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Almarai financial results for the period ended 30 September 2007



For the nine months ended 30 September 2007, Almarai Company (Almarai) generated a consolidated net profit of SAR 474.5 million, an increase of SAR 139.6 million or 41.7% compared to the same period last year (SAR 334.9 million). The consolidated net profit for the quarter grew by 52% to SAR 186.2 million compared to the same period last year (SAR 122.6 million).

Sales for the period ended 30 September, 2007 amounted to SAR 2,725.1 million compared to SAR 2,039.2 million in same period last year, which represents an increase of 33.6 %. The consolidated operating profit also grew substantially by 44.5 % to reach SAR 558.3 million versus SAR 386.4 million for the comparative period last year. The earnings per share (EPS) for the period ended 30 September, 2007 increased to SAR 4.35 compared to SAR 3.35 in the same period 2006.

This increased profit is the result of the company's ability to increase its production and distribution facilities as per the company's strategic plan as well as the acquisition of Western Bakeries Company Limited and International Baking Services Company Limited. During the third quarter, Almarai paid for its share in the telecommunication consortium led by Zain Kuwait, (formerly Mobile Telecommunication Company in Kuwait - MTC) to operate the third mobile network in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Almarai owns 5% of this company which will be reduced to 2.5% after the IPO.