

COMMENTS

Financial results

Headline earnings per share for the six months ended 31 March 2007 increased by 40% compared to those of the first half of last year. Earnings per share for the same period were 50% higher mainly as a result of the profit on disposal of Tuna Marine less impairment provisions raised.

Although turnover decreased by 5%, operating profit before abnormal items increased by 26%. The major contributing factors to the improved margins were higher export prices and good catches in the horse mackerel, lobster and fishmeal sectors. Headline earnings increased by 25%.

The weighted average number of shares in issue was lower due to the shares held by the black employee share trust (Khula Trust) being treated as treasury shares. This contributed to higher earnings on a per share basis.

An interim dividend of 19.0 cents per share has been declared (2006: 15.0 cents per share).

Review of operations

Inshore Fishing

The 2007 total allowable catch (TAC) for pilchard was reduced to 162 436 tons (2006: 204 000 tons). Pilchard landings improved on last year but are still insufficient to meet consumer demand. Fish is being caught on the south and east coasts with good catches made recently along the west coast. Canning yields were poor, particularly at the beginning of the season but have since improved. Pilchard fishing has not commenced in Namibia where the announcement of a provisional TAC is awaited (2006: no landings against the 25 000 ton TAC).

Sales volumes of Lucky Star canned fish on the domestic market decreased significantly compared to the previous year due to the shortage of supply. In the UK, Glenryck Foods also experienced pilchard procurement difficulties and performance was below that of the prior year.

Overall, profitability from canned fish was considerably lower than in the same period last year.

Fishmeal operations recorded a profit for the six months due to significantly higher prices achieved in export markets. Landings of industrial fish were higher comprising mainly red-eye herring. The anchovy A season TAC for 2007 is 186 942 tons (2006: 212 251 tons) and is normally landed in the winter months. Selling prices for fishmeal are expected to be maintained in the second half.

The TAC for west coast lobster was reduced to 2 774 tons (2006: 3 174 tons). The uncaught quota from 2006 was carried forward for catching in 2007. Oceana quota

INTERIM REPORT

and dividend declaration for the six months ended 31 March 2007

The unaudited results of the group for the six months ended 31 March 2007 are set out herein. This report has been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) applicable to Interim Financial Reporting (IAS 34) and in accordance with the principles applied in the most recently published annual financial statements.

available amounts to 551 tons (2006 actual catch: 366 tons). To date lobster landings have been good and production costs per unit were lower mainly as a result of higher volumes. Export prices were higher and the weaker rand exchange rate further increased sales realisations resulting in improved profitability.

Squid catches were below those of last year. Higher market prices and the reversal of certain provisions resulted in increased profits.

Midwater and deep-sea fishing

Although turnover declined due to lower volumes of horse mackerel sourced from external fleets, selling prices remained at high levels. Horse mackerel catches were higher and vessel costs per day reduced. Overall operating profit from horse mackerel was higher than last year.

Results from hake operations showed an improvement mainly as a consequence of better fishing conditions and higher prices offset by the effect of lower quotas.

Cold storage

The cold storage division experienced higher volumes handled through the stores but shorter dwell times resulted in lower revenue. Profits were substantially lower.

Long-term commercial fishing rights

Certain subsidiaries are involved in a number of review applications brought in the High Court by various parties regarding the allocations of long-term fishing rights. Completion of this legal process is expected to take some time.

Directorate

On 8 February 2007, Ms L Ruthlial resigned and Mrs ABA Conrad was appointed to the board.

On 11 May 2007, Mr F Robertson was appointed to the board.

Prospects

Headline earnings for the full year are expected to exceed those of last year. Second half earnings growth is expected to be at a lower rate than that of the first half.

On behalf of the board.

MA Brey

Chairman

AB Marshall

Chief Executive Officer

11 May 2007

CONDENSED GROUP INCOME STATEMENT

Note	Unaudited Six months ended 31 March		Change %	Audited Year ended 30 Sept 2006	
	2007 R'000	2006 R'000		2006 R'000	
Revenue	1 136 345	1 197 087	(5)	2 544 558	
Operating profit before abnormal items	66 312	52 606	26	183 325	
Abnormal items	2 962	710		(5 882)	
Operating profit	69 274	53 316	30	177 443	
Dividends received and accrued	7 816	422		6 151	
Net interest received	5 334	15 420		23 340	
Profit before taxation	82 424	69 158	19	206 934	
Taxation	27 091	27 645	(2)	70 088	
Profit after taxation	55 333	41 513	33	136 846	
Attributable to:					
Shareholders of Oceana Group Limited	51 564	38 500	34	129 791	
Outside shareholders in subsidiaries	3 769	3 013	25	7 055	
	55 333	41 513	33	136 846	
Weighted average number of shares on which earnings per share are based (000's)	2	100 764	113 036		113 099
Adjusted weighted average number of shares on which diluted earnings per share are based (000's)		100 921	113 358		113 426
Earnings per share (cents)					
Basic	51.2	34.1	50	114.8	
Diluted	51.1	34.0	50	114.4	
Dividends per share (cents)	19.0	15.0	27	74.0	
Headline earnings per share (cents)					
Basic	46.7	33.2	40	112.8	
Diluted	46.6	33.1	41	112.5	

CONDENSED GROUP BALANCE SHEET

	Unaudited 31 March		Audited 30 Sept	
	2007 R'000	2006 R'000	2006 R'000	
Assets				
Non-current assets	490 911	381 088	511 305	
Property, plant and equipment	299 820	276 538	316 457	
Goodwill	22 434	17 271	21 911	
Fishing rights and trademarks	36 015	32 139	40 109	
Deferred taxation	13 174	11 380	12 850	
Investments and loans	119 468	43 760	119 978	
Current assets	765 065	916 616	826 327	
Inventories	249 738	204 549	219 224	
Accounts receivable	352 905	298 597	403 486	
Non-current assets held for sale	1 100	1 200	4 950	
Cash and cash equivalents	161 322	412 270	198 667	
Total assets	1 255 976	1 297 704	1 337 632	
Equity and liabilities				
Capital and reserves				
Share capital and premium	138	64 792	101	
Foreign currency translation reserve	24 441	(1 673)	23 018	
Share-based payment reserve	13 920	9 647	11 232	
Capital redemption reserve	90	90	90	
Distributable reserves	726 805	799 164	760 569	
Interest of own shareholders	765 394	872 020	795 010	
Interest of outside shareholders	26 039	22 451	23 820	
Total equity	791 433	894 471	818 830	
Non-current liabilities	33 119	29 841	30 961	
Liability for share-based payments	2 517	238	1 087	
Deferred taxation	30 602	29 603	29 874	
Current liabilities	431 424	373 392	487 841	
Accounts payable and provisions	368 356	325 432	415 895	
Bank overdrafts	63 068	47 960	71 946	
Total equity and liabilities	1 255 976	1 297 704	1 337 632	
Number of shares in issue net of treasury shares (000's)	99 971	113 166	101 493	
Net asset value per ordinary share (cents)	766	771	783	
Total liabilities excluding deferred taxation:				
Total equity (%)	55	42	60	
Total borrowings: Interest of own shareholders (%)	8	5	9	

CONDENSED GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Unaudited Six months ended 31 March		Audited Year ended 30 Sept	
	2007 R'000	2006 R'000	2006 R'000	
Balance at the beginning of the period	818 830	916 344	916 344	
Shares issued	11 893	9 309	9 377	
(Increase)/decrease in treasury shares	(36 740)	3	(177 763)	
Movement on foreign currency translation reserve	1 423	(5 551)	19 140	
Movement on share-based payment reserve	2 688	1 031	2 613	
Net profit after taxation for the period	55 333	41 513	136 846	
(Loss)/profit on sale of treasury shares	(26)	105	205	
Dividends declared	(61 968)	(68 283)	(87 932)	
Balance at the end of the period	791 433	894 471	818 830	
Comprising:				
Share capital and premium	138	64 792	101	
Foreign currency translation reserve	24 441	(1 673)	23 018	
Share-based payment reserve	13 920	9 647	11 232	
Capital redemption reserve	90	90	90	
Distributable reserves	726 805	799 164	760 569	
Outside shareholders' interest	26 039	22 451	23 820	
Total	791 433	894 471	818 830	

CONDENSED GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Unaudited Six months ended 31 March		Audited Year ended 30 Sept	
	2007 R'000	2006 R'000	2006 R'000	
Cash flows from operating activities				
Operating profit before abnormal items	66 312	52 606	183 325	
Adjustment for non-cash items	33 328	22 222	60 777	
Operating cash flows before working capital changes	99 640	74 828	244 102	
Working capital changes	(20 739)	84 435	50 606	
Cash generated from operations	78 901	159 263	294 708	
Interest and dividends received	11 118	18 148	34 651	
Interest paid	(3 167)	(2 306)	(5 160)	
Taxation paid	(33 167)	(13 592)	(46 960)	
Dividends paid	(64 080)	(68 498)	(86 034)	
Net cash (outflow)/ inflow from operating activities	(10 395)	93 015	191 205	
Cash inflow(outflow) from investing activities	5 330	(14 164)	(167 811)	
Capital expenditure	(13 792)	(18 413)	(94 276)	
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1 236	1 388	1 639	
Proceeds on disposal of fishing rights	3 366	225	227	
Net movement on loans and advances	5 708	3 077	12 789	
Investment in preference shares	–	–	(88 000)	
Disposal of businesses	7 830	–	–	
Cash-related abnormal items and other	982	(441)	(190)	
Net cash flows (applied to)/from financing activities	(22 338)	1 617	(174 894)	
Proceeds from issue of share capital	11 894	9 312	9 377	
Proceeds on sale of treasury shares	27	105	264	
Acquisition of treasury shares	(36 794)	–	(177 822)	
Short-term borrowings raised/(repaid)	2 535	(7 800)	(6 713)	
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(27 403)	80 468	(151 500)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	126 721	283 195	283 195	
Effect of exchange rate changes	(1 064)	647	(4 974)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	98 254	364 310	126 721	

DIVIDEND DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that an interim dividend, No. 127 of 19.0 cents per share, in respect of the year ending 30 September 2007, was declared on Friday 11 May 2007. Relevant dates are as follows:

Last day to trade cum dividend	–	Friday 22 June 2007
Commence trading ex dividend	–	Monday 25 June 2007
Record date	–	Friday 29 June 2007
Dividend payable	–	Monday 2 July 2007

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Monday 25 June 2007 and Friday 29 June 2007, both dates inclusive.

By order of the board

JD Cole

Secretary

11 May 2007

GROUP SEGMENTAL REPORT

	Unaudited Six months ended 31 March		Audited Year ended 30 Sept	
	2007 R'000	2006 R'000	2006 R'000	
Revenue				
Inshore Fishing	620 011	611 335	1 318 949	
Midwater and Deepsea Fishing	458 006	524 418	1 071 362	
Commercial Cold Storage	58 328	61 334	154 247	
Total	1 136 345	1 197 087	2 544 558	
Operating profit before abnormal items				
Inshore Fishing	12 616	(3 706)	77 939	
Midwater and Deepsea Fishing	43 440	37 500	46 705	
Commercial Cold Storage	10 256	18 812	58 681	
Total	66 312	52 606	183 325	
Total assets				
Inshore Fishing	571 650	408 386	563 887	
Midwater and Deepsea Fishing	228 257	299 166	264 306	
Commercial Cold Storage	162 105	122 742	177 944	
Financing	280 790	456 030	318 645	
Total	1 242 802	1 286 324	1 324 782	
Deferred taxation	13 174	11 380	12 850	
Total	1 255 976	1 297 704	1 337 632	
Total liabilities				
Inshore Fishing	256 163	208 980	278 909	
Midwater and Deepsea Fishing	85 726	87 329	90 756	
Commercial Cold Storage	20 825	22 848	41 693	
Financing	71 227	54 473	77 570	
Total	433 941	373 630	488 928	
Deferred taxation	30 602	29 603	29 874	
Total	464 543	403 233	518 802	

NOTES

	Unaudited Six months ended 31 March	Audited Year ended 30 Sept
	2007 R'000	2006 R'000
1. Abnormal items		
Provision for impairment losses	(4 686)	–
Profit on change of interest in subsidiary/ joint ventures	8 812	283
Provision in respect of utilisation of pension fund surplus	(1 164)	(6 842)
Surplus on disposal of property, plant and equipment	–	485
Surplus on disposal of fishing rights	–	225
Abnormal profit/(loss) before taxation	2 962	710
Taxation	628	(8)
Abnormal profit/(loss) after taxation	3 590	702
	Number of shares '000	Number of shares '000
2. Elimination of treasury shares		
Weighted average number of shares in issue	116 689	113 264
Less: treasury shares held by share trusts	(14 383)	(228)
Less: treasury shares held by subsidiary company	(1 542)	–
Weighted average number of shares on which earnings per share and headline earnings per share are based	100 764	113 036
	R'000	R'000
3. Determination of headline earnings		
Profit after taxation attributable to own shareholders	51 564	38 500
Adjusted for:		
Provision for impairment losses	3 916	–
Profit on change of interest in subsidiaries/ joint ventures	(8 333)	–
Net surplus on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(114)	(700)
Net surplus on disposal of fishing rights	–	(225)
Insurance proceeds for damaged vessel	–	–
Headline earnings for the period	47 033	37 575
4. Dividends		
Estimated dividend declared after reporting date	18 995	16 975
Dividend on shares issued prior to last day to trade		537
Actual dividend declared after reporting date		16 975
5. Supplementary information		
Cost of sales	808 350	885 425
Depreciation	29 367	26 304
Operating lease charges	9 397	7 200
Foreign exchange profit	(666)	(1 006)
Capital expenditure	13 792	18 413
Expansion	–	8 555
Replacement	13 792	9 858
Capital commitments	35 536	89 989
Contracted	7 177	41 717
Approved	28 359	48 272