

**The Directors of  
Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd  
announce the un-audited consolidated results for quarter ended January 08,2005**

**Commentary on un-audited 3rd Quarter Results**

The Directors of Jamaica Broilers Group Ltd are pleased to release the un-audited financial results for the quarter ended January 08, 2005. These statements have been prepared in accordance with, and comply with, International Financial Reporting Standards

The Group's turnover for this quarter, when compared to the corresponding period last year, showed an increase of 13.5% to \$2.26 billion. However, gross profits increased by 6% in nominal terms, as the negative impact of the passage of Hurricane Ivan was still being felt, particularly in periods 7 and 8 of this quarter. Gross profits as a percentage of turnover, for the quarter, therefore declined to 23.9% compared to 25.5% for the corresponding period last year.

Loss of, or reduction in gross profit, and increases in operating costs which were a consequence of insured property damage caused by Hurricane Ivan, are covered by the company's business interruption (BI) insurance. Approximately \$32million from this source - or a total year-to-date sum of \$124million - is included in other operating income for this quarter. Further amounts will be brought to book when negotiations are completed with our insurers.

The company's results were also impacted by inflation in the economy and this is seen in year - to - date increases in distribution and administrative expenses, when compared to the corresponding period last year. In addition, there was a significant increase in marketing spend which has served to increase our visibility and presence in the marketplace.

Against this background , profit before tax for the quarter was the same as the corresponding period last year and profits after tax attributable to stockholders for the quarter was \$121 million compared to \$125 million. This equates to earnings per stock unit of 10.07 cents , down from 10.42 cents in 2004.

In the fourth quarter we expect to finalise negotiations and bring to book additional income with respect to the business interruption insurance claims. We also anticipate a favourable settlement in the legal case that was brought by us against the majority partner in the Co-Generating electricity plant project.

The staff, management and Board remain committed, under God's guidance, to further improving shareholder value in the remaining quarter of this financial year.

Hon. R. Danvers Williams  
Chairman

Robert E. Levy  
President & Chief Executive Officer

February 21, 2005

**Interim Consolidated Profit and Loss account for quarter ended January 08,2005**

	Quarter ended January 08,2005 \$000	Quarter ended January 10,2004 \$000	Nine periods to January 08,2005 \$000	Nine periods to January 10,2004 \$000
Turnover	2,258,222	1,989,932	6,230,864	5,444,906
Cost of Sales	(1,719,087)	(1,483,011)	(4,827,411)	(4,046,834)
Gross Profit	539,135	506,921	1,403,453	1,398,072
Other operating income	48,913	10,640	159,061	24,442
Distribution Costs	(81,419)	(59,413)	(190,104)	(160,314)
Administrative and other expenses	(342,592)	(288,304)	(985,945)	(838,409)
Operating Profit	164,037	169,844	386,465	423,791
Finance costs (net)	(3,789)	(9,578)	(12,243)	(48,239)
Profit on sale of investment property	-	-	114,744	-
Profit before taxation	160,248	160,266	488,966	375,552
Taxation	(39,499)	(35,352)	(81,309)	(88,070)
Net Profit after taxation	120,749	124,914	407,657	287,482
Minority interest	-	-	-	-
Net Profit attributable to stockholders of Holding Company	120,749	124,914	407,657	287,482
Earnings per Stock Unit-cents	10.07	10.42	33.99	23.97

**Consolidated Balance Sheet (condensed) as at January 08, 2005**

	January 08 2005	May 01 2004	January 10 2004
<b>NET ASSETS EMPLOYED</b>			
Fixed Assets	1,801,217	1,725,011	1,693,375
Goodwill	-	-	10,283
Deferred Expenditure	-	-	16,493
Investment Property	2,471	46,087	44,230
Held to Maturity Investments	415,418	572,309	577,988
Available-for-sale investments	112,148	107,502	-
Deferred tax asset	25,799	25,799	4,456
Pension Fund Surplus	153,260	153,300	148,400
Current Assets	2,649,454	2,396,961	2,322,707
Current Liabilities	(1,421,368)	(1,811,051)	(1,426,051)
	<u>3,738,399</u>	<u>3,215,918</u>	<u>3,391,881</u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>			
Share Capital	599,638	599,638	599,639
Capital Reserve	844,557	858,631	858,161
Retained Earnings	1,592,056	1,189,932	1,110,485
Shareholders' equity	<u>3,036,251</u>	<u>2,648,201</u>	<u>2,568,285</u>
Minority Interest	5,145	5,145	5,145
Long Term Liabilities	354,025	212,834	499,159
Deferred Tax Liabilities	336,178	342,938	312,592
Employee Benefit Obligations	6,800	6,800	6,700
	<u>3,738,399</u>	<u>3,215,918</u>	<u>3,391,881</u>

**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity as at January 08, 2005**

	<b>Number of Shares 000's</b>	<b>Share Capital \$000</b>	<b>Capital Reserves * \$000</b>	<b>Retained Earnings * \$000</b>	<b>Total *</b> <b>\$000</b>
Balance at May 03,2003-as previously reported	1,027,952	513,976	961,574	952,426	2,427,976
Effect of adopting IFRS					
IAS 12-Income Taxes			(125,469)	(158,620)	(284,089)
IAS 19-Employee Benefits					
				148,400	148,400
				(6,700)	(6,700)
				(13,682)	(13,682)
IAS 39 Financial instruments			3,810	(13,158)	(9,348)
Balance at May 03,2003 as restated	1,027,952	513,976	839,915	908,666	2,262,557
Bonus issue of shares	171,326	85,663		(85,663)	-
Translation Gain			17,657		17,657
Reserve on revaluation of available for sale investments			589		589
Net profit for period				287,482	287,482
Balance at January 10,2004	<u>1,199,278</u>	<u>599,639</u>	<u>858,161</u>	<u>1,110,485</u>	<u>2,568,285</u>
Balance at May 01,2004	1,199,278	599,638	858,631	1,189,932	2,648,201
Translation adjustment			(19,607)		(19,607)
Transfers			5,533	(5,533)	-
Net profit for period				407,657	407,657
Balance at January 08, 2005	<u>1,199,278</u>	<u>599,638</u>	<u>844,557</u>	<u>1,592,056</u>	<u>3,036,251</u>

**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Condensed) for nine periods ended January 08, 2005**

	<b>January 08</b>	<b>January 10</b>
	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>\$000</b>	<b>\$000</b>
<b>CASH RESOURCES WERE PROVIDED BY/(USED IN):</b>		
Operating Activities		
Net Profit	407,657	287,482
Items not affecting cash resources	<u>(9,820)</u>	<u>137,880</u>
	397,837	425,362
Changes in non-cash working capital components	<u>(440,290)</u>	<u>314,909</u>
Cash provided by/(used in) operations	(42,453)	740,271
Cash provided by/Used in) financing activities	(249,480)	(36,150)
Cash (used in) provided by investing activities	<u>93,630</u>	<u>(631,520)</u>
Increase /(decrease) in net cash and cash equivalents	(198,303)	72,601
Net cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>170,159</u>	<u>(40,912)</u>
<b>NET CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD</b>	<b><u><u>(28,144)</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>31,689</u></u></b>

## **Notes to the Interim Consolidated Financial Statements**

### **Accounting Periods**

The company's financial year consists of 13 four-week periods. The quarterly Profit & Loss account for each of the first three quarters consists of 3 four week periods, with the fourth quarter being 4 four week periods. The accounting year ends on the Saturday closest to April 30.

### **Basis of presentation**

These consolidated 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 available-for-sale investments

### **Segment reporting**

The group is organised into three main business segments

Poultry Operations - Rearing of poultry for fertile egg production, broiler grow-out ; broiler processing and sales

Feed and Farm Supplies- Manufacturing and sale of feeds and sale of farm supplies

Fish Operations - Grow out , processing and sale of fish

### **Agriculture**

Current assets include biological assets with a carrying value of \$401.56 million at January 08, 2005 ( \$ 414.9 million at May 01,2004)

Biological assets include poultry breeder flocks, hatching eggs,baby chicks, chicken being grown out,grain fed cattle,. fish and started pullets(layers)

These assets are carried at cost as no reliable measure for determining fair value has been identified