

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTARY ON FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE SECOND QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2010.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Net profit for the six months ended 30 June 2010 was \$47 million which translates in earnings of \$0.04 per share. Net interest income grew by \$27.5 million or 25%, fees and commissions grew by \$105 million or 540%, net trading gains grew by \$143 million or 1,766%, over the corresponding period ended 30 June 2009. The growth in revenues was negated by the increase in net foreign exchange loss of \$346 million or 224% and increase in net unrealised loss on investment securities of \$30.1 million or 1,058%, over the corresponding period ended 30 June 2009.

Administrative expenses totalled \$258 million and increased by 10% over the corresponding period ended 30 June 2009.

In this quarter we recorded a net loss of \$10.9 million; our result for the quarter was significantly impacted by net foreign exchange loss as well as net unrealised loss on the assets held in our trading securities portfolio.

Revenues

We continue to record significant growth in our fee based income as well as net trading gains, we are pleased with the level of growth achieved so far which is in line with our strategy to diversify and grow our revenue stream. The growth in fees and commission resulted from the execution of more fee based transactions, advisory services and the growth in net trading gains resulted from more transactions being completed as compared to the corresponding period. During the guarter, the foreign exchange market experienced a significant revaluation of the Jamaican dollar against the United States (US) dollar, which rose by 4%, as well as the devaluation of the Euro dollar against the US dollar, which devalued by 12%. The sharp movement in these currencies coupled with our decision to hold foreign currencies securities in our portfolios, resulted in the losses being recorded.

Overall net interest income and other revenues for the quarter were \$70.5 million compared to \$128.3 million in 2009, a decrease of \$57.8 million or 45%. The growth





in our fees and commissions was 798% or \$53.5 million and the growth in our net trading gains was 513% or \$62.7 million over the corresponding quarter. This was significantly impacted by the net foreign exchange loss which increased by \$115 million or 940% and net unrealised loss on trading securities which increased by \$21.5 million or 675%, over the corresponding quarter. Dividend income recorded a decline of \$13 million or 37% over the corresponding quarter.

Share of Results of Associates

Our share of profit from Access was \$11.9 million for the quarter, reflecting a 120% increase over the corresponding quarter. The market value of our 39% shareholdings in Access has grown to \$484,235,000 since our initial investment of \$38,360,000, made in 2006. Access continues to expand its operations and continues to make a positive contribution to Jamaica's small and medium enterprises.

Expenses

Administrative expenses totalled \$127 million for the quarter compared to \$122 million for the corresponding period.

Balance Sheet

There has been a \$7.5 billion or 34% overall increase in our asset base over the corresponding period ended 30 June 2009. This was driven by increases in our investment securities of \$3.7 billion or 25% and our funds under management of \$3.8 billion or 97%. The growth in our investment securities was provided by institutional funding.

Regulatory Capital Requirements

Our capital base remains strong. Our capital to risk weighted asset ratio stood at 39% whereas the Financial Services Commission (FSC) benchmark stipulates a minimum of 14%. Our capital to total assets ratio was 8% whereas the FSC benchmark is 6%.

Junior Stock Exchange Listings

We are proud to have been the lead broker for Jamaican Teas Limited in its Initial Public Offer. The offer was oversubscribed by approximately 89% and the Company raised \$99 million in capital which is now available to expand its operations. Again, we take this opportunity to encourage other unlisted small and medium sized companies to consider listing on Jamaica's Junior Stock Exchange as there are significant benefits to companies and shareholders from being listed.

I wish to thank our management and staff for the hard work that they have put during this period.

I also wish to thank our clients for their business over the past twenty-five years.



Gary Peart
Chief Executive Officer



Consolidated Income Statement

| | UNAUDITED 3 Months Ended 30 June 2010 | UNAUDITED 3 Months Ended 30 June 2009 | UNAUDITED 6 Months Ended 30 June 2010 | UNAUDITED 6 Months Ended 30 June 2009 | AUDITED 12 Months Ended 31 December 2009 |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Interest income | 378,730 | 564,648 | 832,716 | 1,232,483 | 2,093,929 |
| Interest expense | (323,851) | (506,463) | (693,449) | (1,120,680) | (1,835,713) |
| Net interest income | 54,879 | 58,185 | 139,267 | 111,803 | 258,216 |
| Fees and commissions | 60,225 | 6,727 | 124,534 | 19,468 | 47,987 |
| Dividend income | 22,511 | 35,494 | 28,012 | 69,437 | 101,965 |
| Gain/(loss) on sale of investments | 50,482 | (12,237) | 151,361 | 8,112 | 24,281 |
| Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain | (95,491) | 19,549 | (191,206) | 154,704 | 268,294 |
| Unrealised (loss)/gain on investment securities | (24,702) | (3,186) | (32,980) | 2,847 | 7,342 |
| Loan provision recovered/written back | - | 19,000 | 2,997 | 19,000 | - |
| Other income | 2,614 | 4,725 | 17,128 | 9,652 | 15,731 |
| Net interest income and other operating revenue | 70,518 | 128,257 | 239,113 | 395,023 | 723,816 |
| Provision for credit losses | (3,753) | (9,023) | - | (18,023) | (62,075) |
| Depreciation and amortization | (6,566) | (6,600) | (14,257) | (13,195) | (27,445) |
| Administrative expenses | (126,994) | (121,996) | (257,718) | (233,292) | (452,988) |
| | (66,795) | (9,362) | (32,862) | 130,513 | 181,308 |
| Share of results of associate | 11,904 | 5,389 | 27,175 | 11,179 | 29,927 |
| (Loss)/profit before taxation | (54,891) | (3,973) | (5,687) | 141,692 | 211,235 |
| Taxation credit | 43,968 | 20,892 | 52,360 | 10,255 | 34,238 |
| Net (Loss)/Profit | (10,923) | 16,919 | 46,673 | 151,947 | 245,473 |
| Number of Shares in Issue | 1,201,149,291 | 1,201,149,291 | 1,201,149,291 | 1,201,149,291 | 1,201,149,291 |
| Earnings Per Stock Unit | (\$0.01) | \$0.01 | \$0.04 | \$0.13 | \$0.20 |



Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

| | (UNAUDITED) <u>JUNE</u> <u>2010</u> \$'000 | (UNAUDITED) <u>JUNE</u> <u>2009</u> \$'000 | AUDITED DECEMBER 2009 \$'000 |
|---|---|--|------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash resources | 557,215 | 465,223 | 433,304 |
| Investment securities | 18,109,482 | 14,429,912 | 17,426,658 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 646,606 | 108,878 | 16,045 |
| Capital management funds | 7,678,010 | 3,894,727 | 4,687,130 |
| Promissory notes | 911,718 | 1,081,936 | 988,906 |
| Interest receivable | 249,097 | 305,653 | 454,340 |
| Loans and other receivables | 1,066,557 | 1,335,927 | 1,067,920 |
| Deferred taxation | 195,113 | 346,651 | 168,772 |
| Investment property | 8,432 | 8,432 | 8,432 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 110,216 | 113,373 | 122,999 |
| Investment in associate | 131,425 | 85,501 | 104,250 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 29,663,871 | 22,176,213 | 25,478,756 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Bank overdraft | 79,388 | 45,003 | 16,042 |
| Capital management funds obligation | 7,678,010 | 3,894,727 | 4,687,130 |
| Securities sold under repurchase agreements | 15,709,839 | 12,328,162 | 14,461,154 |
| Interest payable | 204,170 | 248,140 | 315,873 |
| Loans | 1,736,152 | 2,633,233 | 2,337,289 |
| Accounts payable | 719,980 | 255,076 | 248,872 |
| Redeemable preference shares | 501,343 | 501,343 | 501,343 |
| | 26,628,882 | 19,905,684 | 22,567,703 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 1,582,381 | 1,582,381 | 1,582,381 |
| Fair value reserve | (337,902) | (1,069,132) | (525,634) |
| Other reserve | 22,596 | 15,096 | 18,596 |
| Retained earnings | 1,767,914 | 1,742,184 | 1,835,710 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | 3,034,989 | 2,270,529 | 2,911,053 |
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Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on

and signed on its behalf by:

Gary Peart

Chief Executive Officer

Sharon Harvey-Wilson

Director - Finance, Administration & Compliance



Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

| | UNAUDITED 6 Months Ended 30 June 2010 | UNAUDITED 6 Months Ended 30 June 2009 \$'000 | AUDITED 12 Months Ended 31 December 2009 \$'000 |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Profit for the period | 46,673 | 151,947 | 245,473 |
| Other Comprehensive Income for the period net of tax: | | | |
| Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments | 169,355 | (190,614) | 199,990 |
| Realized fair value (losses)/gains on investments transferred | | | |
| to consolidated income statement | - | (52,379) | 100,515 |
| Employee share option | 4,000 | 4,500 | 8,000 |
| Total comprehensive income | 220,028 | (86,546) | 553,978 |



Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

| | Share Capital | Fair Value Reserve | Other Reserve | Retained Profits | Total |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balance at 1 January 2009 | 1,582,381 | (826,139) | 10,596 | 1,686,329 | 2,453,167 |
| Total comprehensive income | - | (242,993) | 4,500 | 151,947 | (86,546) |
| Realized fair value losses on equity | | | | | |
| instruments transferred to retained earnings | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dividends | | - | - | (96,092) | (96,092) |
| Balance at 30 June 2009 | 1,582,381 | (1,069,132) | 15,096 | 1,742,184 | 2,270,529 |
| Balance at 1 January 2010 | 1,582,381 | (525,634) | 18,596 | 1,835,710 | 2,911,053 |
| Total comprehensive income | - | 169,355 | 4,000 | 46,673 | 220,028 |
| Realized fair value losses on equity | | | | | |
| instruments transferred to retained earnings | - | 18,377 | - | (18,377) | - |
| Dividends | | - | - | (96,092) | (96,092) |
| Balance at 30 June 2010 | 1,582,381 | (337,902) | 22,596 | 1,767,914 | 3,034,989 |



Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

| | Unaudited 3 Months Ended 30 June 2010 \$'000 | Unaudited 3 Months Ended 30 June 2009 \$'000 | Unaudited 6 Months Ended 30 June 2010 \$'000 | Unaudited 6 Months Ended 30 June 2009 \$'000 | Audited 12 Months Ended 31 December 2009 \$'000 |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| (Loss)/profit for the period | (54,891) | (3,973) | (5,687) | 141,692 | 211,235 |
| Adjustment to reconcile profit for the period | | | | | |
| to net cash used in operating activities | 77,107 | (414,601) | 59,997 | (435,838) | (298,872) |
| Cash (used in)/provided by operating activities | (382,883) | 467,431 | 103,587 | (162,291) | (265,275) |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities | (360,667) | 48,857 | 157,897 | (456,437) | (352,912) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (1,017) | | (1,241) | 320 | (23,618) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | - | (96,092) | (96,092) | (96,092) | (96,092) |
| (Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | (361,684) | (47,235) | 60,564 | (552,209) | (472,622) |
| Effects of change in exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents | · - | - | - | - | (82,545) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 839,510 | 467,455 | 417,262 | 972,429 | 972,429 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 477,826 | 420,220 | 477,826 | 420,220 | 417,262 |