Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2007

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2007

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

Principal activity and review of the business

The company, which is part of an integrated worldwide commodity trading group, is in the process of winding down its operations

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on pages 5 - 6

The directors have paid an interim dividend amounting to \$20,000,000 and they do not recommend payment of a final dividend (2006 - US\$nil)

Branch outside the United Kingdom

The company operates a branch office in Geneva, which is in the process of winding down its operations

Fixed assets

The changes to tangible fixed assets and investments are summarised in notes 10 and 11

Directors

The directors who served during the year are as stated below

P H Akroyd

R J Allen

J Barritt

(Resigned 29 June 2007)

N Mamalıs

IS McIntosh

Directors' and officers' liability insurance

During the year the company purchased and maintained liability insurance for its directors and officers, as permitted by Section 310(3) of the Companies Act 1985

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP)

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year In preparing these the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2007

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In the case of each of the persons who are directors at the time when the report is approved

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Constantin be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting

This report was approved by the Board on September 17th, 2008 and signed on its behalf by

A.M. Payne Secretary

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet and the related notes These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether, in our opinion, the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited continued

Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

Constantin

Registered auditors

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Date

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2007

	Notes	2007 \$000	2006 \$000
Turnover		54,175	1,143,029
Cost of sales		(42,677)	(1,016,363)
Gross profit		11,498	126,666
Exceptional item Administrative expenses Intercompany loan write-off Other operating income	2	(18,424) - 1550	(10,000) (53,142) 1,003 340
Operating (loss)/profit	2	(5,376)	64,867
Cost of fundamental reorganisation	3	-	(4,560)
Other interest receivable and similar income Amount written off investments Interest payable and similar charges Dividends	4 5 6 8	12,992 - (7,100) 6,744	16,609 (389) (43,493)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		7,260	33,034
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	(4,144)	(15,930)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		3,116	17,104

The notes on pages 8 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

	2007 \$000	2006 \$000
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	3,116	17,104
Deferred tax on actuarial gain Actuarial gain recognised in the pension scheme	- -	(432) 1,438
Total recognised gains relating to the year	3,116	18,110

The notes on pages 8 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2007

		2007		2006	
	Notes	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		-		115
Investments	11		31,681		31,440
			31,681		31,555
Current assets			,		•
Stocks	12	-		196	
Debtors	13	296,086		449,065	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,913		1,361	
		299,999		450,622	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	14	(262,629)		(379,208)	
Net current assets			37,370		71,414
Total assets less current liabilities			69,051		102,969
Provisions for liabilities and charges	15		-		(11,015)
Net assets excluding pension liability	,		69,051		91,954
Pension fund deficit			-		(6,019)
Net assets			69,051		85,935
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	16		67,800		67,800
Profit and loss account			1,251		18,135
Shareholders' funds	17		69,051		85,9 35
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The financial statements were approved by the Board on September 17th, 2008 and signed on its behalf by

Nigel Mamalıs

Director

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, except as noted in paragraph 1 7 below

The financial statements are prepared in US\$, as this is the main operating currency of the company

1.2. Turnover

Turnover represents the amount receivable for the goods and services supplied to customers on completion of a contract in respect of commodity trading, excluding value added tax. The nature of commodity trading is such that it is not possible to establish the geographical split of turnover by destination.

1.3. Forward contracts

Forward purchases and sales of commodities are valued at either quoted market prices or, if unavailable, directors' valuation at the Balance Sheet date, and any profit or loss is recognised in the Profit and Loss Account

1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows

Short leasehold property

Straight line over the life of the lease

Freehold land is not depreciated

1.5. Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term

1.6. Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for impairment

1.7. Stock

Traded commodities are valued at market values at the balance sheet date. Although not in accordance with SSAP 9, the directors believe that this policy, which is internationally accepted for commodity trading groups, gives a fairer reflection of its commodity trading activities.

1.8. Pensions

The cost of pension contributions is charged to the Profit and Loss Account as explained in Note 18

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

1.9. Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is accounted for on an undiscounted basis at expected tax rates on all differences arising from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. A deferred tax asset is only recognised when it is more likely than not that the asset will be recoverable in the foreseeable future out of suitable taxable profits from which the underlying timing differences can be deducted

1.10. Foreign currencies

Transactions in currencies other than US\$ are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of transaction or if appropriate at a forward contract rate. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into US\$ at the rates of exchange prevailing at the Balance Sheet date. All differences are taken to the Profit and Loss Account.

1.11. Consolidation

The financial statements contain information about Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited as an individual company In accordance with the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard No 2 and Companies Act 1985 Section 228(2) and Section 228(1)(b), the company has taken advantage of the exemption available to it from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements, on the grounds that it is included in the consolidated financial statements of Louis Dreyfus SAS, incorporated in France

1.12. Related party transactions

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard No 8, the company has taken advantage of the exemption for subsidiary undertakings, whose 90% or more voting rights are controlled within a group, from the requirement to disclose related party transactions, as the consolidated financial statements in which the company is included are publicly available

1.13. Cash flow statement

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard No 1, the company has taken advantage of the exemption for subsidiary undertakings, whose 90% or more voting rights are controlled within a group, from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement, as the consolidated financial statements in which the company is included are publicly available

2. Operating profit

	2007 \$000	2006 \$000
Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	115	648
Exchange differences	(2,270)	(15,415)
Operating lease rentals	,	` , ,
- Land and buildings	1,471	1,401
Auditors' remuneration	156	444
Exceptional item	<u> </u>	10,000

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

Exceptional item

The company operates a defined benefit scheme for pension fund members. It has been increasingly difficult for such schemes to remain financially sustainable, and in 2006 the company considered the options open to it, seeking a financially viable solution consistent with the interests of members. Arising from discussions with the pension fund trustees, the company appointed experts to calculate a range of estimated costs for the company associated with the potential options. In 2006, the company made a commitment to the trustees to make an offer to members and a provision for the best estimate of the associated costs (being \$10m) was accordingly made in the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006.

This pension fund liability has subsequently been legally transferred to a group company, Louis Dreyfus Commodities Suisse SA See note 18 (Pension) for details

3.	Cost of fundamental reorganisation		
		2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
	Redundancy costs	-	1,922
	Property costs	-	1,323
	Other restructuring costs	-	720
	Fixed assets written off	-	595
		-	4,560
4.	Interest receivable and similar income		
٠.	interest receivable and similar income	2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
	Bank interest	8	110
	Group interest	11,592	12,693
	Other interest	1392	3,806
		12,992	16,609
5.	Amounts written off investments		
<i>J</i> .	Amounts written off investinents	2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
		2000	3000
	Amounts written off current asset investments		389

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

6.	Interest payable and similar charges	2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
	Included in this category is the following		
	On amounts payable to group companies	5,518	18,71 <i>7</i>
	On loans and overdrafts	1,582	24,776
		7,100	43,493
7.	Employees	•••	2006
	N. I. C. I	2007	2006
	Number of employees		
	The average monthly number of employees		
	(including the directors) during the year was	10	69
		2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
	Employment costs		
	Wagner and galaries	6,406	29,887
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	231	2,023
	Other pension costs	814	7,304
	Other pension costs	7,451	39,214
7.1.	Directors' emoluments		
		2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
	Remuneration and other emoluments	218	1,208
	Compensation for loss of office	286_	
		504	1,208
	Number of desired and the second of the		
	Number of directors to whom retirement benefits are accruing under a defined benefit scheme	-	4
			
		\$000	\$000
	Highest paid director		
	Amounts included above	40.6	401
	Emoluments and other benefits	496	421
			

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

8. Dividends

Dividends	2007 \$000	2006 \$000
Kings Lynn Silos Ltd	811	-
International Trading Services (UK) Company Ltd	5,858	-
Baltic Exchange	75	-
	6,744	-

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

9 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

Analysis of charge in period	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax	(2,217)	17,489
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	252	(405)
	(1,965)	17,084
Overseas tax	225	1,635
Total current tax (credit)/charge	(1,740)	18,719
Deferred tax		
Timing differences, origination and reversal	5,884	(2,789)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4,144	15,930

Factors affecting tax charge for period

The tax assessed for the period differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (30 per cent). The differences are explained below

	2007 \$'000	2006 \$'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	7,260	33,034
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation		
tax in the UK of 30% (31 December 2006 - 30%)	2,178	9,910
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	917	495
Allowable depreciation	-	(47)
UK dividend income	(2,023)	(9)
Use of capital losses	(113)	-
Timing differences	(2,985)	8,149
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	252	(405)
Tax adjustments	-	618
Depreciation on non-qualifying assets	34	114
Deferred tax not provided (current year)	-	195
Loan relationship credit	-	(301)
Current tax (credit)/charge for period	(1,740)	18,719

Factors that may affect future tax charges

Potential deferred tax assets of US\$313,000 (2006 - US\$758,000) relating to accelerated capital allowances and short term timing differences have not been recognised on the grounds that they are not deemed recoverable under Financial Reporting Standard No 19

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

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10.	Tangible fixed assets				leasehold property \$'000
	Cost At 1 January 2007 Disposals				426 (426)
	At 31 December 2007				-
	Depreciation At 1 January 2007 On disposals Charge for the year				311 (426) 115
	At 31 December 2007				-
	Net book values At 31 December 2007				
	At 31 December 2006				115
11.	Fixed asset investments	Shares in subsidiary undertakings \$'000	Shares in significant holdings \$'000	Other unlisted investments \$'000	Total \$'000
	Cost At 1 January 2007	50.717	£1	641	51 200
	Additions	50,616 -	51	241	51,308 241
	At 31 December 2007	50,616	51	882	51,549
	Provisions for diminution in value: At 1 January 2007 Movement	19,868	- -		19,868
	At 31 December 2007	19,868	-	•	19,868
	Net book values At 31 December 2007	30,748	51	882	31,681
	At 31 December 2006	30,748	51	641	31,440

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

11.1 Holdings of 20% or more

The company holds 20% or more of the share capital of the following companies

	Country of		Proportion
	registration or	Class of	of shares
Company	incorporation	shares held	held
Subsidiary undertakings			
International Trading Services (UK) Company	LtdUnited Kingdom	Ordinary shares	100%
L D S (Commodities) Ltd	Israel	Ordinary shares	100%
Louis Dreyfus Cote d'Ivoire SA	Ivory Coast	Ordinary shares	100%
Louis Dreyfus Services Ltd	United Kingdom	Ordinary shares	100%
Louis Dreyfus Commodities & Finance Ltd	United Kingdom	Ordinary shares	100%
Significant interests			
Kings Lynn Silos Ltd	United Kingdom	Convertible preferred	33%
	_	Ordinary shares	33%

The significant holdings have not been treated as associated undertakings as the company participates in the financial and operating policy of the holdings, but does not exercise a significant influence over those policies

12. Stocks

12.	Stocks		
		2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
	Traded commodity stocks	<u>. </u>	196
13.	Debtors		
		2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
	Trade debtors	6,929	25,296
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	279,928	418,917
	Other debtors	8,804	1,100
	Prepayments and accrued income	425	447
	Deferred tax	-	3,305
		296,086	449,065

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

14.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2007 \$000	2006 \$000
	Bank loans and overdrafts	-	15,457
	Trade creditors	-	15,792
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	260,095	314,027
	Corporation tax	106	8,193
	Other taxes and social security costs	28	221
	Other creditors	1,808	1,847
	Accruals and deferred income	592	23,671
		262,629	379,208
15.	Provisions for liabilities and charges		
	_		
		2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
	At 1 January 2007	11,015	-
	(Reversal)/charge for the year	(11,015)	11,015
	At 31 December 2007	-	11,015
16.	Share capital	2007	2006
		\$'000	\$'000
	Authorised	120.000	100.000
	100,000,000 Ordinary shares of \$1 each	100,000	100,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		 _
	67,800,000 Ordinary shares of \$1 each	67,800	67,800
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17.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2007	2006
		\$000	\$000
		400	••••
	Profit for the year	3,116	17,104
	Actuarial gain on pension scheme	•	1,006
	Net addition to shareholders' funds	3,116	18,110
	Opening shareholders' funds	85,935	67,825
	Dividend	(20,000)	
	Closing shareholders' funds	69,051	85,935
		<u> </u>	

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

18. Pension

The company operates a defined benefit pension scheme (the "Scheme") As a result of the circumstances discussed in Note 2, Louis Dreyfus & Co Limited and Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited have assigned their liabilities as principal and participating employer under the Louis Dreyfus & Co Limited Pension Fund (the "Scheme") to Louis Dreyfus Commodities Suisse SA, a group company incorporated in Switzerland for consideration of \$10m This commercial agreement did not require the agreement of the Trustees of the Scheme because Louis Dreyfus & Co Limited and Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited are still the principal and participating employer under the Scheme and retain their liabilities under the trust deed and rules. However, those liabilities will in practice be met by Louis Dreyfus Commodities Suisse SA by way of an assignment and indemnity under the agreement

The legal agreement transferring the pension fund liabilities to Louis Dreyfus Commodities Suisse SA was formally signed in 2008, however since the Trustees were made aware in 2007 that agreement had been reached between the parties that the transfer of liabilities would take place, the transfer of the pension fund liability was accounted for in the company's books in 2007 as Louis Dreyfus Commodities Suisse SA assumed a constructive obligation to fund the Scheme during 2007

19. Financial commitments

At 31 December 2007 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	Land and b	Land and buildings	
	2007	2006 \$000	
	\$000		
Expiry date:			
Within one year	1,771	3,459	
Between one and five years	7,084	13,835	
In over five years	1,328	3,459	
·	10,183	20,753	

20. Capital commitments

In the normal course of business the company has entered into forward contracts for the purchase and sale of commodities

21. Contingent liabilities

The company has guaranteed letters of credit amounting to \$800,000 (2006 \$nil)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

22. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Louis Dreyfus S A S, a company incorporated in France

23. Group accounts

The largest and smallest groups for which group accounts are prepared, and of which the company is a member, are

	Largest	<u>Smallest</u>
Name	Louis Dreyfus S.A.S.	Louis Dreyfus Holding Netherlands B.V.
Country of incorporation	France	Netherlands
Address from where copies of consolidated financial statements can be obtained	152 Avenue de Malakoff 75016 Parıs	Westblaak 92 3012 KM Rotterdam