposals	(48,474)	-	(25,000)	-
Share of profits	147,704	257,428	-	-
Loan repayments	(15,385)		(15,385)	-
Balance at end of year	1,502,058	1,418,213	532,016	572,401

(f) The aggregate amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and results of associates are summarised as follows:

	Assets \$'000	Liabilities \$'000	Revenue \$'000	Net profit/ (loss) \$'000
		20	05	
Gatcombe Investments Limited	9,215,314	8,323,908	24,295,700	181,261
CBM Limited	797,226	729,883	920,579	43,071
Productive Business Solutions Limited	400,705	385,576	626,295	71,076
		20	004	
North Coast Milling Limited	96,968	25	**	(25)
Facey Commodity Company Limited	6,519,048	5,980,054	23,619,689	484,901
CBM Limited	633,899	610,801	497,574	23,039
Productive Business Solutions Limited	296,669	307,781	68,794	18,578

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18. Retirement Benefits

Assets/(liabilities) recognised in the balance sheet are as follows:

		The Group & The Company	
	2005	2004	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Pension scheme	100,900	92,540	
Other post-retirement benefits	(44,100)	(37,900)	

Pension scheme

The Group participates in a defined benefit scheme, which is open to all permanent employees and administered by West Indies Trust Company Limited. The plan provides benefits to members based on average earnings for the final 2 years of service (formerly 3 years), with the Group and employees each contributing 5% of pensionable salaries. The defined benefit scheme is valued by independent actuaries annually using the projected unit credit method. The latest actuarial valuation was carried out as at 31 August 2005.

A funding actuarial valuation carried out as at 31 August 2005 revealed that the scheme was adequately funded.

The defined benefit asset recognised in the balance sheet was determined as follows:

	The Group &	
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Fair value of plan assets	545,200	425,240
Present value of obligations	(322,100)	(221,500)
	223,100	203,740
Unrecognised actuarial gains	(122,800)	(101,000)
Unrecognised past service cost	600	-
Limitation due to uncertainty in obtaining future economic benefits		(10,200)
	100,900	92,540

Pension plan assets include investment in ordinary stock units of the company with a fair value of \$26,348,000 (2004 - \$45,548,000).

The movement in the defined benefit asset during the year is as follows:

		The Group & The Company	
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000	
At beginning of year	92,540	155,300	
Amounts recognised in the profit and loss account	6,200	(400)	
Contributions paid	2,160	1,900	
Amounts refunded to the company	·	(64,260)	
At end of year	100,900	92,540	

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18. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

Pension scheme (Continued)

The amounts recognised in the profit and loss account are as follows:

The amounte recognised in the profit and lose account are as follows.	The Group & The Company	
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Current service cost	(3,400)	(3,000)
Interest cost	(29,500)	(28,800)
Past service cost	(23,200)	-
Expected return on plan assets	47,800	41,600
Net actuarial gain recognised during the year	4,300	-
Change in asset limitation	10,200	(10,200)
Total included in staff costs (Note 8)	6,200	(400)
Actual return on plan assets	133,300	162,500

The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

	The Group & The Company	
	2005	2004
Discount rate	12.5%	12.5%
Expected return on plan assets	11.0%	11.0%
Future salary increases	9.0%	9.0%
Future pension increases	5.0%	5.0%

The average expected remaining service life of the employees is 12 years (2004 – 12 years).

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18. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

Other post-retirement benefits

In addition to pension benefits, the Group offers retirees medical benefits. Funds are not built up to cover the obligations under these retirement benefit schemes. The method of accounting and frequency of valuations are similar to those used for the defined benefit pension scheme. In addition to the assumptions used for the pension scheme, the main actuarial assumption is a long term increase in health costs of 11% per year (2004 - 11%).

The liability recognised in the balance sheet was determined as follows:

, ,	The Group & The Company	
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Present value of obligations	(67,500)	(68,300)
Unrecognised actuarial losses	23,400	30,400
	(44,100)	(37,900)

The movement in the liability during the year is as follows:

	The Company	
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
At beginning of year	(37,900)	(31,200)
Amounts recognised in the profit and loss account	(10,800)	(11,600)
Benefits paid	4,600	4,900
At end of year	(44,100)	(37,900)

The amounts recognised in the profit and loss account are as follows:

		The Group &The Company	
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000	
Current service cost	(600)	(500)	
Interest cost	(8,200)	(9,100)	
Net actuarial losses recognised during the year	(2,000)	(2,000)	
Total included in staff costs (Note 8)	(10,800)	(11,600)	

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19. Biological Assets

	The Group	
	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000
Dairy Livestock -		
1,490 Cows able to produce milk	40,630	-
843 Heifers being raised to produce milk in the future	18,042	
Other Livestock –		
28 Bulls raised for sale and reproduction	1,120	-
59 Calves raised for sale and for future reproduction	502	-
	60,294	-

3,243,914 litres of milk with a fair value less estimated point-of-sale costs of \$80,412,000 were produced during the period.

The movement in biological assets during the year was as follows:

The Group	
2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
55,978	
708	-
(6,281)	-
9,889	-
60,294	-
	2005 \$'000 - 55,978 708 (6,281) 9,889

The changes in fair value less estimated point-of-sale costs were attributable to:

	The Gro	up	
	2005	2004	
	\$'000	\$'000	
Physical changes	9,824	-	
Price changes	65	-	
	9,889	-	

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20. Inventories

The (Group
2005	2004
\$'000	\$'000
320,542	328,584
11,759	12,599
230,654	121,419
562,955	462,602
	2005 \$'000 320,542 11,759 230,654

21. Receivables

	The G	roup	The Co	mpany
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade receivables	440,886	318,245	-	-
Less: Provision for impairment	(73,716)	(62,738)	-	-
	367,170	255,507	-	-
Advances and prepayments	35,413	40,220	56,918	28,027
Other	91,325	24,302	21,858	15,563
	493,908	320,029	78,776	43,590

22. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:

	The C	aroup	The Co	ompany
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Cash at bank and in hand	135,112	89,943	21,986	10,172

23. Payables

	The G	roup	The Co	mpany
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Trade payables	251,976	131,275	-	-
Accruals	129,004	91,175	59,183	61,654
Other	25,772	23,406	7,119	7,749
	406,752	245,856	66,302	69,403

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24. Share Capital

	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Authorised -		
530,000,000 Ordinary shares of no par value	530,000	530,000
Issued and fully paid -		
516,398,000 Ordinary stock units	516,398	516,398

25. Capital Reserve

This comprises:

	The G	roup	The Co	mpany
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revaluation surplus on assets carried at deemed cost	346,551	346,551	105,340	105,340
Fair value gains on available-for-sale investments	44,800	39,141	44,800	39,141
Profits of subsidiaries capitalised	336,537	336,537	-	-
Redemption reserve	1,800	1,800	-	-
Gain on sale of shares in Seprod Wharf & Storage Limited	10,829	10,829	10,829	10,829
Gain on sale of available-for-sale investments	65,649	58,413	65,649	58,413
Gain on sale of units in Unit Trusts	8,235	8,235	8,235	8,235
Other realised surplus	22,230	22,230	20,289	20,289
	836,631	823,736	255,142	242,247

26. Borrowings

	The Group		The Company	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Long term loans	305,986	226,058	216,579	175,130
Less: Current portion	(78,552)	(163,214)	(30,389)	(145,937)
	227,434	62,844	186,190	29,193
Loans from associates	240,000	143,514	240,000	143,514
	467,434	206,358	426,190	172,707

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26. Borrowings (Continued)

(a) Long term loans

	The G	iroup	The Co	ompany
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
(i) 7% Development Bank of Jamaica Limited	10,000	20,000		-
(ii) 10.5% Development Bank of Jamaica Limited	23,651	30,928	**	-
(iii) 13% Development Bank of Jamaica Limited	31,309	-	-	-
(iv) 13% Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited	24,447	-	-	•
(v) Xerox Corporation	30,389	175,130	30,389	175,130
(vi) 7% Pan Caribbean Merchant Bank Limited	186,190		186,190	<u>-</u>
	305,986	226,058	216,579	175,130
Less: Current portion	(78,552)	(163,214)	(30,389)	(145,937)
	227,434	62,844	186,190	29,193

- (i) This loan is repayable by equal quarterly instalments ending in 2006. The loan is secured by a Deed of Charge over Government of Jamaica Indexed Bond.
- (ii) This loan is repayable by equal quarterly instalments ending in 2009. The loan is secured by a Deed of Charge over Government of Jamaica Indexed Bond.
- (iii) This loan is repayable by equal quarterly instalments ending in 2009. The loan is secured by an unlimited guarantee; a demand debenture constituting a first charge over the fixed and floating assets; and a supplemental bill of sale over certain fixed assets of Serge Island Dairies Limited and Serge Island Farms Limited.
- (iv) This loan is repayable by equal monthly instalments ending in 2007. The loan is secured by an unlimited guarantee; a demand debenture constituting a first charge over the fixed and floating assets; and a supplemental bill of sale over certain fixed assets of Serge Island Dairies Limited and Serge Island Farms Limited.
- (v) This represents US\$ loans due to Xerox Corporation for the acquisition of certain companies within the Caribbean region. These companies are wholly owned by associated companies CBM Limited and Productive Business Solutions Limited. The loan is unsecured, interest free and is scheduled to be repaid in 2006.
- (vi) This represents a US\$ promissory note due to Pan Caribbean Merchant Bank Limited. The note was originally due to ICD Group Limited and formed a part of the purchase consideration for the acquisition of Serge Island Dairies Limited and Serge Island Farms Limited (Note 29). Subsequent to the acquisition, Pan Caribbean Merchant Bank Limited purchased the note from ICD Group Limited. The note is scheduled to be repaid in 2007.

(b) Loans from associates

This is comprised of a loan from Facey Commodity Company Limited of \$240,000,000 (2004 – \$95,000,000) and from North Coast Milling Limited of \$Nil (2004 – \$48,514,000). The loans are interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment. The loan from North Coast Milling Limited was discharged following the winding up of that entity during the year.

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27. Deferred Taxation

Deferred income taxes are calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using a tax rate of 331/3%.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities. The amounts determined after appropriate offsetting are as follows:

	The G	roup	The Com	pany
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Deferred tax assets	93,560	21,263	_	-
Deferred tax liabilities	(199,773)	(156,180)	(58,038)	(41,986)
	(106,213)	(134,917)	(58,038)	(41,986)

The movement in deferred taxation is as follows:

	The G	roup	The Con	npany
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Balance at start of year	(134,917)	(125,372)	(41,986)	(74,840)
On acquisition of subsidiaries	87,604	-	-	-
(Charge)/credit to profit and loss account (Note 10)	(58,900)	(9,545)	(16,052)	32,854
Balance at end of year	(106,213)	(134,917)	(58,038)	(41,986)

The deferred tax charged in the Group's profit and loss account comprises the following temporary differences:

	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000
Accelerated tax depreciation	(61,869)	1,182
Retirement benefits	(719)	23,153
Tax losses carried forward	5,098	(37,494)
Other items	(1,410)	3,614
	(58,900)	(9,545)

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27. Deferred Taxation (Continued)

The deferred tax assets/(liabilities) in the balance sheet comprises the following temporary differences:

	The G	roup	The Con	npany
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Accelerated tax depreciation	(236,052)	(135,852)	(34,166)	(19,608)
Retirement benefits	(18,933)	(18,214)	(18,933)	(18,214)
Tax losses carried forward	153,749	21,900	-	-
Other items	(4,977)	(2,751)	(4,939)	(4,164)
	(106,213)	(134,917)	(58,038)	(41,986)

The deferred tax assets/(liabilities) in the balance sheet include:

	The Group		The Company	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Deferred tax assets to be recovered within 12 months	19,000	21,900	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities to be settled within 12 months	(4,977)	(2,751)	(4,939)	(4,164)

Subject to agreement with the Taxpayer Audit and Assessment Department, losses available for offset against future profits of certain subsidiaries amount to \$613,349,000 (2004 – \$65,700,000).

Deferred tax assets of approximately \$51,000,000 have not been recognised in respect of tax losses of a certain subsidiary which was acquired during the year. At 31 December 2005, tax losses carried forward for which no deferred tax assets have been recognised amounted to approximately \$153,000,000.

Deferred tax liabilities have not been provided for on the withholding and other taxes that would be payable on the undistributed earnings of certain subsidiaries and associated companies, to the extent that such earnings are expected to be permanently reinvested. At the year end, such undistributed earnings totalled \$402,544,000 (2004 - \$738,072,000) for subsidiaries and \$970,042,000 (2004 - \$845,812,000) for associates.

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28. Cash Generated from Operations		
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Net profit	750,180	547,717
Items not affecting cash resources:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	3,600	-
Depreciation	97,306	70,389
Impairment loss	-	46,384
Unrealised foreign exchange gain	(10,533)	(30,745)
Gain on sale of available-for-sale investments	(7,236)	(3,720)
Loss on disposal of investment in associate	3,696	_
Gain on sale of fixed assets	(3,466)	(89)
Negative goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries	(247,396)	-
Share of results of associated companies	(147,704)	(375,119)
Interest income	(130,231)	(150,499)
Interest expense	34,650	3,491
Dividend income	(952)	(826)
Taxation	172,239	235,886
	514,153	342,869
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Inventories	(4,161)	(156,721)
Accounts receivable	(69,618)	15,404
Biological assets	(4,316)	-
Retirement benefits	(2,160)	69,460
Accounts payable	(108,157)	129,655
	325,741	400,667
Taxation paid	(88,110)	(48,548)
Cash provided by operating activities	237,631	352,119

The principal non-cash transaction during the year was the issue of a promissory note which formed a part of the purchase consideration for Serge Island Dairies Limited and Serge Island Farms Limited (Note 29).

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29. Acquisition of Subsidiaries

Effective 1 April 2005, the Group acquired the entire share capital of Serge Island Farms Limited and Serge Island Dairies Limited, companies operating a dairy farm and producing milk products and juices. The acquired businesses contributed revenues of \$672,958,000 and net profits of \$40,529,000 for the 9 months ended 31 December 2005.

If the acquisition had occurred on 1 January 2005, Group revenue and net profit attributable to stockholders would have amounted to \$4,173,860,000 and \$696,451,000, respectively. These amounts were calculated using the Group's accounting policies and by adjusting the results of the acquirees to reflect biological assets at fair value and to charge costs in relation to spares and supplies to the profit and loss account as incurred instead of carrying them as inventory.

The negative goodwill on acquisition was arrived at as follows:

	\$'000
Fair value of net assets acquired	505,812
Purchase consideration –	
Cash paid	83,416
Promissory note issued	175,000
	258,416
Negative goodwill on acquisition	247,396

The negative goodwill was primarily attributable to the recognition of deferred tax assets on certain tax losses carried forward, the recognition of intangible assets and the excess of the fair market value of the acquired fixed assets over their carrying values.

Deferred tax assets were recognised based on improvements in trading conditions and profitability of the acquirees since the acquisition date, and management's expectation that it will be able to take advantage of tax losses carried forward. The extent of the recognition was based on profit forecasts done by management, as well as anticipated changes in tax laws with respect to the number of years that tax losses may be carried forward.

The fair values of fixed and intangible assets were determined by professional valuers. The valuers of the acquired intangible assets and the plant and equipment are independent of the Group. The valuers of the acquired land and buildings is The CD Alexander Company Realty Limited, a member of the Musson Group of companies.

No cash and cash equivalents were acquired in the transaction. The cash outflow on acquisition comprises only the cash paid that formed a part of the purchase consideration.

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29. Acquisition of Subsidiaries (Continued)

The assets and liabilities arising from the acquisition are as follows:

assets and liabilities arising from the acquisition are as follows.	Acquirees' Carrying Amounts \$'000	Fair Values \$'000
Non-Current Assets		
Fixed assets	432,233	493,100
Intangible assets	-	48,000
Biological assets	68,274	55,978
Deferred tax assets		113,689_
	500,507	710,767
Current Assets		
Inventories	121,078	96,192
Receivables	104,261	104,261
	225,339	200,453
Current Liabilities		
Payables	269,053	269,053
Current portion of long term liabilities	30,886	30,886
	299,939	299,939
Net Current Liabilities	(74,600)	(99,486)
	425,907	611,281
Non-Current Liabilities		
Long term liabilities	79,384	79,384
Deferred tax liabilities	26,085	26,085
	105,469	105,469
Net Assets	320,438	505,812

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30. Related Party Transactions

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

(a) Sales and purchases of goods

Sales of \$630,976,000 (2004 – \$233,228,000) to and purchases of \$59,328,000 (2004 – \$56,999,000) from Musson Jamaica Limited, T.Geddes Grant (Distributors) Limited and Facey Commodity Company Limited. The Chairman of the company's Board of Directors is a major shareholder and Chairman of the Board of Directors of these entities. Goods are sold/bought on the basis of the price lists in force with non-related parties.

A subsidiary paid cess of \$4,880,000 (2004 - \$4,583,000) based on the importation of copra-based and substitute products, to Coconut Industry Board, a major shareholder of the company.

(b) Key management compensation

(a) ro, management compensation	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Wages and salaries	64,014	42,965
Statutory contributions	5,947	4,644
Other	3,624	1,320
	73,585	48,929
Directors' emoluments –		
Fees	4,773	3,173
Management remuneration (included above)	14,514	11,119
(c) Advances and loans to related parties Profit share advances to key management were as follows:		
	2005 \$'000	2004 \$'000
Group Managing Director	4,725	4,860
Other key management personnel	17,775	11,270
	22,500	16,130

Loans to associates are included in investment in associates and disclosed in Note 17. Loans from associates are disclosed in Note 26.

(d) Guarantees and Letters of Comfort on behalf of related parties

- (i) Seprod Limited has signed a guarantee in favour of Kraft Foods Jamaica Limited for 50% of all debts owed by Facey Commodity Company Limited.
- (ii) Seprod Limited has signed a Letter of Comfort in favour of RBTT Bank Jamaica Limited for certain facilities offered to Facey Commodity Company Limited amounting to US\$20 million.

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31. Contingencies and Commitments

- (a) Amounts due by Serge Island Dairies Limited to a supplier, Tetra Pak Limited, but not accrued at year end amounted to US\$654,000. These amounts were previously written-off by Tetra Pak Limited prior to 31 March 2005, but were recharged during the current period following Seprod Limited's acquisition of Serge Island Dairies Limited. Under the agreement for the purchase of shares in Serge Island Dairies Limited, all amounts due but not accrued at 31 March 2005 are payable by ICD Group Limited.
- (b) Minimum annual lease payments required under operating lease arrangements in relation to factory rental by a subsidiary is \$5,577,000, and these arrangements are set to expire in 2011.
- (c) At 31 December 2005, management had approved approximately \$142 million (2004 \$30 million) for capital expenditure in respect of certain subsidiaries.

32. Events After the Balance Sheet Date

Following an acquisition by Facey Commodity Company Limited (Facey), Seprod Limited has signed a management letter of undertaking dated 23 February 2006 to recommend that the Board of Directors take appropriate corporate action to provide joint and several guarantee in the amount of €10,000,000 to the Bank of Nova Scotia in the event that the securities offered for a loan to Facey to fund the acquisition are not perfected.