

Press Release 19.10.2005: Board Decision

In a meeting held on Tuesday 18th of October 2005 (corresponding to 15th Ramadan 1426), Almarai's Board of Directors approved a programme of capital expenditure investment totalling SAR 491 million. This programme of investment is required as a result of the strong trading environment and in order to meet growing demand for the Company's products.

In addition, after reviewing the Company's third quarter results, the Board decided to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting at which they will recommend the allocation of one bonus share for every three shares held. This will be financed through the capitalisation of SAR 250 million from retained earnings and will increase the Company's paid-up capital to SAR 1,000 million. This allocation of additional shares will be instead of a cash dividend.

The Board will liaise with the Capital Market Authority in order to obtain the appropriate approval.