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DIAGEO plc

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorised.

Diageo plc
(Registrant)

Date: 31 January 2013 By: /s/ J Nicholls
Name: J Nicholls
Title: Deputy Company Secretary

Interim results, six months ended 31 December 2012

Results which show Diageo is a strong business getting stronger

Results summary

- 5% organic net sales growth with 1% organic volume growth
- 70 basis points of organic gross margin improvement
- 5% organic growth in marketing focused on the faster growing markets
- 110 basis points of organic operating margin expansion
- 9% organic operating profit growth
- Faster growing markets are 42% of Diageo's net sales in the half and delivered organic net sales growth of 14% and operating profit growth of 21%
- Acquisitions made in the past two years added £0.3 billion to net sales in the half
- Free cash flow improved more than £100 million to £0.7 billion
- eps pre-exceptional items up 9% to 60.9 pence per share
- 9% increase in interim dividend

Paul S Walsh, Chief Executive, commenting on the six months ended 31 December 2012

“These results reflect the global strength of our strategic brands, our leadership in the US spirits market and our increasing presence in the fastest growing markets of the world. Our expanding reach to emerging middle class

consumers in faster growing markets was the key driver of our volume growth, while net sales growth was driven by our pricing strategy and premiumisation, especially in the US. This drove gross margin expansion, which together with our continued focus on operating efficiencies, delivered operating margin improvement.

This is a strong set of results, confirming our medium term guidance and supporting our decision to increase the interim dividend by 9%.”

Key financials:

		2013 H1	2012 H1	Organic growth %	Reported growth %
Volume	EUm	88.8	84.1	1	6
Net sales	£million	6,039	5,757	5	5
Marketing spend	£million	926	896	5	3
Operating profit before exceptional items	£million	2,029	1,866	9	9
Operating profit	£million	2,045	1,842		11
Profit attributable to parent company's equity shareholders	£million	1,538	953		61
Free cash flow	£million	708	580		
Basic eps	pence	61.5	38.2		61
eps pre-exceptionals	pence	60.9	55.9		9
Interim dividend	pence	18.10	16.60		9

Operating profit before exceptional items includes transaction and integration costs of £29 million (2011 – £38 million) in respect of business acquisitions, including £21 million in respect of the announced, but not yet completed, United Spirits deal.

The tax rate before exceptional items for the six months ended 31 December 2012 was 18.4% compared with 18.1% for the six months ended 31 December 2011. The reported tax rate, which includes exceptional tax, was 18.4% in the six months ended 31 December 2012 compared with 45.2% in the six months ended 31 December 2011. During last year tax authority negotiations were concluded resulting in a favourable change to the taxation basis of certain overseas profits and intangible assets giving rise to an exceptional write-off of the related deferred tax assets.

Organic growth by region:

	Volume %	Net sales %	Marketing spend %	Operating profit %
North America	1	5	5	9
Europe	(3)	(2)	(2)	(3)
Africa	3	10	7	17
Latin America and Caribbean	7	18	22	23
Asia Pacific	1	6	3	10

Exchange rate movement

	£million
On net sales	(142)
On operating profit before exceptional items	(41)

Exchange adjustments to net sales and operating profit before exceptional items are the translation of prior period reported results at current period exchange rates.

At current exchange rates (£1 = \$1.58; £1 = €1.17) exchange rate movements for the year ending 30 June 2013 are expected to have a £20 million adverse impact on operating profit and no material impact on net finance charges. This guidance excludes the impact of IAS 21 and 39.

Update on strategic transactions

On 9 November 2012, Diageo announced agreements to acquire a 27.4% equity interest through a preferential allotment and various share purchases in United Spirits Limited (USL), the leading spirits company in India. These agreements trigger an obligation on Diageo to launch a mandatory tender offer to the public shareholders of USL which, if fully subscribed, would result in Diageo acquiring an additional 26% equity interest in USL. The transaction elements are subject to a number of conditions, including release of security over the USL shares being acquired and receipt of various mandatory regulatory approvals.

On 11 December 2012 Diageo announced that discussions between Diageo and JB y Compania S.A. de C.V. relating to the future of the Jose Cuervo brand ended. The contract for the distribution of Jose Cuervo in North America and many other markets between Diageo and Jose Cuervo expires on 1 July 2013. Discussions continue about the transition arrangements. Jose Cuervo generated net sales of £303 million in the year ended 30 June 2012.

Definitions

Unless otherwise stated in this announcement:

- volume is in millions of equivalent units
- net sales are sales after deducting excise duties
- percentage movements are organic movements
- commentary refers to organic movements
- share refers to value share

See page 32 for additional information for shareholders and an explanation of non-GAAP measures.

BUSINESS REVIEW**For the six months ended 31 December 2012**

North America

Larry Schwartz, President, Diageo North America, commenting on the six months ended 31 December 2012, said:

“I am very pleased with these results which demonstrate Diageo’s strength in North America. Price increases across the portfolio and the growth of our premium brands drove 4 percentage points of positive price/mix. US Spirits net sales grew 6% on the back of the price increases we have taken since May 2012, supported by our superior route to market and our leading marketing and innovation activities. Reserve brands delivered double-digit growth again, with continued strong performance from Ketel One and Cîroc vodkas, Don Julio, Bulleit Bourbon and the super premium variants of Johnnie Walker. Our innovation continued to drive excitement and growth with launches which included Crown Royal Maple Finished and Smirnoff Iced Cake and Kissed Caramel. Our marketing investment was focused behind these new product innovations as well as on increased media investment behind our strategic brands. Additionally, continued evolution of our route to market enhanced our retail execution. Positive price/mix together with continued cost efficiencies resulted in significant organic operating margin improvement in the half.”

Key financials £m:

	2012 H1	FX	Acquisitions and disposals	Organic movement	2013 H1	Reported movement	
Net sales	1,880	(21)	(1)	89	1,947	4	%
Marketing spend	289	(1)	-	13	301	4	%
Operating profit before exceptional items	765	(6)	-	66	825	8	%
Exceptional items	(2)				-		
Operating profit	763				825	8	%

Key markets and categories:

The strategic brands**:

	Volume*	Organic net sales	Reported net sales		Volume*	Organic net sales	Reported net sales
	%	%	%		%	%	%
North America	1	5	4	Johnnie Walker	4	9	8

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United States	1	5	3	Crown Royal	10	12	11
Canada	-	7	7	Buchanan's	6	7	6
				Smirnoff	3	5	4
Spirits	2	7	6	Ketel One	9	13	11
Beer	(4)	(3)	(4)	Ciroc	13	14	13
Wine	2	5	3	Captain Morgan	-	4	3
Ready to drink	(9)	(5)	(6)	Baileys	3	6	5
				Jose Cuervo	(7)	(7)	(8)
				Tanqueray	3	6	5
				Guinness	(4)	(1)	(2)

* Organic equals reported movement for volume except for wine 1%, reflecting the French Agency disposal
 ** Spirits brands excluding ready to drink

In **spirits** 2% volume growth and 7% net sales growth was primarily driven by the performance of the strategic spirits brands in the US, where volume grew 4% and net sales grew 8%. This strong performance of the strategic spirits brands in the US was the result of 2% to 3% price increases across the portfolio and favourable brand mix from the continued premiumisation trend. Double-digit increase of whisk(e)y and vodka net sales were the drivers of performance with most of the growth coming from the premium and above segments.

Beer performance was soft as a result of lapping the launch of Guinness Black Lager in September 2011 and the disappointing rate of sale of the innovation. New advertising to better communicate the brand's product proposition has been developed.

Ready to drink volume declined, but price/mix was positive. However net sales declined overall as the weak performance in Smirnoff Ice more than offset growth in Smirnoff and Parrot Bay Pouches.

Wines returned to growth as the business responded to the changes we have made.

Canada net sales growth was driven by bulk sales and 14% growth of Captain Morgan on the back of increased investment behind the brand. Innovation further contributed to growth with the launches of Captain Morgan Black Spiced and Silver Spiced, Johnnie Walker Gold Label Reserve and Platinum Label and Crown Royal Maple Finished.

Marketing investment increased 5%. Over half of the incremental spend was focused behind the launch of Smirnoff Iced Cake and Kissed Caramel and the increased presence of Ketel One vodka in national media. Marketing investment behind the reserve brands increased 25%, with spend more than doubling behind Bulleit Bourbon and Johnnie Walker Blue Label, supporting the 15% net sales growth of the reserve portfolio.

Stronger pricing, improved product mix, reduced costs from supply chain efficiencies and tight overhead management resulted in 150 basis points of operating margin improvement.

Europe

Andrew Morgan, commenting as President, Diageo Europe, on the six months ended 31 December 2012, said:

“In Western Europe our performance continued to be impacted by the very challenging economic environment. In Southern Europe consumer weakness and reductions in customer inventories, led to a net sales decline of 19%. In a tough competitive environment, net sales in Great Britain were essentially unchanged. In contrast, Germany and Benelux performed well delivering double-digit growth and the malt whisky brands and Johnnie Walker’s ultra premium brands drove a good performance in our reserve business. The faster growing markets continued their double-digit growth trajectory and I am pleased with the performance of the combined Mey Içki and Diageo business in Turkey following the acquisition last year. We have increased our rate of marketing investment in the faster growing markets, while in Southern Europe we continue to execute our strategy of focusing investment on strategic brands. The decline in volume and net sales impacted gross margin and overhead absorption in Western Europe, outweighing over 100 basis points of operating margin improvement in the faster growing markets, and organic operating margin in Europe was down overall. We operate two very different businesses in Europe and to reflect this, from the second half we will be reporting Western Europe separately from the faster growing markets of Russia, Eastern Europe and Turkey.”

Key financials £m:

	2012 H1	FX	Acquisitions and disposals	Organic movement	2013 H1	Reported movement	
Net sales	1,625	(65)	47	(30)	1,577	(3)	%
Marketing spend	249	(14)	3	(4)	234	(6)	%
Operating profit before exceptional items	535	(18)	26	(15)	528	(1)	%
Exceptional items	(4)				20		
Operating profit	531				548	3	%

Key markets and categories:

The strategic brands**:

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	Volume*	Organic	Reported		Volume*	Organic	Reported
	%	net sales %	net sales %		%	net sales %	net sales %
Europe	(3)	(2)	(3)	Johnnie Walker	3	6	1
				J B	(23)	(29)	(33)
Western Europe	(5)	(6)	(10)	Smirnoff	-	(4)	(7)
Russia and Eastern Europe	9	15	10	Captain Morgan	17	18	14
Turkey	(3)	14	45	Baileys	(4)	(5)	(9)
				Guinness	(4)	(2)	(6)
Spirits**	(2)	-	-				
Beer	(2)	(5)	(9)				
Wine	(19)	(14)	(13)				
Ready to drink	(12)	(7)	(10)				

* Organic equals reported movement for volume except for: total Europe volume 1%, spirits 2%, wine (17)% and Turkey 27% reflecting the acquisition of Mey İçki

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Spirits brands excluding ready to drink

The performance of Diageo's business in **Western Europe** reflects four main drivers. Northern Europe continued to grow with Germany and the Netherlands delivering double-digit net sales growth. France saw a significant decline in net sales as the business was lapping a strong buy-in against an excise tax increase in January 2012. In Southern Europe weak consumer trends and customers reducing inventory levels led to further destocking, while the wine business saw a decline in net sales of 16% as the en primeur campaign was considerably weaker than the prior year, and several low margin revenue streams were exited. Captain Morgan grew 15%, driven by Great Britain and Germany, while Tanqueray and Johnnie Walker Black Label also enjoyed double-digit net sales growth. The reserve business grew net sales 7% supported by the launch of Johnnie Walker Gold Label Reserve and Platinum Label. Marketing investment was directed towards our strategic brands.

In **Russia and Eastern Europe** volume grew 9%. Price increases and double-digit net sales growth of scotch, liqueurs and rum drove a 15% increase in net sales. In scotch Diageo maintained its leadership position and leveraged innovation to insulate Diageo brands from private label and cheaper competitors. Baileys net sales increased 16% fuelled by price increases and brand activity which focused on gifting, public relations and the launch of the new global marketing campaign. Similarly, Captain Morgan performed well with volume up 16%, price increases contributed to positive price/mix resulting in a 31% increase in net sales. Marketing reinvestment increased as the business invested in more above the line activity on key brands ahead of advertising restrictions introduced in January 2013.

The business in **Turkey** delivered a very strong performance despite increases in excise taxes and utility prices. As the market premiumised, volume of lower priced local brands declined, however strong net sales growth of the more premium Yeni raki coupled with excellent growth of Johnnie Walker and Smirnoff delivered a 14% increase in net sales. Marketing spend increased which coupled with expanded distribution through the Mey İçki sales force delivered significant share gains, doubling Diageo's share of scotch.

Africa

Nick Blazquez, President, Diageo Africa, commenting on the six months ended 31 December 2012, said:

“We have again delivered strong net sales growth in Africa, achieved through the excellent performance of spirits and good growth in beer, as we have continued to build our business to capture the increased consumer demand. We have enhanced our routes to market with an increase in our sales force coverage in Nigeria and the creation of a new reserve sales team in South Africa. We have strengthened our brand equities with increased investment behind our core beer brands and international spirits, and we have continued to execute innovation tailored to the emerging middle class, embedding new products launched last year, such as Dubic lager in Nigeria, Snapp ready to drink, Malta Guinness low sugar and new pack formats. Price increases across the region offset cost of goods increases and higher overheads, to deliver over 180 basis points of operating margin improvement. Trading in our largest market Nigeria, continues to be challenging. However, our strength is our diversity across the region and across categories which means we can deliver robust performance overall.”

Key financials £m:

FX

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	2012 H1		Acquisitions and disposals	Organic movement	2013 H1	Reported movement	
Net sales	731	(18)	13	69	795	9	%
Marketing spend	78	(5)	1	5	79	1	%
Operating profit before exceptional items	194	(6)	4	33	225	16	%
Exceptional items	(2)				-		
Operating profit	192				225	17	%

Key markets and categories:

The strategic brands**:

	Volume*	Organic net sales %	Reported net sales %		Volume*	Organic net sales %	Reported net sales %
Africa	3	10	9	Johnnie Walker	32	38	30
				J B	20	16	7
Nigeria	(3)	6	5	Smirnoff	23	35	23
East Africa	3	11	19	Captain Morgan	8	4	(6)
Africa Regional Markets	1	9	6	Baileys	25	38	32
South Africa	14	15	3	Guinness	(2)	4	1
Spirits**	11	20	12				
Beer	-	5	7				
Ready to drink	1	17	12				

* Organic equals reported movement for volume except for: Africa 6%, Africa Regional Markets 14%, beer 4% reflecting the acquisition of Meta Abo.

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Spirits brands excluding ready to drink

The consumer continued to feel the impact of economic uncertainty in **Nigeria** and this was reflected in the further decline of the beer market. Against this backdrop volume was down 3% but price increases and excellent growth of spirits delivered 6% net sales growth. While beer volume declined 6%, price increases on selected bottle sizes of Guinness and more focused trade spend on Malta Guinness contributed to positive net sales growth of 3% for total beer. Spirits growth was very strong with net sales up 78%. Within spirits Johnnie Walker doubled net sales as the brand was supported by the launch of the Johnnie Walker 'Walk with Giants' campaign, sponsorship and sampling events. Baileys also grew very well following its visibility week and sampling in key outlets. There was a significant increase in the number of sales people in the half to support long term growth. Marketing spend increased ahead of net sales with incremental investment focused behind greater visibility and increased distribution of Malta Guinness. The strong performance in beer offset a decline in local spirits to deliver double-digit net sales growth in **East Africa**. Beer grew 11% as growth of Senator was driven by geographic expansion across the Great Lakes and Tanzania and strong brand campaigns leveraging consumer passion for football bolstered Tusker and Guinness net sales. Last year Kenya Cane in glass bottles gained significant share when plastic bottles were banned in Kenya, however Diageo now faces more competition from other local spirits in glass bottles and volume declined over 30%. International spirits delivered double-digit net sales growth, led by Johnnie Walker up 38% and Smirnoff up 24%. Net sales of ready to drink increased over 50% with excellent growth of Smirnoff Ice, augmented by Snapp, following its launch last year.

The good performance in the **Africa Regional Markets** was driven by excellent growth in spirits and solid growth of beer. In beer, net sales growth of Guinness in Cameroon and Ghana was complemented by the November launch of the 33cl bottle of Malta Guinness in Ghana. In spirits excellent growth of Johnnie Walker in Angola, Cameroon and Ghana drove increased net sales of 26%. Marketing reinvestment increased 30 basis points, underpinning the expansion in route to market and the growth of the strategic brands.

Strong growth of Johnnie Walker and Smirnoff, which were up 33% and 36% respectively, drove double-digit net sales growth in **South Africa**. Johnnie Walker Red Label performance was driven by further distribution gains of the 20cl bottle and the continued success of the 'Step-Up' campaign. Marketing spend increased year on year with a focus on scotch, principally Johnnie Walker. Continued investment in customer development and the establishment of a

dedicated reserve sales force have led to further share gains in the market.

Latin America and Caribbean

Randy Millian, President, Diageo Latin America and Caribbean, commenting on six months ended 31 December 2012, said:

“Latin America and Caribbean has delivered another six months of strong efficient growth, increasing net sales by 18%, driven by volume growth, improved mix and price rises across the portfolio. This price and mix improvement enabled the business to increase marketing investment by 22% while improving operating margin by 190 basis points. Growth was primarily driven by scotch where Johnnie Walker, Buchanan’s and Old Parr have all extended their leadership positions and benefited from innovation-fuelled premiumisation. We have continued to extend the business outside of scotch, with notable success in vodka helping to grow our business with emerging middle class consumers. Continued strong investment in our brands, our routes to market and our people ensure the sustainability of this success.”

Key financials £m:

	2012 H1	FX	Acquisitions and disposals	Organic movement	2013 H1	Reported movement	
Net sales	687	(32)	26	115	796	16	%
Marketing spend	103	(6)	2	21	120	17	%
Operating profit before exceptional items	251	(10)	4	57	302	20	%
Exceptional items	(1)				-		
Operating profit	250				302	21	%

Key markets and categories:

The strategic brands**:

	Volume* %	Organic net sales %	Reported net sales %		Volume* %	Organic net sales %	Reported net sales %
Latin America and Caribbean	7	18	16	Johnnie Walker	5	12	7
				Buchanan's	18	35	35
PUB	3	2	1	Smirnoff	6	10	(5)
Andean	11	34	34	Baileys	(5)	2	1
Mexico	16	21	21				
West LAC	7	19	17				
Spirits**	8	20	20				
Beer	3	3	(2)				
Wine	(3)	3	(6)				
Ready to drink	(7)	-	(9)				

* Organic equals reported movement for volume except for: Latin America and Caribbean 34%, PUB 82%, Spirits 38%, Ready to drink (1)% reflecting the acquisition of Ypióca

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Spirits brands excluding ready to drink

Net sales growth in **Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil (PUB)** has been impacted by currency devaluation in Brazil, which drove a sharp effective price rise in the border/travel business, significantly reducing consumer purchase and stock in trade in that channel. However, despite some destocking ahead of route to market and taxation charges, performance of the domestic Brazilian business remains robust. This was driven by the continued growth of scotch, where Diageo extended its leadership position, gaining a further 2.6 percentage points of share. Investment in strategic brands was increased, with the biggest ever consumer-facing campaign on Smirnoff and increased investment in 'Keep Walking Brazil' driving Johnnie Walker. The business implemented the second phase of the route to market transformation, covering a further 20% of the market and extending its retail presence in small to mid-sized stores. The integration of Ypióca progressed well delivering share gains and purchasing synergies. The **Andean** market (Venezuela and Colombia) continued to deliver very strong top line performance driven by 39% growth across the scotch portfolio, continued premiumisation, price increases and innovation. These results are partially flattered by advanced consumer purchases in Venezuela due to economic and political uncertainty which are expected to have an impact on the second half growth rate in the market. Growth outside of scotch was also impressive with net sales up 37% in rum, 32% in vodka and 24% in ready to drink driven by improved mix and price

risers.

Strong net sales growth of 21% in **Mexico** was driven by scotch with Johnnie Walker increasing net sales 28% and Buchanan's 19%. Investment in strategic brands increased 23%, with the 'Keep Walking Mexico' and 'Share Yourself' campaigns driving growth in Johnnie Walker and Buchanan's, respectively. The 'La Capiseñal' through-the-line campaign helped to deliver 43% net sales growth in Captain Morgan, driving national distribution, reaching over half a million Facebook fans and extending access to the brand to emerging middle class consumers.

Exceptional top line growth across **West LAC** was driven by strong scotch performance and price increases across the portfolio. The new 'Morning' execution of the 'Keep Walking' campaign and House of Walker mentoring helped to drive 16% net sales growth of Johnnie Walker. Net sales growth of 50% for Old Parr and 43% for Buchanan's was driven by amplification of the proven campaigns 'Life from a Different Perspective' and 'Mark Your Difference'. The business increased focus and investment in Smirnoff with launches of new Smirnoff Ice flavours, Smirnoff Ice pouches and new Smirnoff flavours contributing to double-digit growth in a brand that plays a key role in recruiting middle class consumers.

Asia Pacific

Gilbert Ghostine, President, Diageo Asia Pacific, commenting on the six months ended 31 December 2012, said:

“In the faster growing markets of Asia we continued to deliver strong double-digit top line growth, driven by solid volume growth, price increases and the continued premiumisation of our portfolio with 28% net sales growth of super premium scotch. However, the contraction of the whisky category in Korea has impacted the overall results and net sales growth for the region was 6% in the first half. This weakness in Korea also impacted margins. However, our strong pricing policy and the success of our premiumisation strategy in the faster growing markets, together with scale efficiencies in marketing in China and overhead spend reductions in the half drove our operating margin improvement to over 100 basis points. This is the first period that we have consolidated the results of Sichuan Shuijingfang Co. Ltd. in China which contributed almost £50 million to the region’s reported net sales in the first six months. During the first half we announced agreements to acquire a stake in United Spirits Limited, the leading spirits company in India. If completed, this transaction will further strengthen our position as the leading premium drinks company in Asia Pacific.”

Key financials £m:

	2012 H1	FX	Acquisitions and disposals	Organic movement	2013 H1	Reported movement	
Net sales	795	(5)	48	44	882	11	%
Marketing spend	173	1	9	5	188	9	%
Operating profit before exceptional items	200	3	(5)	22	220	10	%
Exceptional items	-				-		
Operating profit	200				220	10	%

Key markets and categories:

The strategic brands**:

	Volume* %	Organic net sales %	Reported net sales %		Volume* %	Organic net sales %	Reported net sales %
Asia Pacific	1	6	11	Johnnie Walker	10	18	17
				Windsor	(22)	(25)	(24)
South East Asia	8	16	13	Smirnoff	(6)	2	(1)
Greater China	6	13	68	Baileys	11	10	10
India	(5)	(5)	(15)	Guinness	9	16	11
Global Travel							
Asia & Middle East	8	16	15				
Australia	(5)	2	3				
North Asia	(10)	(14)	(13)				

Spirits**	2	7	15
Beer	(2	) 7	4
Ready to drink	(7	) 1	1

* Organic equals reported movement for volume except for Asia Pacific 3%, Greater China 31% and spirits 4% due to the Shuijingfang acquisition

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Spirits brands excluding ready to drink

South East Asia delivered 16% net sales growth with 8 percentage points of positive price/mix driven by price increases implemented in the last 12 months. Johnnie Walker gained further share on the back of the successful Double Black and Platinum Label launches and the halo benefit from the Johnnie Walker Voyager programme. This together with price increases, resulted in 27% net sales growth for the trademark. Guinness also performed well with 17% net sales growth on the back of a 6% price increase. Marketing investment was up 12% with continued investment behind premium and super premium scotch and behind Guinness with the continuation of the successful 'Arthur's Day' activation.

Net sales growth of 13% in **Greater China** with 7 percentage points of positive price/mix was driven by confident price increases and premiumisation. China net sales grew 16% with reserve brands growing 59% as super premium scotch continued to gain share, driven by Johnnie Walker Blue Label, Gold Label Reserve and Odyssey. Marketing investment was focused behind reserve brands, Guinness and Baileys with the latter posting 44% net sales growth as the brand continued to recruit females in urban areas.

Weakness of the vodka category and a reduction in stock in trade led to a 5% decline in net sales in **India**. Johnnie Walker Black Label and Red Label depletions grew 41% and 33% respectively, on the back of Formula 1 activations and the 'High Ball' signature serve programme, however shipments lagged depletions due to the trade inventory correction that happened in the early part of the first half. Smirnoff's performance was impacted significantly by the slowdown in the premium vodka segment, but extended its leadership position helped by the successful launches of Smirnoff Espresso and Smirnoff Gold, and the 'Smirnoff Nightlife Exchange' and Signature Serve programmes.

Diageo **Global Travel Asia and Middle East** remained strong, delivering double-digit net sales growth on the back of the innovations launched in the first half. The Johnnie Walker super premium portfolio increased net sales 41% in Global Travel Asia, supported by the successful launch of the travel retail exclusive Johnnie Walker Blue Label, The Casks Edition and the Explorer's Club Collection. The new flavour launches, Baileys Biscotti and Orange Truffle and the Ciroc luxury gift pack innovation also helped Global Travel Asia to deliver net sales growth of 22%.

Diageo **Australia** net sales increased 2% as the business continued to shift focus to spirits, growing 3%, while ready to drink continued to decline 1%. Diageo continued to win share in spirits, with the biggest gains in scotch, as marketing spend focused behind super premium and investment behind reserve brands increased 33%. The price increases put through in August resulted in 7 percentage points of positive price/mix.

Net sales declined 14% in **North Asia** as the Korean whisky category contracted further driven by the structural decline in the traditional on trade and Windsor lost share in an increasingly competitive category following price increases. Negative mix resulted from the decline in scotch and the shift to vodka and beer. Non-whisky brands performed strongly and Diageo Korea gained share in the vodka and imported beer categories, with Smirnoff more than doubling net sales and Guinness growing 14%. Marketing spend increased significantly behind vodka and beer, but was reduced behind the declining scotch brands.

Corporate revenue and costs

Net sales were £42 million in the period ended 31 December 2012, up £3 million relative to the comparable prior period. Net operating charges were £71 million in the period ended 31 December 2012 having been £79 million in the period ended 31 December 2011. The movement was made up of a £4 million increase due to exchange rate movements, a net £5 million reduction in acquisition transaction costs and a net £7 million reduction in underlying Corporate costs.

CATEGORY REVIEW**For the six months ended 31 December 2012**

Key financials category performance:

	Volume*	Organic net sales	Reported net sales		Volume*	Organic net sales	Reported net sales
	%	%	%		%	%	%
Spirits**	2	8	8	Rum:	1	5	3
Beer	(1)	1	-	Captain Morgan	4	7	5
Wine	(12)	(4)	(5)				
Ready to drink	(7)	(1)	(3)	Liqueurs:	-	1	(2)
Total	1	5	5	Baileys	-	1	(2)
Strategic brand performance**				Tequila:	(3)	(1)	(2)
				Jose Cuervo	(4)	(4)	(5)
Whisk(e)y:	5	11	8				
Johnnie Walker	8	14	11	Gin:	2	5	3
Crown Royal	10	12	11	Tanqueray	5	8	6
J B	(15)	(18)	(23)				
Buchanan's	16	30	29	Beer:	(1)	1	-
Windsor	(22)	(25)	(24)	Guinness	(2)	2	(1)
Bushmills	13	17	14				
Vodka:	3	7	5				
Smirnoff	3	4	1				
Ketel One	10	13	12				
Cîroc	16	17	15				

Organic equals reported movement for volume except for total volume 6%, spirits 7%, beer 1%, wine (11)%, ready to drink (6)%, vodka 4% reflecting the Mey İçki, Meta Abo, Serengeti Breweries, Ypióca and Shuijingfang acquisitions and the French Agency disposal

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Spirits brands excluding ready to drink

Spirits, 70% of Diageo net sales, grew 8% with 6 percentage points of positive price/mix. Faster growing markets drove spirits performance, accounting for 84% of the increase in net sales, with 11 percentage points of positive price/mix. In developed markets, the United States drove growth, with net sales up 8% on volume growth of 2%,

through pricing, promotion discipline and favourable mix.

Whisk(e)y, 37% of Diageo net sales, was up 11%. Scotch accounted for 81% of whisk(e)y growth, with net sales up 10% and 6 percentage points of positive price/mix driven by premium and above brands in faster growing markets.

Johnnie Walker again delivered double-digit net sales growth, led by premium and above variants. The growth in super and ultra premium innovations helped drive 6 percentage points of positive price mix for the brand. Red Label net sales grew 9%, as declines in Greece, Spain and France, were more than compensated for by increases in faster growing markets. Strong growth in South East Asia, the new 'Keep Walking Mexico' campaign, a refreshed 'Step Up' campaign and distribution gains in South Africa, and event sponsorship and on trade activations in Nigeria, all contributed to a 14% increase in Red Label as consumers in faster growing markets continued to trade up to international brands. Johnnie Walker Black Label net sales grew 16%, with double-digit increases in the US and Western Europe and the faster growing markets, notably South East Asia, West LAC and Africa Regional Markets. Marketing spend increased 13% behind the launch of the new global advertising campaign, 'Where Flavour is King', which is aimed at making Johnnie Walker more appealing to a broader range of consumers.

Double-digit net sales growth of **Crown Royal** was driven by the Deluxe and Black variants, and the successful launch of Crown Royal Maple Finished in October, the brand's entrant into the fast growing flavoured whiskey segment. Media investment was up-weighted significantly, including the new 'On point' partnership with TNT, spots that will run during televised National Basketball Association broadcasts featuring celebrities discussing how they live the 'Crown Life'.

Despite continued advertising support, **J B** net sales declined significantly due to destocking in Spain, the lapping of the French excise tax buy-in in 2011 and deteriorating consumption trends in both countries.

Buchanan's again delivered very strong growth, with net sales up 30% and 14 percentage points of positive price/mix. Performance was driven by the 58% growth of Buchanan's Deluxe and Master in Andean, the new 'Mark Your Difference' campaign which supported 43% net sales growth in West LAC and the continued success of the 'Share Yourself' campaign in Mexico where Buchanan's continues to lead the premium scotch segment. In North America Buchanan's continued its focus on Hispanic consumers with the 'A Lo Grande' campaign which supported 7% net sales growth.

Windsor net sales were down in a market where the whisky category is declining in double-digits. Price increases, implemented to maximise value, led to share loss, but Windsor remains the leading brand in the Korean market. The global '**Bushmills Live**' campaign, participation in key category activities such as 'Whisky Festival' and the launch of Bushmills Irish Honey drove strong performance of the brand. Russia and Eastern Europe led net sales growth at 49% followed by strong performances in North America and Ireland which were up 13% and 28%, respectively.

Vodka, 12% of Diageo net sales, delivered 7% net sales growth and 4 percentage points of positive price/mix. Category performance was again driven by super and ultra premium variants, with Cîroc and Ketel One vodka accounting for two-thirds of vodka growth.

Smirnoff continued to grow with net sales up 4%. The growth of the base variant was supported by the new 'Smirnoff Red Door' advertising campaign, and the success of innovation flavours in North America, including the launch of Kissed Caramel and Iced Cake, drove 5% top line growth in the brand's largest market. Africa accounted for nearly 50% of Smirnoff's net sales growth globally, driven by South Africa and the continued success of Smirnoff 1818 which is aimed at emerging middle class consumers. Marketing investment on Smirnoff was focussed behind the new global campaign 'Yours for the Making' which was launched in October in Western Europe and will be rolled out globally over the coming months.

Ketel One vodka delivered double-digit net sales growth with 4 percentage points of positive price/mix. In North America a 20% increase in marketing investment has helped the brand create a distinctive masculine position within the vodka category with the continued success of the 'Gentlemen, this is Vodka' campaign, and supported an effective multicultural strategy. Outside North America, net sales increased 31%, led by Western Europe where net sales were up 50% and West LAC where net sales more than doubled.

Cîroc continued to perform well, gaining both value and volume share and driving both ultra-premium spirits and total vodka category growth in its main market of North America. A 19% increase in marketing investment supported a significant up-weight in media spend, particularly in December, driving robust depletions of the brand. In Brazil, Cîroc's second biggest market, performance was again very strong and net sales roughly doubled.

Rum, 6% of Diageo net sales, grew 5%, as strong performances from Captain Morgan and Zacapa more than offset declines on Cacique and Pampero, which were constrained by the economic situation in parts of Western Europe, and Bundaberg in Australia.

Rum growth was driven by **Captain Morgan**. Net sales increased 7%, fuelled by the continued success of the 'Life, Love & Loot' campaign in North America. The campaign included the production of a new documentary film to find Henry Morgan's lost ships and a digital game in partnership with Major League Baseball which helped the brand grow share. In Europe, net sales grew 18%, accounting for over 40% of the brand's global growth. Western Europe grew net sales 15% fuelled by double-digit increases in Germany and Great Britain, and a particularly strong performance in Russia and Eastern Europe which posted over 30% net sales growth.

Zacapa delivered another strong performance led by faster growing markets, notably Latin America and Caribbean which accounted for over half of net sales growth for the brand. Zacapa also performed well in Europe, its largest region, with a double digit increase in net sales.

Liqueurs, 6% of Diageo net sales, grew 1% as a decline in Nuvo was more than offset by growth in Baileys. Continued price discipline on Baileys resulted in a net sales decline in Western Europe, but the brand grew well in North America, Asia Pacific and Africa. Marketing investment was focussed on supporting the new campaign 'Cream with Spirit' which launched in Great Britain and Western Europe and will eventually run across all Baileys markets.

Tequila, 2% of Diageo net sales, declined 1%. In North America, Don Julio continued its strong performance and is now the second largest brand in the fast growing, high value ultra premium segment, delivering 9% net sales growth and 4 percentage points of positive price/mix. Marketing investment behind Don Julio increased 27% with the launch of the 'Know Your Summer' campaign and a new holiday gifting platform, 'Give the Gift that Shows you Know'.

Net sales of **Jose Cuervo Especial** declined 4%. Especial Gold continued to be impacted by the shift away from gold to blanco and 100% agave tequilas and net sales were down 8%. The decline in Gold was partially offset by the strong performance of Especial Silver which now represents roughly 20% of Jose Cuervo net sales. Silver performed very well, delivering top line growth of 23% and 3 percentage points of positive price/mix.

Gin, 3% of Diageo net sales, grew 5%. Gordon's, which represents nearly 50% of Diageo gin net sales, grew 4% globally as strong double-digit growth in South East Asia, Russia and Eastern Europe, Turkey, Andean and all markets in Africa, offset a decline in Western Europe.

Tanqueray net sales increased 8%, driven by North America where a double-digit increase in marketing investment behind the 'Tonight we Tanqueray' campaign was executed with a significant up-weight in media. The brand also performed well in Western Europe, particularly Spain, where the gin category is experiencing a resurgence in popularity and the brand secured new distribution in the country's largest off trade retailer.

Beer, 19% of Diageo net sales, delivered 1% growth driven by faster growing markets, where a 5% net sales increase offset a 3% decline in developed markets.

Faster growing markets drove 7% net sales growth of **Guinness**, offsetting a decline in North America and Western Europe. In North America, the brand was impacted as it lapped the launch of Guinness Black Lager in the previous period and price increases hampered volume of kegs. In Europe, Great Britain and Ireland continued to be challenging. Elsewhere, growth in African markets was supported by the continued success of the pan-African 'Guinness Football Challenge' and football sponsorships, and a new, tailored 'Made of More' campaign. Indonesia led the growth of the brand in Asia Pacific, followed by North Asia, which combined to drive a net sales increase of 16%.

Local African beers continued to perform well. Senator net sales increased nearly 20%, driving beer growth in Africa, as significant increases in marketing investment and geographical expansion continued. Tusker net sales grew 9% with the continued success of Tusker Lite and sports sponsorships which connected well with consumers.

Wine, 4% of Diageo net sales, remained a challenging category, particularly in Western Europe, and declines there were only partially offset by North America where a focus on selective price increases and innovation drove 5% net sales growth.

Ready to drink, 6% of Diageo net sales, declined 1% and was broadly flat after accounting for transfers to associates in South Africa. In North America, the successful pouch variants did not offset difficulties in Smirnoff Ice and Cuervo Cocktails, and in Western Europe, Smirnoff Ice continued to struggle in the challenging ready to drink categories of Great Britain and Ireland. The category remains a very attractive one for emerging middle class consumers, and net sales growth was 6% in these markets. This was driven by Africa, where Smirnoff ready to drink delivered a double-digit net sales increase, and Snapp, a recent launch designed for female consumers, delivered over 50% of category growth in Africa. Ready to drink is a category that benefits from frequent innovation, as demonstrated by performance in Japan where net sales were up over 36% from double-digit growth across all Smirnoff Ice variants and the launch of a limited edition Smirnoff Ice Green Apple.

FINANCIAL REVIEW**Summary consolidated income statement**

	Six months ended 31 December 2012 £ million		Six months ended 31 December 2011 £ million
Sales	8,235		7,825
Excise duties	(2,196)	)	(2,068)
Net sales	6,039		5,757
Operating costs before exceptional items	(4,010)	)	(3,891)
Operating profit before exceptional items	2,029		1,866
Exceptional operating items	16		(24)
Operating profit	2,045		1,842
Sale of businesses	-		102
Net finance charges	(212)	)	(206)
Share of associates' profits after tax	128		122
Profit before taxation	1,961		1,860
Taxation	(360)	)	(841)
Profit for the period	1,601		1,019
Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the parent company	1,538		953
Non-controlling interests	63		66
	1,601		1,019

Sales and net sales

On a reported basis, sales increased by £410 million from £7,825 million in the six months ended 31 December 2011 to £8,235 million in the six months ended 31 December 2012 and net sales increased by £282 million from £5,757 million in the six months ended 31 December 2011 to £6,039 million in the six months ended 31 December 2012. Exchange rate movements decreased reported sales by £184 million and reported net sales by £142 million. Acquisitions increased reported sales by £213 million and reported net sales by £134 million.

Operating costs before exceptional items

On a reported basis, operating costs before exceptional items increased by £119 million from £3,891 million in the six months ended 31 December 2011 to £4,010 million in the six months ended 31 December 2012 due to an increase in cost of sales of £92 million from £2,181 million to £2,273 million, an increase in marketing spend of £30 million from £896 million to £926 million, and a decrease in other operating expenses before exceptional costs of £3 million, from £814 million to £811 million. Exchange rate movements benefited total operating costs before exceptional items by £101 million.

Exceptional operating items

Net exceptional operating gain of £16 million for the six months ended 31 December 2012 (2011 – £24 million charge) comprised a gain of £20 million in respect of changes to future pension increases for the Guinness Ireland Group Pension Scheme (2011 – £nil) and a charge of £4 million for the restructuring of the group's supply operations in Ireland (2011 – £24 million in respect of the operating model review and the restructuring of the group's supply operations globally).

In the six months ended 31 December 2012 total restructuring cash expenditure was £34 million (2011 – £74 million). An exceptional charge of approximately £40 million is expected to be incurred in the year ending 30 June 2013 in respect of the restructuring of Global Supply operations, while cash expenditure for the year is expected to be approximately £70 million.

Post employment plans

The deficit in respect of post employment plans before taxation increased by £37 million from £1,085 million at 30 June 2012 to £1,122 million at 31 December 2012 primarily as a result of a decrease in the discount rate assumptions used to calculate the liabilities of the plans partly offset by an increase in the market value of the plan assets. Cash contributions to the group's UK and Irish pension plans in the six months ended 31 December 2012 were £60 million (2011 – £67 million). The triennial valuation of the Diageo UK Pension Scheme was completed by the trustee in November 2012. It is expected that Diageo will make a cash contribution of £400 million in the six months ending 30 June 2013 to the Diageo UK Pension Scheme, in addition to the current annual service cost contribution of approximately £45 million and the profit share from the Pension Funding Partnership of £25 million.

Operating profit

Reported operating profit for the six months ended 31 December 2012 increased by £203 million to £2,045 million from £1,842 million in the comparable prior period. Before exceptional operating items, operating profit for the six months ended 31 December 2012 increased by £163 million to £2,029 million from £1,866 million in the comparable prior period. Exchange rate movements decreased both operating profit and operating profit before exceptional items for the six months ended 31 December 2012 by £41 million. Acquisitions increased reported operating profit by £40 million.

Net finance charges

Net finance charges increased from £206 million in the six months ended 31 December 2011 to £212 million in the six months ended 31 December 2012.

Net interest charge increased by £9 million from £192 million in the comparable prior period to £201 million in the six months ended 31 December 2012. The effective interest rate was 4.9% (2011 – 4.7%) in the six months ended 31 December 2012 and average net borrowings decreased by £0.1 billion compared to the comparable prior period. For the calculation of effective interest rate, the net interest charge excludes fair value adjustments to derivative financial instruments and borrowings and average monthly net borrowings include the impact of interest rate swaps that are no longer in a hedge relationship but exclude the market value adjustment for cross currency interest rate swaps. The income statement interest cover was 10.7 times and cash interest cover was 8.6 times (2011 – 10.4 times and 8.8 times, respectively).

Net other finance charges for the six months ended 31 December 2012 were £11 million (2011 – £14 million). There was an increase of £8 million in finance charges in respect of post employment plans from an income of £3 million in the six months ended 31 December 2011 to a charge of £5 million in the six months ended 31 December 2012. Other finance charges also included £6 million (2011 – £7 million) in respect of unwinding of discounts on liabilities, a hyperinflation adjustment of £2 million (2011 – £8 million) in respect of the group's Venezuela operations and £2 million income (2011 – £2 million charge) in respect of net exchange movements on certain financial instruments.

Associates

The group's share of associates' profits after interest and tax was £128 million for the six months ended 31 December 2012 compared to £122 million in the comparable prior period. Diageo's 34% equity interest in Moët Hennessy contributed £132 million (2011 – £118 million) to share of associates' profits after interest and tax.

Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation increased by £101 million from £1,860 million in the comparable prior period to £1,961 million in the six months ended 31 December 2012.

Taxation

The reported tax rate decreased from 45.2% in the six months ended 31 December 2011 to 18.4% in the six months ended 31 December 2012. During the six months ended 31 December 2011 tax authority negotiations were concluded resulting in a favourable change to the taxation basis of certain overseas profit and intangible assets which reduced the ongoing tax rate but resulted in the loss of future tax amortisation deductions giving rise to an exceptional write off of the related deferred tax assets of £524 million. The tax rate before exceptional items for the six months ended 31 December 2012 was 18.4% compared with 18.1% in the six months ended 31 December 2011. In the future it is expected that the tax rate before exceptional items will remain at approximately 18%.

Exchange rate and other movements

Exchange rate movements are calculated by retranslating the prior period results as if they had been generated at the current period exchange rates. The difference is excluded from organic growth. The estimated effect of exchange rate and other movements on profit before exceptional items and taxation for the six months ended 31 December 2012 was as follows:

	Gains/(losses) £ million	
Operating profit before exceptional items		
Translation impact	(38))
Transaction impact	(2))
Impact of IAS 21 on operating profit	(1))
Total exchange effect on operating profit before exceptional items	(41))
Interest and other finance charges		
Net finance charges – translation impact	2	
Mark to market impact of IAS 39 on interest expense	(6))
Impact of IAS 21 and IAS 39 on other finance charges	1	
Associates – translation impact	(8))
Total effect on profit before exceptional items and taxation	(52))
	Six months ended 31 December 2012	Six months ended 31 December 2011
Exchange rates		
Translation £1 =	\$1.60	\$1.58
Transaction £1 =	\$1.59	\$1.56
Translation €1 =	€1.25	€1.16
Transaction €1 =	€1.21	€1.16

For the year ending 30 June 2013 foreign exchange movements are estimated to negatively impact operating profit by about £20 million and are not expected to materially affect the net finance charge based on applying current exchange rates (£1 = \$1.58 : £1 = €1.17). This guidance excludes the impact of IAS 21 and IAS 39.

Dividend

An interim dividend of 18.10 pence per share will be paid to holders of ordinary shares and ADRs on the register on 1 March 2013. This represents an increase of 9% on last year's interim dividend. The interim dividend will be paid to shareholders on 8 April 2013. Payment to US ADR holders will be made on 12 April 2013. A dividend reinvestment plan is available in respect of the interim dividend and the plan notice date is 13 March 2013.

Cash flow

	Six months ended 31 December 2012		Six months ended 31 December 2011 (restated)	
	£ million		£ million	
Cash generated from operations before exceptional costs	1,475		1,311	
Exceptional operating costs paid	(34	)	(74)
Cash generated from operations	1,441		1,237	
Interest paid (net)	(262	)	(229)
Taxation paid	(180	)	(214)
Net capital expenditure	(268	)	(190)
Movements in loans and other investments	(23	)	(24)
Free cash flow	708		580	

Free cash flow increased by £128 million to £708 million in the six months ended 31 December 2012. Cash generated from operations increased from £1,237 million to £1,441 million principally as a result of higher operating profit and the dividend received from Moët Hennessy. Higher interest payments were driven by the impact of the renegotiation of the terms of certain interest rate swaps in the prior period while lower tax payments are a result of tax settlements in the prior period. The increase in net capital expenditure represents the continued investments made to increase capacity in Africa and to improve efficiencies in operations in North America and Ireland. See page 36 for the definition of free cash flow. The six months ended 31 December 2011 have been restated following a change in the disclosure of dividends paid to non-controlling interests and transaction costs incurred in respect of business acquisitions. For an explanation of the effect of the restatement see note 1.

Balance sheet

At 31 December 2012 total equity was £7,448 million compared with £6,811 million at 30 June 2012. The increase was mainly due to the profit for the period of £1,601 million, partly offset by the dividend paid out of shareholders' equity of £673 million.

Net borrowings were £7,897 million at 31 December 2012, an increase of £327 million from £7,570 million at 30 June 2012. The principal components of this increase were £673 million (2011 – £621 million) equity dividends paid and £301 million (2011 – £1,443 million) paid for the acquisition of businesses partially offset by free cash flow of £708 million (2011 – £580 million).

Diageo manages its capital structure to achieve capital efficiency, maximise flexibility and give the appropriate level of access to debt markets at attractive cost levels in order to enhance long-term shareholder value. To achieve this, Diageo targets a range of ratios which are currently broadly consistent with an A band credit rating. Diageo would consider modifying these ratios in order to effect strategic initiatives within its stated goals, which could have an impact on its rating.

Economic profit

Economic profit increased by £66 million from £945 million in the six months ended 31 December 2011 to £1,011 million in the six months ended 31 December 2012. See page 37 for the calculation and definition of economic profit.

DIAGEO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Notes	Six months ended 31 December 2012 £ million	Six months ended 31 December 2011 £ million
Sales	2	8,235	7,825
Excise duties		(2,196)	(2,068)
Net sales	2	6,039	5,757
Cost of sales		(2,276)	(2,189)
Gross profit		3,763	3,568
Marketing		(926)	(896)
Other operating expenses		(792)	(830)
Operating profit	2	2,045	1,842
Sale of businesses	3	-	102
Net interest payable	4	(201)	(192)
Net other finance charges	4	(11)	(14)
Share of associates' profits after tax		128	122
Profit before taxation		1,961	1,860
Taxation	5	(360)	(841)
Profit for the period		1,601	1,019
Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the parent company		1,538	953
Non-controlling interests		63	66
		1,601	1,019
Pence per share			
Basic earnings		61.5	38.2
Diluted earnings		61.1	38.1
Average shares (in million)		2,501	2,493

DIAGEO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Six months ended 31 December 2012 £ million	Six months ended 31 December 2011 £ million	
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be recycled subsequently to the income statement			
Net actuarial loss on post employment plans	(102	(262)
Tax on net actuarial loss on post employment plans	12	82)
	(90	(180)
Items that may be recycled subsequently to the income statement			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations excluding borrowings			
- group	(206	(32)
- associates and non-controlling interests	(22	(112)
Exchange differences on borrowings and derivative net investment hedges	103	104)
Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges			
- (loss)/gain taken to other comprehensive income	(14	3)
- recycled to income statement	11	(23)
Hyperinflation adjustment	2	8)
Tax on items that may be recycled to the income statement	11	(5)
	(115	(57)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax, for the period	(205	(237)
Profit for the period	1,601	1,019	
Total comprehensive income for the period	1,396	782	
Attributable to:			
Equity shareholders of the parent company	1,365	676	
Non-controlling interests	31	106	
	1,396	782	

DIAGEO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	31 December 2012		30 June 2012		31 December 2011	
		£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million
Non-current assets							
Intangible assets		8,910		8,821		8,092	
Property, plant and equipment		3,124		2,972		2,781	
Biological assets		34		34		34	
Investments in associates		2,320		2,198		2,670	
Other investments		98		97		115	
Other receivables		117		119		217	
Other financial assets		449		505		495	
Deferred tax assets		327		329		240	
Post employment benefit assets		18		22		29	
			15,397		15,097		14,673
Current assets							
Inventories	6	4,184		3,955		3,755	
Trade and other receivables		2,906		2,103		2,843	
Assets held for sale		76		77		18	
Other financial assets		58		42		36	
Cash and cash equivalents	7	708		1,076		1,121	
			7,932		7,253		7,773
Total assets			23,329		22,350		22,446
Current liabilities							
Borrowings and bank overdrafts	7	(2,218)		(1,230)		(2,741)	
Other financial liabilities		(123)		(113)		(99)	
Trade and other payables		(3,238)		(2,997)		(3,203)	
Corporate tax payable		(418)		(317)		(474)	
Provisions		(99)		(127)		(121)	
			(6,096)		(4,784)		(6,638)
Non-current liabilities							
Borrowings	7	(6,235)		(7,399)		(6,863)	
Other financial liabilities		(506)		(466)		(304)	
Other payables		(96)		(85)		(48)	
Provisions		(273)		(274)		(281)	
Deferred tax liabilities		(1,535)		(1,424)		(1,147)	
Post employment benefit liabilities		(1,140)		(1,107)		(1,067)	
			(9,785)		(10,755)		(9,710)
Total liabilities			(15,881)		(15,539)		(16,348)
Net assets			7,448		6,811		6,098
Equity							
Called up share capital		797		797		797	
Share premium		1,344		1,344		1,343	

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Other reserves	3,127	3,213	3,195
Retained earnings/(deficit)	1,059	234	(202)
Equity attributable to equity shareholders of the parent company	6,327	5,588	5,133
Non-controlling interests	1,121	1,223	965
Total equity	7,448	6,811	6,098

DIAGEO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Retained earnings/(deficit)						Equity attributable to parent company share-holders	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Share capital	Share premium	Other reserves	Own shares	Other retained earnings	Total			
	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million
At 30 June 2012	797	1,344	3,213	(2,257)	2,491	234	5,588	1,223	6,811
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(86)	-	1,451	1,451	1,365	31	1,396
Employee share schemes	-	-	-	(19)	(25)	(44)	(44)	-	(44)
Share-based incentive plans	-	-	-	-	22	22	22	-	22
Tax on share-based incentive plans	-	-	-	-	7	7	7	-	7
Change in fair value of put options	-	-	-	-	(3)	(3)	(3)	-	(3)
Transfers	-	-	-	-	65	65	65	(65)	-
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(673)	(673)	(673)	(68)	(741)
At 31 December 2012	797	1,344	3,127	(2,276)	3,335	1,059	6,327	1,121	7,448
At 30 June 2011	797	1,343	3,300	(2,257)	2,062	(195)	5,245	740	5,985
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(105)	-	781	781	676	106	782
Employee share schemes	-	-	-	(49)	(5)	(54)	(54)	-	(54)
Share-based incentive plans	-	-	-	-	17	17	17	-	17
Tax on share-based incentive plans	-	-	-	-	18	18	18	-	18
Acquisitions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	190	190
Proceeds from non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
Change in fair value of put options	-	-	-	-	(3)	(3)	(3)	-	(3)
Purchase of non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	(145)	(145)	(145)	(10)	(155)
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(621)	(621)	(621)	(72)	(693)
At 31 December 2011	797	1,343	3,195	(2,306)	2,104	(202)	5,133	965	6,098

DIAGEO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Six months ended 31 December 2012		Six months ended 31 December 2011 (restated)	
	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million
Cash flows from operating activities				
Cash generated from operations (see note 10)	1,441		1,237	
Interest received	64		99	
Interest paid	(326)		(328)	
Taxation paid	(180)		(214)	
Net cash from operating activities		999		794
Cash flows from investing activities				
Disposal of property, plant and equipment and computer software	3		29	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment and computer software	(271)		(219)	
Movements in loans and other investments	(23)		(24)	
Sale of businesses	-		8	
Acquisition of businesses	(301)		(1,443)	
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(592)		(1,649)
Cash flows from financing activities				
Net purchase of own shares for share schemes	(56)		(54)	
Dividends paid to equity non-controlling interests	(68)		(72)	
Proceeds from non-controlling interests	-		11	
Purchase of shares of non-controlling interests	-		(155)	
Net increase in loans	13		1,276	
Equity dividends paid	(673)		(621)	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities		(784)		385
Net decrease in net cash and cash equivalents		(377)		(470)
Exchange differences		-		(49)
Net cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		1,038		1,572
Net cash and cash equivalents at end of the period		661		1,053
Net cash and cash equivalents consist of:				
Cash and cash equivalents		708		1,121
Bank overdrafts		(47)		(68)
		661		1,053

Comparatives have been restated following a change in the disclosure of dividends paid to non-controlling interests and transaction costs incurred in respect of business acquisitions. For an explanation of the effect of the restatement

see note 1.

NOTES

1. Basis of preparation

The financial information included within this report has been prepared using accounting policies in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and adopted for use in the European Union (EU), and in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules (DTR) of the Financial Services Authority. The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 – Interim Financial Reporting. This interim condensed consolidated financial information is unaudited and has been prepared on the basis of accounting policies consistent with those applied in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2012. IFRS is subject to ongoing review and endorsement by the EU or possible amendment by interpretative guidance and the issuance of new standards by the IASB.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Adopted by the group The only amendment that is effective for the first time in the current financial year is the *Amendment to IAS 1 – Presentation of items of other comprehensive income* issued by the IASB. The adoption of this amendment has no impact on the group's consolidated results or financial position.

The comparative figures for the financial year ended 30 June 2012 are not the company's statutory accounts for that financial year. Those accounts have been reported on by the company's auditor and delivered to the registrar of companies. The report of the auditor (i) was unqualified, (ii) did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying their report, and (iii) did not contain a statement under section 498(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006.

Restatement of the prior period cash flow statement

In the year ended 30 June 2012 the group revised the disclosure of certain prior year amounts in the consolidated statement of cash flows. Directly attributable acquisition transaction costs in the six months ended 31 December 2012 of £18 million (2011 – £25 million) have been included in cash flow from operating activities rather than cash flow from investing activities and dividends paid to non-controlling interests of £68 million (2011 – £72 million) are now disclosed as part of cash flows from financing activities rather than cash flow from operating activities. This revised

presentation is considered to be more consistent with the treatment of these items in the condensed consolidated income statement and the condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity. The revision had no impact on prior period increase or decrease in cash and cash equivalents, net assets or net profit.

2. Segmental information

Diageo presents segmental information for the manufacture, distribution and selling of premium drinks in operating segments based on the geographical location of third party customers. The information presented is consistent with management reporting provided to the chief operating decision maker, which has been identified as the executive committee.

The executive committee considers the business principally from a geographical perspective and the business analysis is presented under the operating segments of North America, Europe, Africa, Latin America and Caribbean and Asia Pacific. In addition to these geographical selling segments, a further segment reviewed by the executive committee is Global Supply which manufactures and distributes premium drinks within the group. Continuing operations also include the Corporate function. In view of the focus on the geographical segments in explaining the group's performance in the Business review, the results of the Global Supply segment have been allocated to the geographical segments. Corporate revenues and costs are in respect of central costs, including finance, human resources and legal, as well as certain information systems, facilities and employee costs that do not relate to the geographical segments or to Global Supply and hence are not allocated. They also include rents receivable in respect of properties not used by the group in the manufacture, sale or distribution of premium drinks and the results of Gleneagles Hotel.

The segmental information for net sales and operating profit before exceptional items is reported at budgeted exchange rates in line with management reporting. For management reporting purposes the group measures the current period at, and restates the prior period net sales and operating profit to, the current period's budgeted exchange rates. These exchange rates are set prior to the financial year as part of the financial planning process and provide a consistent exchange rate to measure the performance of the business throughout the year. The adjustments required to retranslate the segmental information to actual exchange rates and to reconcile it to the group's reported results are shown in the tables below. The comparative segmental information, prior to retranslation, has not been restated at the current period's budgeted exchange rates but is presented at the budgeted rates for the year ended 30 June 2012.

In addition, for management reporting purposes Diageo excludes the impact of acquisitions and disposals completed in the current and prior period from the results of the geographical segments in order to provide comparable results. The impact of acquisitions and disposals on net sales and operating profit is allocated to the appropriate geographical segments in the tables below. These acquisitions and disposals are the same as those disclosed in the organic growth reconciliations in the Business Review but for management reporting purposes they are disclosed here at budgeted exchange rates.

In the management accounts changes have been made in respect of the allocation of specific corporate items and the allocation of the operating profit before exceptional items of Global Supply to better reflect the geographical segment to which the cost relates. In addition, certain transaction exchange differences, previously included in Corporate, have been allocated to the geographical segments to better reflect which geographical segment the item is in respect of. As a consequence of these allocations the operating profit before exceptional items and marketing spend by geographical segments for prior periods have been amended and the organic growth calculations updated. Revised segmental information for the six months ended 31 December 2011 has been provided with a reconciliation to the figures previously reported on page 36.

For the second half of the financial year ending 30 June 2013, Diageo will change its internal reporting structure to reflect changes made to management responsibilities announced on 9 November 2012. As a result of this change, Diageo will report the following geographical segments both for management reporting purposes and in the external financial statements in the second half of the 2013 financial year: North America; Western Europe; Africa, Eastern Europe and Turkey; Latin America and Caribbean; Asia Pacific and Corporate. All comparative periods will be restated.

Six months ended 31 December 2012	North America £million	Europe £million	Africa £million	Latin America and Caribbean £million	Asia Pacific £million	Global Supply £million	Eliminate inter- segment sales £million	Total operating segments £million	Corporate and other £million	Total £million
Sales	2,223	2,735	1,043	967	1,225	1,396	(1,396)	8,193	42	8,235
Net sales										

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At budgeted exchange rates*	1,985	1,560	796	795	855	1,473	(1,425)	6,039	43	6,082
Acquisitions and disposals	-	49	14	30	51	-	-	144	-	144
Global Supply allocation	7	27	2	7	5	(48)	-	-	-	-
Retranslation to actual exchange rates	(45)	(59)	(17)	(36)	(29)	(29)	29	(186)	(1)	(187)
Net sales	1,947	1,577	795	796	882	1,396	(1,396)	5,997	42	6,039
Operating profit/(loss)										
At budgeted exchange rates*	822	509	230	309	240	63	-	2,173	(74)	2,099
Acquisitions and disposals	-	16	2	3	(17)	-	-	4	-	4
Global Supply allocation	27	25	2	4	5	(63)	-	-	-	-
Retranslation to actual exchange rates	(24)	(22)	(9)	(14)	(8)	-	-	(77)	3	(74)
Operating profit/(loss) before exceptional items	825	528	225	302	220	-	-	2,100	(71)	2,029
Exceptional items	-	20	-	-	-	(4)	-	16	-	16
Operating profit/(loss)	825	548	225	302	220	(4)	-	2,116	(71)	2,045
Sale of businesses										-
Net finance charges										(212)
Share of associates' profits after tax										
– Moët Hennessy										132
– Other associates										(4)
Profit before taxation										1,961

* These items represent the IFRS 8 performance measures for the geographical and Global Supply segments.

Six months ended 31 December 2011 (restated)	North America £million	Europe £million	Africa £million	Latin America and Caribbean £million	Asia Pacific £million	Global Supply £million	Eliminate inter- segment sales £million	Total operating segments £million	Corporate and other £million	Total £million
Sales	2,162	2,699	950	843	1,132	1,420	(1,420)	7,786	39	7,825
Net sales										
At budgeted exchange rates*	1,887	1,488	729	682	765	1,476	(1,422)	5,605	39	5,644
Acquisitions and disposals	-	141	17	-	-	-	-	158	-	158
Global Supply allocation	17	22	2	8	5	(54)	-	-	-	-
Retranslation to actual exchange rates	(24)	(26)	(17)	(3)	25	(2)	2	(45)	-	(45)
Net sales	1,880	1,625	731	687	795	1,420	(1,420)	5,718	39	5,757
Operating profit/(loss)										
At budgeted exchange rates*	742	465	203	251	199	89	-	1,949	(67)	1,882
Acquisitions and disposals	-	49	(2)	(2)	(11)	-	-	34	(12)	22
Global Supply allocation	35	35	3	9	7	(89)	-	-	-	-
Retranslation to actual exchange rates	(12)	(14)	(10)	(7)	5	-	-	(38)	-	(38)
Operating profit/(loss) before exceptional items	765	535	194	251	200	-	-	1,945	(79)	1,866
Exceptional items	(2)	(4)	(2)	(1)	-	(12)	-	(21)	(3)	(24)
Operating profit/(loss)	763	531	192	250	200	(12)	-	1,924	(82)	1,842
Sale of businesses										102
Net finance charges										(206)
Share of associates' profits after tax										
– Moët Hennessy										118
– Other associates										4
Profit before taxation										1,860

* These items represent the IFRS 8 performance measures for the geographical and Global Supply segments.

(i) The segmental analysis of sales and operating profit/(loss) is based on the location of the third party customers.

(ii) The net sales figures for Global Supply reported to the executive committee primarily comprise inter-segment sales and these are eliminated in a separate column in the above segmental analysis. Apart from sales by the Global

Supply segment to the other operating segments, inter-segmental sales are not material.

(iii) The group's net finance charges are managed centrally and are not attributable to individual operating segments.

Approximately 40% of annual net sales occur in the last four months of each calendar year.

Weighted average exchange rates used in the translation of income statements were US dollar – £1 = \$1.60 (2011 – £1 = \$1.58) and euro – £1 = €1.25 (2011 – £1 = €1.16). Exchange rates used to translate assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date were US dollar – £1 = \$1.63 (30 June 2012 – £1 = \$1.55) and euro – £1 = €1.23 (30 June 2012 – £1 = €1.20). The group uses foreign exchange transaction hedges to mitigate the effect of exchange rate movements.

3. Exceptional items

Exceptional items are those which, in management's judgement, need to be disclosed by virtue of their size or incidence in order for the user to obtain a proper understanding of the financial information.

	Six months ended 31 December 2012 £ million	Six months ended 31 December 2011 £ million
Items included in operating profit		
Operating model review	-	(12)
Restructuring of Global Supply operations	-	(7)
Restructuring of Irish brewing operations	(4)	(5)
	(4)	(24)
Pension changes - past service credits	20	-
	16	(24)
Sale of businesses		
Step up acquisition of Quanxing	-	104
Tanzania Breweries	-	(2)
	-	102
Exceptional items before taxation	16	78
Items included in taxation		
Tax on exceptional operating items	(2)	6
Loss of future tax amortisation	-	(524)
Total taxation in exceptional items	(2)	(518)
Total exceptional items	14	(440)
Items included in operating profit are charged to:		
Cost of sales	(3)	(8)
Other operating expenses	19	(16)
	16	(24)

4. Net interest and other finance charges

Six months ended 31 December 2012	Six months ended 31 December 2011
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	£ million		(restated) £ million	
Interest payable	(250)	(252)
Interest receivable	51		56	
Market value movements on interest rate instruments	(2	)	4	
Net interest payable	(201	)	(192)
Net finance (charge)/income in respect of post employment plans	(5	)	3	
Unwinding of discounts	(6	)	(7)
Hyperinflation adjustment on Venezuela operations	(2	)	(8)
	(13	)	(12)
Net exchange movements on certain financial instruments	2		(2)
Net other finance charges	(11	)	(14)

Comparative data in the table for interest receivable, interest payable and market value movements on interest rate instruments has been reclassified in order to disclose the impact of certain transactions on a net basis in line with the presentation in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2012.

5. Taxation

For the six months ended 31 December 2012, the £360 million taxation charge (2011 – £841 million) comprises a UK tax charge of £24 million (2011 – £42 million) and a foreign tax charge of £336 million (2011 – £799 million). Included within the foreign tax charge in the six months ended 31 December 2011 is an exceptional charge of £524 million. During the six months ended 31 December 2011 the group concluded tax authority negotiations in respect of the tax basis of certain intangible assets resulting in a reduction in the effective ongoing tax rate and the write off of a deferred tax asset of £524 million as an exceptional tax item.

6. Inventories

	31 December 2012	30 June 2012	31 December 2011
	£ million	£ million	£ million
Raw materials and consumables	396	334	327
Work in progress	78	66	57
Maturing inventories	3,095	2,953	2,784
Finished goods and goods for resale	615	602	587
	4,184	3,955	3,755

7. Net borrowings

	31 December 2012	30 June 2012	31 December 2011
	£ million	£ million	£ million
Borrowings due within one year and bank overdrafts	(2,218)	(1,230)	(2,741)
Borrowings due after one year	(6,235)	(7,399)	(6,863)
Fair value of foreign currency forwards and swaps	106	210	232
Fair value of interest rate hedging instruments	-	3	37
Finance lease liabilities	(258)	(230)	(81)
	(8,605)	(8,646)	(9,416)
Cash and cash equivalents	708	1,076	1,121
	(7,897)	(7,570)	(8,295)

8. Reconciliation of movement in net borrowings

	Six months ended 31 December 2012 £ million		Six months ended 31 December 2011 £ million	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents before exchange	(377	)	(470)
Net increase in loans	(13	)	(1,276)
Increase in net borrowings from cash flows	(390	)	(1,746)
Exchange differences on net borrowings	111		51	
Other non-cash items	(48	)	(150)
Net borrowings at beginning of the period	(7,570	)	(6,450)
Net borrowings at end of the period	(7,897	)	(8,295)

Other non-cash items primarily comprise fair value changes on bonds, interest rate derivatives and new finance leases.

9. Dividends and other reserves

	Six months ended 31 December 2012 £ million	Six months ended 31 December 2011 £ million
Amounts recognised as distributions to equity shareholders in the period		
Final dividend paid for the year ended 30 June 2012 of 26.90 pence per share (2011 – 24.90 pence)	673	621

An interim dividend of 18.10 pence per share (2011 – 16.60 pence) was approved by the board on 30 January 2013. As this approval was after the balance sheet date, it has not been included as a liability.

Other reserves of £3,127 million at 31 December 2012 (2011 – £3,195 million) included a capital redemption reserve of £3,146 million (2011 – £3,146 million) and hedging and exchange reserve of £19 million deficit (2011 – £49 million credit).

10. Cash generated from operations

	Six months ended 31 December 2012		Six months ended 31 December 2011 (restated)	
	£ million	£ million	£ million	£ million
Profit for the period	1,601		1,019	
Taxation	360		841	
Share of associates' profits after tax	(128)		(122)	
Net finance charges	212		206	
Gain on sale of businesses	-		(102)	
Operating profit		2,045		1,842
Increase in inventories	(245)		(210)	
Increase in trade and other receivables	(811)		(782)	
Increase in trade and other payables and provisions	292		266	
Net movement in working capital		(764)		(726)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment		162		168
Dividend received		57		4

Other items	(59)	(51)
Cash generated from operations	1,441	1,237

Cash generated from operations is stated after £34 million (2011 – £74 million) of cash outflows in respect of exceptional operating items.

Other items include £65 million of cash contributions to post employment plans in excess of the income statement charge (2011 – £42 million).

11. Acquisition of businesses

On 9 August 2012, Diageo completed the acquisition of 100% of the equity of Ypióca Bebidas S.A. (Ypióca) from Ypióca Agroindustrial Limitada for BRL 900 million (£284 million). Ypióca is the leading producer and distributor of a cachaça brand, Ypióca in Brazil. Provisional figures for the fair value of brands and net other liabilities have been calculated at £174 million and £11 million, respectively. Goodwill arising on the acquisition is estimated to be £121 million. Since acquisition, Ypióca's contribution to the group's sales, net sales and operating profit was £26 million, £26 million and £2 million (net of £2 million integration costs), respectively.

On 9 November 2012, Diageo announced agreements to acquire a 27.4% equity interest through a preferential allotment and various share purchases in United Spirits Limited (USL), the leading spirits company in India. These agreements trigger an obligation on Diageo to launch a mandatory tender offer to the public shareholders of USL which, if fully subscribed, would result in Diageo acquiring an additional 26% equity interest in USL. If all these transactions are completed Diageo will own 53.4% of the enlarged share capital of USL at an aggregate cost of INR111,665 million (approximately £1,285 million). The transaction elements are subject to a number of conditions, including release of security over the USL shares being acquired and receipt of various mandatory regulatory approvals.

In the six months ended 31 December 2012 there were no material changes to the provisional fair values reported at 30 June 2012 for acquisitions completed in the year ended 30 June 2012.

12. Contingent liabilities and legal proceedings

(a) Guarantees As of 31 December 2012 the group has no material performance guarantees or indemnities to third parties.

(b) Colombian litigation An action was filed on 8 October 2004 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York by the Republic of Colombia and a number of its local government entities against Diageo and other spirits companies, alleging several causes of action, including violations of the Federal RICO Act. This claim was dismissed in November 2012. The dismissal was without prejudice and as such, plaintiffs are not barred from bringing a similar action in future. Diageo cannot meaningfully quantify the possible loss or range of loss in the event of any future litigation. Diageo remains committed to continued dialogue with the Colombian governmental entities to address the underlying issues.

(c) Korean customs dispute Litigation is ongoing in Korea in connection with the application of the methodology used in transfer pricing on spirits imports since 2004. In December 2009, Diageo Korea received a final customs audit assessment notice from the Korean customs authorities, covering the period from 1 February 2004 to 30 June 2007, for Korean won 194 billion or £112 million (including £14 million of value added tax), which was paid in full and appealed to the Korean Tax Tribunal.

On 18 May 2011, the Tax Tribunal made a determination that the statute of limitations had run for part of the assessment period, ordered a partial penalty refund and instructed the Korean customs authorities to reinvestigate the remaining assessments. Accordingly, a refund of Korean won 43 billion or £25 million (including £2 million of value added tax) was made to Diageo Korea in the year ended 30 June 2012.

However, post the completion of the reinvestigation, the Korean customs authorities have concluded that they will continue to pursue the application of the same methodology and on 18 October 2011 a further final imposition notice was issued for Korean won 217 billion or £125 million (including £14 million of value added tax) in respect of the period from 29 February 2008 to 31 October 2010.

In response Diageo Korea filed a claim with the Seoul Administrative Court (the “Court”) along with a petition for preliminary injunction to stay the final imposition notice. The Court granted Diageo Korea’s request for preliminary

injunction and has stayed the final imposition until the decision of the Court on the underlying matter. On 31 October 2012, the Court instructed the Korean customs authorities to reinvestigate the second imposition notice per the instructions of the Tax Tribunal and stayed the Court hearings until the completion of the re-audit. The re-audit is currently in progress and is likely to be completed by early 2013.

The underlying matter remains in progress with the Court and Diageo Korea is unable to quantify meaningfully the possible loss or range of loss to which these claims may give rise. Diageo Korea continues to defend its position vigorously.

(d) Ketel One vodka put option The Nolet Group has an option exercisable from 9 June 2011 to 9 June 2013 to sell its 50% equity stake in Ketel One Worldwide BV to Diageo for a total consideration of \$900 million (£552 million) plus 5.5% annual interest calculated from the date of the original acquisition on 9 June 2008. If the Nolet Group exercises this option but Diageo chooses not to buy the stake, Diageo will then have to pay \$100 million (£61 million) to the Nolet Group and the Nolet Group may then pursue a sale of its stake to a third party, subject to rights of first offer and last refusal on Diageo's part.

(e) Thalidomide litigation In Australia, a class action claim alleging product liability and negligence for injuries arising from the consumption of the drug thalidomide has been filed in the Supreme Court of Victoria against Distillers Company (Biochemicals) Limited, its parent Diageo Scotland Limited (formerly Distillers Company Limited), as well as against Gr nenthal GmbH, the developer of the drug (not a member of the group). On 18 July 2012 Diageo settled the claim of the lead claimant Lynette Rowe and agreed a process to consider the remaining claimants in the class. To enable this process to occur, Ms Rowe and her legal representatives have agreed not to take any step towards a trial of any issue in the litigation before 31 August 2013. Pursuant to orders made by the Supreme Court of Victoria the class has now been closed. 124 claimants have filed registration forms in the Rowe class action. In the United Kingdom, proceedings have twice been commenced but lapsed for lack of service. Distillers Company (Biochemicals) Limited distributed the drug in Australia and the United Kingdom for a period in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Diageo is unable to quantify meaningfully the possible loss or range of loss to which these lawsuits may give rise. The group has worked voluntarily for many years with various thalidomide organisations and has provided significant financial support.

(f) Other The group has extensive international operations and is defendant in a number of legal, customs and tax proceedings incidental to these operations. There are a number of legal, customs and tax claims against the group, the outcome of which cannot at present be foreseen.

Save as disclosed above, neither Diageo, nor any member of the Diageo group, is or has been engaged in, nor (so far as Diageo is aware) is there pending or threatened by or against it, any legal or arbitration proceedings which may have a significant effect on the financial position of the Diageo group.

13. Related party transactions

The group's significant related parties are its associates, joint ventures, key management personnel and pension plans, as disclosed in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2012. There have been no transactions with these related parties during the six months ended 31 December 2012 that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the group during the period.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO DIAGEO PLC

Introduction

We have been engaged by the company to review the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2012 which comprises the condensed consolidated income statement, the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the condensed consolidated balance sheet, the condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity, the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows and the related explanatory notes. We have read the other information contained in the half-yearly financial report and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the information in the condensed set of financial statements.

This report is made solely to the company in accordance with the terms of our engagement to assist the company in meeting the requirements of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules (“the DTR”) of the UK’s Financial Services Authority (“the UK FSA”). Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in this 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 for our review work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Directors’ responsibilities

The half-yearly financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors. The directors are responsible for preparing the half-yearly financial report in accordance with the DTR of the UK FSA.

As disclosed in note 1, the annual financial statements of the group are prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the EU. The condensed set of financial statements included in this half-yearly financial report has been prepared in accordance with *IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting* as issued by the IASB and adopted by the EU.

Our responsibility

Our responsibility is to express to the company a conclusion on the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410 *Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the UK. A review of interim financial information consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed set of financial statements in the half-yearly financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2012 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 as issued by the IASB and adopted by the EU and the DTR of the UK FSA.

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for and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc

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30 January 2013

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SHAREHOLDERS

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Definitions

Comparisons are to the six months ended 31 December 2011 (2011) unless otherwise stated. Unless otherwise stated, percentage movements given throughout this announcement for volume, sales, net sales, marketing spend, operating profit and operating margin are organic movements after retranslating prior period reported numbers at current period exchange rates and after adjusting for the effect of exceptional items and acquisitions and disposals. For an explanation of organic movements please refer to 'Reconciliation to GAAP measures' in this announcement.

Volume has been measured on an equivalent units basis to nine-litre cases of spirits. An equivalent unit represents one nine-litre case of spirits, which is approximately 272 servings. A serving comprises 33ml of spirits, 165ml of wine, or 330ml of ready to drink or beer. Therefore, to convert volume of products, other than spirits, to equivalent units, the following guide has been used: beer in hectolitres divide by 0.9, wine in nine-litre cases divide by five, ready to drink in nine-litre cases divide by 10 and certain pre-mixed products that are classified as ready to drink in nine-litre cases divide by five.

Net sales are sales after deducting excise duties.

Price/mix is the number of percentage points by which the organic movement in net sales exceeds the organic movement in volume. The difference arises because of changes in the composition of sales between higher and lower priced variants or as price changes are implemented.

Exceptional items are those which, in management's judgement, need to be disclosed by virtue of their size or incidence in order for the user to obtain a proper understanding of the financial information. Such items are included within the income statement caption to which they relate.

References to faster growing markets comprise Russia and Eastern Europe, Turkey, Africa, Latin America and Caribbean and Asia Pacific excluding Australia, Korea and Japan.

References to ready to drink also include ready to serve products, such as pre mix cans in some markets, and progressive adult beverages in the United States and certain markets supplied by the United States.

References to beer include Guinness Malta, a non alcoholic malt based product.

References to reserve brands include Johnnie Walker Green Label, Johnnie Walker Gold Label 18 year old, Johnnie Walker Gold Label Reserve, Johnnie Walker Platinum Label 18 year old, Johnnie Walker Blue Label, John Walker & Sons Collection, Johnnie Walker Explorers Club Collection and other Johnnie Walker Super Deluxe brands, The Singleton, Cardhu, Talisker, Lagavulin and other Classic Malt brands, Buchanan's Special Reserve, Buchanan's Red Seal, Dimple 18 year old, Bulleit Bourbon, Tanqueray No. TEN, Cîroc, Ketel One vodka, Don Julio and Zacapa.

Volume share is a brand's volume when compared to the volume of all brands in its segment. Value share is a brand's retail sales when compared to the retail sales of all brands in its segment. Unless otherwise stated, share refers to value share. Share of voice is the media spend on a particular brand when compared to all brands in its segment. The share data, competitive set classifications and share of voice data contained in this announcement are taken from independent industry sources in the markets in which Diageo operates.

This announcement contains forward-looking statements that involve risk and uncertainty. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements, including factors beyond Diageo's control. Please refer to page 38 – 'Cautionary statement concerning forward-looking statements' for more details.

This announcement includes names of Diageo's products which constitute trademarks or trade names which Diageo owns or which others own and license to Diageo for use.

Reconciliation to GAAP measures

I. Organic movements

Organic movements in volume, sales, net sales, marketing spend, operating profit and operating margin are measures not specifically used in the consolidated financial statements themselves (non-GAAP measures). The performance of the group is discussed using these measures.

In the discussion of the performance of the business, organic information is presented using pounds sterling amounts on a constant currency basis. This retranslates prior period reported numbers at current period exchange rates and enables an understanding of the underlying performance of the market that is most closely influenced by the actions of that market's management. Exchange impacts in respect of the external hedging of inter group sales of products and the inter group recharging of third party services are allocated to the geographical segment to which they relate. Residual exchange impacts are reported in Corporate.

Acquisitions, disposals and exceptional items also impact the reported performance and therefore the reported movement in any period in which they arise. Management adjusts for the impact of such transactions in assessing the performance of the underlying business.

The underlying performance on a constant currency basis and excluding the impact of exceptional items, acquisitions and disposals is referred to as 'organic' performance. Organic movement calculations enable the reader to focus on the performance of the business which is common to both periods.

Organic movements in volume, sales, net sales, marketing spend and operating profit

Diageo's planning process is based on organic movements in volume, sales, net sales, marketing spend, operating profit and operating margin, and these measures closely reflect the way in which operating targets are defined and performance is monitored by the group's management.

These measures are chosen for planning, reporting and incentive purposes since they represent those measures which local managers are most directly able to influence and they enable consideration of the underlying business performance without the distortion caused by fluctuating exchange rates, exceptional items and acquisitions and disposals.

The group's management believes these measures provide valuable additional information for users of the financial statements in understanding the group's performance since they provide information on those elements of performance which local managers are most directly able to influence and they focus on that element of the core brand portfolio which is common to both periods. They should be viewed as complementary to, and not replacements for, the comparable GAAP measures and reported movements therein.

The organic movement calculations for volume, sales, net sales, marketing spend and operating profit for the six months ended 31 December 2012 were as follows:

Volume	2011 Reported units million	<i>Acquisitions and</i>		2012 Reported units million	Organic movement units million	Organic movement %
		<i>disposals</i> ⁽²⁾				
North America	28.3	-		28.6	0.3	1
Europe	24.8	0.8		24.9	(0.7)	(3)
Africa	12.9	0.4		13.7	0.4	3
Latin America and Caribbean	9.5	2.6		12.8	0.7	7
Asia Pacific	8.6	0.1		8.8	0.1	1
Total volume	84.1	3.9		88.8	0.8	1

	2011	<i>Exchange</i> ⁽¹⁾		<i>Acquisitions and</i>		Organic	2012	Organic
Sales	Reported			<i>disposals</i> ⁽²⁾		movement	Reported	movement
	£ million	£ million		£ million		£ million	£ million	%
North America	2,162	(24	)	(1	)	86	2,223	4
Europe	2,699	(90	)	114		12	2,735	-
Africa	950	(25	)	16		102	1,043	11
Latin America and Caribbean	843	(39	)	26		137	967	17
Asia Pacific	1,132	(5	)	57		41	1,225	4
Corporate	39	(1	)	-		4	42	11
Total sales	7,825	(184	)	212		382	8,235	5

	2011	<i>Exchange</i> ⁽¹⁾		<i>Acquisitions and</i>		Organic	2012	Organic	
Net sales	Reported			<i>disposals</i> ⁽²⁾		movement	Reported	movement	
	£ million	£ million		£ million		£ million	£ million	%	
North America	1,880	(21	)	(1	)	89	1,947	5
Europe	1,625	(65)	47		(30)	(2)
Africa	731	(18	)	13		69	795	10
Latin America and Caribbean	687	(32	)	26		115	796	18
Asia Pacific	795	(5	)	48		44	882	6
Corporate	39	(1	)	-		4	42	11
Total net sales	5,757	(142	)	133		291	6,039	5

	2011	<i>Exchange</i> ⁽¹⁾		<i>Acquisitions and</i>		Organic	2012	Organic	
Marketing spend	Reported (restated)*			<i>disposals</i> ⁽²⁾		movement	Reported	movement	
	£ million	£ million		£ million		£ million	£ million	%	
North America	289	(1	)	-		13	301	5
Europe	249	(14)	3		(4)	(2)
Africa	78	(5	)	1		5	79	7
Latin America and Caribbean	103	(6	)	2		21	120	22
Asia Pacific	173	1		9		5	188	3	
Corporate	4	-		-		-	4	-	
Total marketing spend	896	(25	)	15		40	926	5

Operating profit	2011	<i>Exchange</i>	<i>Acquisitions</i>	Organic	2012	Organic
	Reported	⁽¹⁾	<i>and</i>	movement	Reported	movement
	(restated)*			£ million	£ million	%

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	£ million	£ million	disposals ⁽²⁾						
					£ million				
North America	765	(6)	-	66	825	9		
Europe	535	(18)	26	(15)	528 (3		
Africa	194	(6	)	4	33	225	17	
Latin America and Caribbean	251	(10	)	4	57	302	23	
Asia Pacific	200	3		(5	)	22	220 10	
Corporate	(79)	(4)	11	1	(71)	1
Operating profit before exceptional items	1,866	(41	)	40	164	2,029	9	
Exceptional items	(24	)				16		
Total operating profit	1,842					2,045			

* Figures for the six months ended 31 December 2011 have been restated for a change in the allocation of certain Corporate and Global Supply items.

Notes: Information relating to the organic movement calculations

The exchange adjustments for sales, net sales, marketing spend and operating profit are the retranslation of prior (1)period reported results at current period exchange rates and are principally in respect of the euro, the US dollar and the Brazilian real.

The impacts of acquisitions and disposals are excluded from the organic movement. In the six months ended 31 (2)December 2012 the acquisitions and disposals that materially affected volume, sales, net sales, marketing spend and operating profit were as follows:

Six months ended December 2012	Volume units million	Sales £ million	Net sales £ million	Marketing spend £ million	Operating profit £ million
Mey İçki	0.8	114	47	3	17
Quanxing and Shuijingfang	0.1	57	48	9	5
Meta	0.4	16	13	1	2
Ypióca	2.6	26	26	2	2
Other acquisitions*	-	-	-	-	(24)
Acquisitions – 2012	3.9	213	134	15	2
Acquisitions – 2011**	-	-	-	-	38
Disposals	-	(1)	(1)	-	-
	3.9	212	133	15	40

** Includes transaction costs in respect of acquisitions not yet completed*

*** Represents transaction and integration costs incurred in respect of acquisitions in the six months ended 31 December 2011*

(3) *Analysis by operating segment of exceptional items is disclosed in note 2 on page 23.*

Notes: Organic movement calculations methodology

a)The organic movement percentage is the amount in the column headed 'Organic movement' in the tables above expressed as a percentage of the aggregate of the amount in the column headed '2011 Reported', the amount in the column headed 'Exchange' and the amount, if any, in respect of acquisitions and disposals that have impacted the comparable prior period included in the column headed 'Acquisitions and disposals'. The inclusion of the column headed 'Exchange' in the organic movement calculation reflects the adjustment to recalculate the prior period

results as if they had been generated at the current period's exchange rates.

Where a business, brand, brand distribution right or agency agreement was disposed of, or terminated, in the current or prior period, the group, in organic movement calculations, excludes the results for that business from the current period and prior period. In the calculation of operating profit, the overheads included in disposals are only those directly attributable to the businesses disposed of, and do not result from subjective judgements of management. For acquisitions in the current period, the post acquisition results are excluded from the organic movement calculations. For acquisitions in the prior period, post acquisition results are included in full in the prior period but are included in the organic movement calculation from the anniversary of the acquisition date in the current period. The acquisition column also eliminates the impact of transaction costs that have been charged to operating profit in the current or prior period in respect of acquisitions that in management assessment are expected to complete.

c) As disclosed in note 2 on page 23, Diageo made changes to the allocation of a number of Corporate and Global Supply items. Figures for the six months ended 31 December 2011 have been restated as follows:

Marketing spend	As reported £ million	Corporate costs £ million	Restated £ million
North America	290	(1)	289
Europe	248	1	249
Africa	79	(1)	78
Latin America and Caribbean	105	(2)	103
Asia Pacific	174	(1)	173
Corporate	-	4	4
	896	-	896

Operating profit before exceptional items	As reported £ million	Corporate costs £ million	Global Supply costs £ million	Allocation of exchange £ million	Restated £ million
North America	770	(2)	-	(3)	765
Europe	542	(1)	(4)	(2)	535
Africa	196	1	-	(3)	194
Latin America and Caribbean	256	-	(1)	(4)	251
Asia Pacific	198	(1)	1	2	200
Corporate	(96)	3	4	10	(79)
	1,866	-	-	-	1,866

2.

Free cash flow

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP measure that comprises the net cash flow from operating activities aggregated with the net purchase and disposal of investments, property, plant and equipment and computer software that form part of net cash flow from investing activities. The group's management believes the measure assists users of the financial statements in understanding the group's cash generating performance as it comprises items which arise from the running of the ongoing business.

The remaining components of net cash flow from investing activities that do not form part of free cash flow, as defined by the group's management, are in respect of the acquisition and sale of subsidiaries, associates and businesses. The group's management regards the purchase and disposal of property, plant and equipment and computer software as ultimately non-discretionary since ongoing investment in plant, machinery and technology is required to support the day-to-day operations, whereas acquisitions and sales of businesses are discretionary. However, free cash flow does not necessarily reflect all amounts which the group has either a constructive or legal obligation to incur. Where appropriate, separate discussion is given for the impacts of acquisitions and sale of businesses, equity dividends paid and the purchase of own shares, each of which arises from decisions that are independent from the running of the ongoing underlying business.

The free cash flow measure is used by management for their own planning, reporting and incentive purposes since it provides information on those elements of performance which local managers are most directly able to influence.

As reported in note 1 on page 23 the group has revised the disclosure of certain prior period amounts in the consolidated statement of cash flows. The revised free cash flow for the six months ended 31 December 2011 increased by £47 million from £533 million to £580 million.

3. Return on average total invested capital

Return on average total invested capital is a non-GAAP measure that is used by management to assess the return obtained from the group's asset base and is calculated to aid comparison of the performance of the business.

The profit used in assessing the return on total invested capital reflects the operating performance of the business stated before exceptional items and finance charges after applying the tax rate before exceptional items for the period. Average total invested capital is calculated using the average derived from the consolidated balance sheets at the beginning and end of the period. Average capital employed comprises average net assets for the period, excluding post employment benefit net liabilities (net of deferred tax) and average net borrowings. This average capital employed is then aggregated with the average restructuring and integration costs net of tax, and goodwill written off to reserves at 1 July 2004, the date of transition to IFRS, to obtain the average total invested capital.

Calculations for the return on average total invested capital for the six months ended 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2011 were as follows:

	2012 £ million	2011 £ million
Operating profit	2,045	1,842
Exceptional operating items	(16)	24
Associates' profits after interest and tax	128	122
Tax at the tax rate before exceptional items of 18.4% (2011 – 18.1%)	(397)	(360)
	1,760	1,628
Average net assets (excluding net post employment liabilities)	8,040	6,812
Average net borrowings	7,734	7,373
Average integration and restructuring costs (net of tax)	1,396	1,332
Goodwill at 1 July 2004	1,562	1,562
Average total invested capital	18,732	17,079
Annualised return on average total invested capital	18.8 %	19.1 %

4.

Economic profit

Economic profit is a non-GAAP measure that is used by management to assess the group's return from its asset base compared to a standard cost of capital charge and is calculated to aid comparison of the performance of the business.

The profit used in assessing the return from the group's asset base and the asset base itself are the same as those used in the calculation for the return on average total invested capital (see above). The standard capital charge applied to the average total invested capital is currently 8%, being management's assessment of a constant minimum level of return that the group expects to generate from its asset base. Economic profit is calculated as the difference between the standard capital charge on the average invested assets and the actual return achieved by the group on those assets.

Calculations for economic profit for the six months ended 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2011 were as follows:

	2012 £ million	2011 £ million
Average total invested capital (see note 3 above)	18,732	17,079

Operating profit	2,045	1,842
Exceptional operating items	(16)	24
Share of associates' profit after tax	128	122
Tax at the tax rate before exceptional items of 18.4% (2011 – 18.1%)	(397)	(360)
	1,760	1,628
Capital charge at 8% of average total invested capital	(749)	(683)
Economic profit	1,011	945

5.

Interest cover

The income statement interest cover is defined as the number of times that the sum of operating profit before exceptional items and share of associates' profits after tax exceeds net interest payable.

Cash interest cover is defined as the number of times that the sum of operating profit before exceptional items, depreciation, amortisation and impairment and dividends from associates exceeds the net interest cash flow.

The group's management believes that these measures assist users of the financial statements in understanding the liquidity position of the ongoing business.

RISK FACTORS

Diageo's products are sold in over 180 markets worldwide, which subjects Diageo to risks and uncertainties in multiple jurisdictions across developed and faster growing markets. The group's aim is to manage risk and control its business and financial activities cost-effectively and in a manner that enables it to: exploit profitable business opportunities in a disciplined way; avoid or reduce risks that can cause loss, reputational damage or business failure; manage and mitigate historic risks and exposures of the group; support operational effectiveness; and enhance resilience to external events. To achieve this, an ongoing process has been established for identifying, evaluating and managing risks faced by the group. The key risks and uncertainties facing the group in the second half of the current financial year are described in the "Business description" section of the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2012, some or all of which have the potential to impact the results or financial position during the second half of the current financial year.

These key risks and uncertainties are (in summary): competition may reduce Diageo's market share and margins; expected benefits may not be derived from Diageo's strategy focused on premium drinks or from its acquisitions or its cost-saving and restructuring programmes designed to enhance earnings; regulatory decisions and changes in the legal and regulatory environment could increase Diageo's costs and liabilities or limit its business activities; litigation directed at the beverage alcohol industry and other litigation (including tax and customs proceedings and proceedings arising from legacy and discontinued activities); contamination, counterfeiting or other events could harm integrity of customer support for Diageo's brands and adversely affect the sales of those brands; changes in the social acceptability of Diageo's products, consumer preferences and tastes and adverse impacts of a declining economy, among many factors, may adversely affect demand; unfavourable economic conditions or political or other developments and risks in the countries in which Diageo operates; increased costs or shortages of labour; increased costs of raw materials or energy; disruption to production facilities, business service centres or information systems and change programs may not deliver the benefits intended; climate change, or legal, regulatory or market measures to address climate change; water scarcity or poor quality; movements in the value of Diageo's pension funds, fluctuations in exchange rates and interest rates; failure to maintain or renegotiate distribution, supply, manufacturing and licence agreements on favourable terms; inability to protect Diageo's intellectual property rights; failure to maintain Diageo's brand image and corporate reputation may result in a decline in value of Diageo's brands and net sales; failure to maintain data security and reliability; and difficulty in effecting service of US process and enforcing US legal process against the directors of Diageo.

Cautionary statement concerning forward-looking statements

This document contains 'forward-looking' statements. These statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. In particular, forward-looking statements include all statements that express forecasts, expectations, plans, outlook and projections with respect to future matters, including trends in results of operations, margins, growth rates, overall market trends, the impact of changes in interest or exchange rates, the availability or cost of financing to Diageo, anticipated cost savings or synergies, expected investments, the completion of Diageo's strategic transactions and restructuring programmes, anticipated tax rates, expected cash payments,

outcomes of litigation, anticipated deficit reductions in relation to pension schemes and general economic conditions. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will occur in the future. There are a number of factors that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements, including factors that are outside Diageo's control.

These factors include, but are not limited to:

*global and regional economic downturns;
increased competitive product and pricing pressures and unanticipated actions by competitors that could impact Diageo's market share, increase expenses and hinder growth potential;
the effects of Diageo's strategic focus on premium drinks, the effects of business combinations, partnerships, acquisitions or disposals, existing or future, and the ability to realise expected synergies and/or costs savings;
Diageo's ability to complete existing or future business combinations, restructuring programmes, acquisitions and disposals;
legal and regulatory developments, including changes in regulations regarding production, product liability, distribution, importation, labelling, packaging, consumption or advertising; changes in tax law, rates or requirements (including with respect to the impact of excise tax increases) or accounting standards; and changes in environmental laws, health regulations and the laws governing labour and pensions;
the costs associated with monitoring and maintaining compliance with anti-corruption and other laws and regulations, and the costs associated with investigating alleged breaches of internal policies, laws or regulations, whether initiated internally or by external regulators, and any penalties or fines imposed as a result of any breaches;*

developments in any litigation or other similar proceedings (including with tax, customs and other regulatory authorities) directed at the drinks and spirits industry generally or at Diageo in particular, or the impact of a product recall or product liability claim on Diageo's profitability or reputation;

developments in the Colombian litigation, Korean customs dispute, thalidomide litigation or any similar proceedings;

changes in consumer preferences and tastes, demographic trends or perceptions about health related issues, or contamination, counterfeiting or other circumstances which could harm the integrity or sales of Diageo's brands;

changes in the cost or supply of raw materials, labour, energy and/or water;

changes in political or economic conditions in countries and markets in which Diageo operates, including changes in levels of consumer spending, failure of customer, supplier and financial counterparties or imposition of import, investment or currency restrictions;

levels of marketing, promotional and innovation expenditure by Diageo and its competitors;

renewal of supply, distribution, manufacturing or licence agreements (or related rights) and licenses on favourable terms when they expire;

termination of or failure to renegotiate existing distribution or licence manufacturing rights on agency brands;

disruption to production facilities or business service centres, and systems change programmes, existing or future, and the ability to derive expected benefits from such programmes;

technological developments that may affect the distribution of products or impede Diageo's ability to protect its intellectual property rights; and

changes in financial and equity markets, including significant interest rate and foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and changes in the cost of capital, which may reduce or eliminate Diageo's access to or increase the cost of financing or which may affect Diageo's financial results and movements to the value of Diageo's pension funds.

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Each of the directors of Diageo plc confirms, to the best of his or her knowledge, that:

the condensed set of financial statements has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting as issued by the IASB and adopted by the EU;

the interim management report includes a fair review of the information required by:

(a) DTR 4.2.7R of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the UK's Financial Services Authority, being an indication of important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and their impact on the condensed set of financial statements; and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the financial year; and

(b) DTR 4.2.8R of the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the UK's Financial Services Authority, being related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the current financial year and that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the group during that period; and any changes in the related party transactions described in the annual report for the year ended 30 June 2012 that could have a material effect on the financial position or performance of the group in the first six months of the current financial year.

The directors of Diageo plc are as follows: Dr Franz Humer (Chairman), Paul Walsh (Chief Executive Officer), Ivan Menezes (Chief Operating Officer), Deirdre Mahlan (Chief Financial Officer), Lord Davies of Abersoch (Senior Non-executive Director and Chairman of the Remuneration Committee), Philip Scott (Non-executive Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee) and Non-executive Directors: Peggy Bruzelius, Laurence Danon, Betsy Holden, Ho KwonPing and Todd Stitzer.

Diageo plc will release its Half Year Results for the 6 months ended 31 December 2012 on Thursday 31 January at approximately 07.00 (UK time).

Webcast, Presentation Slides and Transcript

At 08.00 (UK time) on Thursday 31 January, Paul Walsh, Chief Executive Officer and Deirdre Mahlan, Chief Financial Officer will present Diageo's half year results as a webcast. This will be available to view at www.Diageo.com. The presentation slides and transcript will also be available to download from www.Diageo.com at 08.00 (UK time).

Webcast via Conference Call Facility

If you wish to listen to the presentation via the conference call facility rather than watch it, then please use the dial-in details below at 08.00 (UK time).

Live Q&A Session

At 09.30 (UK time), Paul Walsh and Deirdre Mahlan will be joined by Ivan Menezes, Chief Operating Officer; Larry Schwartz, President, North America; John Kennedy, President, Western Europe; Nick Blazquez, President, Africa, Russia, Eastern Europe and Turkey; Randy Millian, President, Latin America and Caribbean; Gilbert Ghostine, President, Asia Pacific; Andrew Morgan, President, New Businesses and Andy Fennell, Chief Marketing Officer for a live Q&A session. To participate, please use the following dial-in numbers:

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A transcript of the Q&A session will be available for download on 1 February at www.Diageo.com.

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