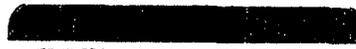




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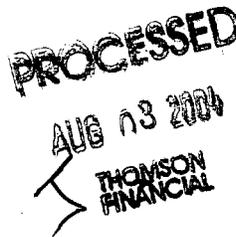
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Yours faithfully  
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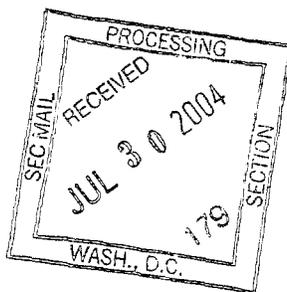
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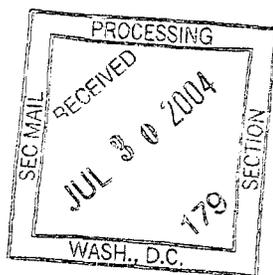
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**DIRECTORS' COMMENT**

Consumer markets report good growth in retail sales of diamond jewellery during the first half of 2004 compared with the same period last year, which was affected by war in the Middle East and the SARS virus. The US dollar value of global diamond jewellery sales is anticipated to be 7 to 8% higher during this period. With positive macro-economic indicators and increased levels of confidence, the trade is optimistic that the strong consumer demand will continue through the second half and expectations are that retail sales for the year as a whole will be comfortably ahead of 2003.

The strength of retail sales of diamond jewellery in the first half translated into increased demand for polished diamonds from the cutting centres. Since the end of 2003, polished stocks in the cutting centres have declined and, in most categories, prices have risen. Cutting centre bank debt, at historically high levels, has not increased since the beginning of the year and hopefully will start to reduce during the second half.

Against that background, there was consistent demand for rough diamonds throughout the period and sales by the Diamond Trading Company (DTC), the marketing arm of De Beers, for the first six months of 2004 totalled US\$2,983 million, 2.16% higher than the equivalent period in 2003. The DTC raised its rough diamond prices on two occasions during the six months. The cumulative effect of those increases, and those previously announced in 2003, means that the DTC's rough prices for the first half of 2004 were, on average, 14% higher than for the first half of 2003.

On 30 June, the Company took advantage of an early redemption clause attaching to its 10% preference shares in issue and redeemed the maximum permissible amount of US\$214 million, or 25% of the total (see Note 3 below).

Headline earnings for the six months ended 30 June 2004 were US\$424 million, 12.8% higher than for the first half of 2003. Diamond stocks reduced by nearly US\$400 million during the period and operating cash flow generated was US\$870 million. This enabled the group to further reduce net interest bearing debt (now including the preference shares) from US\$1,762 million at 31 December 2003 to US\$1,169 million at 30 June 2004 and to reduce net gearing from 29% to 21%.

The board has declared an interim ordinary dividend of US\$250 million in respect of the year 2004, payable on 2 August 2004.

De Beers' older and more marginal mines in South Africa continue to struggle in the current environment, and every effort is being made to seek further efficiencies and cost reductions.

De Beers is pleased to have recently reached a settlement with the United States Department of Justice, which resolves a long-standing case against the Company relating to a charge concerning the price list for certain categories of industrial diamonds in the early 1990s. In terms of the settlement, De Beers agreed to pay a fine of US\$10 million. The resolution is in accordance with De Beers' stated commitment to be legally compliant throughout the world.

The current Jwaneng mining licence expires on 31 July 2004. Debswana Diamond Company (Proprietary) Limited has lodged an application for the renewal of its mining licence for a further period of 25 years. The Government of Botswana and De Beers are currently discussing the terms of the renewal.

De Beers announces interim results as follows:

**De Beers Société Anonyme**  
 Consolidated Income Statement  
 for the half-year ended 30 June 2004  
 (Abridged)

	US Dollar millions		
	6 Months to 30 June 2004	6 Months to 30 June 2003 (Note 1)	12 Months to 31 December 2003
Diamond sales			
-DTC	2 983	2 920	5 518
-Other	259	201	397
Trade investment and other income	373	258	656
	<b>3 615</b>	<b>3 379</b>	<b>6 571</b>
<i>Deduct:</i>			
Cost of sales	2 534	2 468	4 794
Depreciation and amortisation (Note 2)	160	128	294
Sorting and marketing	230	208	490
Exploration and research	72	64	147
Corporate expenses	34	23	52
<b>Net diamond account</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>794</b>
<i>Deduct:</i>			
Net interest paid (Note 3)	55	97	144
Costs related to reorganisation and restructuring	17	5	22
<b>Income before taxation</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>628</b>
Taxation	203	114	239
<b>Income after taxation</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>389</b>
Attributable to outside shareholders in subsidiaries	9	10	10
<b>Own earnings</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>379</b>
Share of retained income of joint ventures	40	103	114
<b>Total earnings</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>493</b>
Costs of early debt redemption		95	95
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>398</b>
<b>Headline earnings reconciliation</b>			
Net earnings	341	270	398
<i>Adjusted for :</i>			
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	87	84	170
After tax surplus on realisation of fixed assets less provisions	(4)	(3)	(3)
Facility fees		25	25
<b>Headline earnings</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>590</b>
<b>Cash available from operating activities</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>1 072</b>	<b>1 520</b>
<b>Ordinary dividends in respect of:</b>			
2002 – Final		124	124
2003 – Interim			250
2003 – Final	150		
2004 – Interim	250		

## De Beers Société Anonyme

Consolidated Balance Sheet  
30 June 2004

(Abridged)

	US Dollar millions		
	30 June 2004	30 June 2003 (Note 1)	31 December 2003
Ordinary Shareholders' interests	3 663	3 470	3 549
Outside shareholders' interests	124	109	115
Total shareholders' interests	3 787	3 579	3 664
Net interest bearing debt (Notes 3 & 4)	1 169	1 783	1 762
Other liabilities	1 489	1 211	1 517
	6 445	6 573	6 943
Fixed assets	5 037	4 738	5 145
Investments and loans	51	49	53
Diamond stocks and other assets	1 357	1 786	1 745
	6 445	6 573	6 943
<b>Exchange rates US\$ = Rand</b>			
- average	6.58	8.11	7.64
- period end	6.62	7.80	6.38

### Notes and Comments

1. With effect from December 2003 Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with both International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ("SA GAAP"). Accordingly, the comparative figures in respect of June 2003 have been restated. The effect has been to increase other liabilities by US\$180 million (before deferred tax of US\$48 million), being the recognition of actuarial deficits in pension funds, and to increase net earnings in that period by US\$ 5 million.
2. Amortisation amounting to US\$72 million in respect of the goodwill attributable to De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited and De Beers Centenary AG has been expensed in the current period. US\$144 million was expensed during the year ended December 2003.
3. As a result of the early redemption referred to in the directors' comment, the preference shares, with a value of US\$642 million (2003: US\$856 million) have been more appropriately reclassified as debt in the balance sheets. The preference dividends, amounting to US\$43 million (2003: US\$43 million for June and US\$86 million for December) have accordingly been reclassified as interest paid in the respective income statements.
4. Cash has been offset against interest bearing debt.

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