

Almarai Company announces its interim consolidated financial results for the period ended 30 September 2012 (Nine Months)

Almarai Company (Almarai) today announced its interim consolidated financial results for the period ended 30 September 2012.

1) For the third quarter ended 30 September 2012 Almarai generated a consolidated net profit amounting to SAR 450.0 million, an increase of 4.7% compared to the same period last year (SAR 429.7 million) and an increase of 18.6% compared to the second quarter 2012 (SAR 379.5 million).

2) The total gross profit for the third quarter ended 30 September 2012 amounted to SAR 1,012.2 million, an increase of 16.2% compared to the same period last year (SAR 871.3 million).

3) The operating profit for the third quarter ended 30 September 2012 amounted to SAR 508.6 million, an increase of 6.6% compared to the same period last year (SAR 477.0 million).

4) The consolidated net profit for the first nine months ended 30 September 2012 amounted to SAR 1,071.6 million, an increase of 5.7% compared to the same period last year (SAR 1,014.2 million).

5) The earnings per share (EPS) for the nine months ended 30 September 2012 was SAR 2.68 compared to SAR 2.54 for the prior year. Earnings per Share are calculated on the weighted average number at 30 September 2012 and 30 September 2011 amounting to 400 million shares. The weighted average number of shares of issued shares has been retrospectively adjusted for the prior period to reflect the effect of the bonus share issue. Approved in the extraordinary general assembly meeting on 2nd of April 2012.

6) The total gross profit for the first nine months ended 30 September 2012 amounted to SAR 2,641.2 million, an increase of 16.2% compared to the same period last year (SAR 2,272.7 million).

7) The operating profit for the first nine months ended 30 September 2012 amounted to SAR 1,235.6 million, an increase of 5.2% compared to the same period last year (SAR 1,174.2 million).

8) Turnover for the third quarter ended 30 September 2012 amounted to SAR 2,673.0 million, an increase of 27.0% compared to the same period last year (SAR 2,105.3 million).

9) Turnover for the first nine months ended 30 September 2012 amounted to SAR 7,237.5 million an increase of 23.5% compared to the same period last year (SAR 5,861.7 million).

10) The reason for higher sales and profit growth during the third quarter of this year compared to the last year is the strong performance in all sectors, especially bakery and poultry, as well as the consolidation of IDJ for this period.

The reason for the growth of profit and sales of the third quarter compared to second quarter of this year is the seasonal impact of summer and the holy month of Ramadan in addition to the reasons described above.

The net profit growth in the third quarter compared to the last year is due to the business and sales growth in general as mention above, but it has been reduced by continuous high material costs resulting from on-going erratic commodity prices, and also persistent increase in overhead costs due to the expansion in new projects.

The company believes that this performance, taking into consideration the foregoing satisfactory.