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For the date of November 27, 2007

**SIGNET GROUP plc**  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Signet Group plc (LSE and NYSE: SIG)  
(GMT)

Unaudited results for the 13 and 39 weeks to 3 November 2007

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**SIGNET REPORTS THIRD QUARTER RESULTS**

Signet Group plc (LSE and NYSE: SIG), the world's largest speciality retail jeweller, today announced its third quarter unaudited results for the 13 weeks and 39 weeks to 3 November 2007.

## **Group**

In the 13 week period to 3 November 2007, Group total sales rose by 7.9% at constant exchange rates (see note 11); the reported increase was 10.0% to \$678.7 million (13 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$616.8 million). Like for like sales increased by 3.2%. Profit before tax was \$2.5 million (13 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$8.0 million) and operating profit was \$7.5 million (13 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$13.4 million).

In the 39 week period, Group total sales increased by 7.0% at constant exchange rates (see note 11); and by 9.4% on a reported basis to \$2,280.5 million (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$2,084.0 million). Like for like sales were up by 3.2%. Profit before tax declined slightly to \$111.5 million (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$113.6 million) and operating profit was \$124.4 million (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$125.7 million). The average exchange rate for the period was £1/\$2.00 (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: £1/\$1.83). Earnings per share were unchanged at 4.2c.

## **United States (circa 75% of Group annual sales)**

In the 13 week period to 3 November 2007, total sales increased by 10.1% to \$488.2 million (13 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$443.4 million). Like for like sales were up by 2.5%, with August and September being stronger than October. US operating profit was \$11.5 million (13 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$19.1 million). As expected the gross margin was down a little more than in the first half as a result of further commodity cost increases and changes in the sales mix, partially offset by supply chain initiatives. The trend in the fourth quarter is anticipated to be similar. Costs were closely controlled and inventory levels were as planned.

In the 39 week period, total sales advanced by 8.3% to \$1,705.1 million (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$1,574.5 million). Like for like sales rose by 2.7%. US operating profit was \$137.8 million (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$144.2 million). The operating margin was 8.1% (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: 9.2%). The bad debt charge was 3.3% of total sales (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: 2.9%), and remained comfortably in the range of the last 10 years.

The quality of execution in all areas of the business continued to be improved, with the focus on staff training and customer service remaining a priority. In merchandising, the right hand ring and Journey ranges continue to be developed, the solitaire and Leo diamond selections have been expanded, new designs from Le Vian have been introduced and in Jared, the Peerless Diamond is increasingly popular.

There will be a further increase in Kay national television advertising during the holiday season and Jared will have national television advertising support on both network and cable channels for the first time. Advertising for the division's regional brands will be on a similar basis to last year.

Net new space growth during 2007/08 is expected to be about 10%, at the top end of the target range, with Jared accounting for the majority of the increase.

Over the past several years there have been substantial increases in diamond, gold and platinum costs impacting the entire US jewellery sector. These have not been fully passed on to consumers. This cumulative effect of higher commodity costs does mean that Signet anticipates realigning prices in 2008 and we would expect this to start following Valentine's Day. Any such realignment will likely cover the broad merchandise range, including basic product which have seen little movement in price for several years despite the major changes in raw material costs. Signet's pricing strategy is to be competitive over the long term; however these expected changes could result in a

departure from this position in the short term.

### **United Kingdom (circa 25% of Group annual sales)**

In the 13 week period, UK division total sales were up by 2.6% at constant exchange rates (see note 11) and by 9.9% on a reported basis to \$190.5 million (13 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$173.4 million). Like for like sales were up by 4.8% in the 13 weeks to 3 November 2007. This resulted in the elimination of the normal seasonal loss with the division reporting an operating profit of \$0.2 million (13 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$2.0 million loss).

In the 39 week period, total sales increased by 3.3% at constant exchange rates (see note 11), and by 12.9% on a reported basis to \$575.4 million (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$509.5 million). Like for like sales were up by 4.7%. The normal seasonal operating loss was largely eliminated at \$0.4 million (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$8.2 million loss). Gross margin was slightly down on last year due to mix changes and more targeted promotional activity with a similar trend expected in the fourth quarter.

The customer experience was again enhanced by the continued development of the selling skills and product knowledge of staff. Merchandise ranges exclusive to H.Samuel and Ernest Jones have been increased and the diamond ranges have been developed further. The division's average selling price rose in the 39 week period and diamond participation was up slightly. New television advertisements for both H.Samuel and Ernest Jones have produced encouraging test results. Initial customer response to the enhanced Ernest Jones store design has been positive. The roll-out of a branded store card, provided in conjunction with a bank, is proceeding as planned. Tight control of costs and inventory has been maintained.

### **Group Central Costs, Financing Costs and Taxation**

In the 13 week period, Group central costs were \$4.2 million (13 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$3.7 million). In the 39 weeks they were \$13.0 million (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$10.3 million), largely reflecting a foreign exchange loss arising on dividend payments and higher professional fees. Net financing costs for the 13 weeks were \$5.0 million (13 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$5.4 million) and for the 39 weeks were \$12.9 million (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$12.1 million). The tax rate for the 39 weeks to 3 November 2007 was 36.5% (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: 35.6%).

### **Net Debt**

Net debt at 3 November 2007 was \$524.8 million (28 October 2006: \$461.9 million). The seasonal increase in net debt in the 39 weeks to 3 November 2007 of \$291.6 million was in line with the corresponding period last year (39 weeks to 28 October 2006: \$287.4 million). Capital expenditure during the year is expected to be about \$150 million (2006/07: \$124.4 million) reflecting increased spending on Kay off-mall stores, store refurbishments and information technology.

In October the Group entered into a 364 day \$200m Series 2007 asset backed variable funding note conduit securitisation facility. Under this securitisation, interests in the US receivables portfolio are sold to Bryant Park, a conduit administered by HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. The facility is for general corporate purposes.

### **Comment**

Terry Burman, Group Chief Executive, commented: "In the year to date profit before tax was slightly below last year's level primarily reflecting a more challenging retail marketplace in the US.

As ever, the results for the year will depend on the very important Christmas trading season, 75% of which is still ahead of us. However, in the US sales have weakened further since the end of the third quarter and so far in November like for like sales are down around 7%. In the UK there has been a weakening as the month has progressed. Given the backdrop of trading in November, and increased economic uncertainty on both sides of the Atlantic, we believe current analysts' expectations are unlikely to be met and that a wider than normal range of profit before tax estimates would be appropriate."

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*Signet operated 1,953 speciality retail jewellery stores at 3 November 2007; these included 1,383 stores in the US, where the Group trades as "Kay Jewelers", "Jared The Galleria Of Jewelry" and under a number of regional names. At that date Signet operated 570 stores in the UK, where the Group trades as "H.Samuel", "Ernest Jones" and "Leslie Davis". Further information on Signet is available at [www.signetgroupplc.com](http://www.signetgroupplc.com) . See also [www.kay.com](http://www.kay.com) , [www.jared.com](http://www.jared.com) , [www.hsamuel.co.uk](http://www.hsamuel.co.uk) and [www.ernestjones.co.uk](http://www.ernestjones.co.uk) .*

#### **Investor Relations Programme Details**

There will be a conference call for all interested parties today at 2.00 p.m. GMT (9.00 a.m. EST and 6.00 a.m. Pacific Time) and a simultaneous audio webcast available at [www.signetgroupplc.com](http://www.signetgroupplc.com). To help ensure the conference call begins in a timely manner, could all participants please dial in 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The call details are:

**European dial-in: +44 (0) 20 7138 0839**  
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**US dial-in: +1 718 354 1362**  
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The Christmas Trading Statement is expected to be released on Thursday 10 January 2008.



**Store Tour, Las Vegas, Nevada, Thursday 29 November 2007**

There is a tour of a Jared and a Kay store in Las Vegas, Nevada on the morning of Thursday, November 29, 2007 for professional investors. Details can be found at [www.signetgroupplc.com](http://www.signetgroupplc.com).

*This release includes statements which are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements, based upon management's beliefs as well as on assumptions made by and data currently available to management, appear in a number of places throughout this release and include statements regarding, among other things, our results of operation, financial condition, liquidity, prospects, growth, strategies and the industry in which the Company operates. Our use of the words "expects," "intends," "anticipates," "estimates," "may," "forecast," "objective," "plan" or "target," and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to general economic conditions, the merchandising, pricing and inventory policies followed by the Group, the reputation of the Group, the level of competition in the jewellery sector, the price and availability of diamonds, gold and other precious metals, seasonality of the Group's business and financial market risk.*

*For a discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially, see the "Risk and Other Factors" section of the Company's 2006/07 Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2007 and other filings made by the Company with the Commission. Actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied therein may not be realised. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.*



**SIGNET GROUP plc****Condensed consolidated income statement (unaudited)**

for the 39 weeks ended 3 November 2007

		<b>13 weeks ended 3 November 2007</b>	13 weeks ended 28 October 2006	<b>39 weeks ended 3 November 2007</b>	39 weeks ended 28 October 2006	53 weeks ended 3 February 2007
	Notes	<b>2007 \$m</b>	\$m	<b>2007 \$m</b>	2006 \$m	\$m
Sales	2,11	<b>678.7</b>	616.8	<b>2,280.5</b>	2,084.0	3,559.2
Cost of sales		<b>(657.7)</b>	(594.2)	<b>(2,123.2)</b>	(1,927.4)	(3,092.4)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>21.0</b>	22.6	<b>157.3</b>	156.6	466.8
Administrative expenses		<b>(39.4)</b>	(31.0)	<b>(112.2)</b>	(99.2)	(142.1)
Other operating income		<b>25.9</b>	21.8	<b>79.3</b>	68.3	91.5
<b>Operating profit</b>	2,11	<b>7.5</b>	13.4	<b>124.4</b>	125.7	416.2
Finance income	3	<b>2.0</b>	5.9	<b>8.1</b>	13.5	18.8
Finance expense	3	<b>(7.0)</b>	(11.3)	<b>(21.0)</b>	(25.6)	(34.2)
<b>Profit before tax</b>	11	<b>2.5</b>	8.0	<b>111.5</b>	113.6	400.8
Taxation	4	<b>(0.9)</b>	(2.8)	<b>(40.7)</b>	(40.4)	(134.8)
<b>Profit for the financial period</b>		<b>1.6</b>	5.2	<b>70.8</b>	73.2	266.0
<b>Earnings per share - basic</b>	6	<b>0.1c</b>	0.3c	<b>4.2c</b>	4.2c	15.4c
- diluted		<b>0.1c</b>	0.3c	<b>4.1c</b>	4.2c	15.3c
<b>Earnings per ADS - basic</b>	6	<b>0.9c</b>	2.6c	<b>41.5c</b>	42.2c	154.0c
- diluted		<b>0.9c</b>	2.6c	<b>41.4c</b>	42.1c	153.4c

All of the above relate to continuing activities.





**Condensed consolidated balance sheet (unaudited)**

at 3 November 2007

	<b>3 November 2007</b>	28 3 February October 2006	2007
Notes	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
<b>Intangible assets</b>			
	<b>50.6</b>	44.8	46.3
Property, plant and equipment	<b>515.5</b>	481.5	484.8
Other receivables	<b>34.3</b>	28.9	29.2
Retirement benefit asset	<b>8.0</b>	-	3.7
Deferred tax assets	<b>29.0</b>	31.4	29.0
	<b>637.4</b>	586.6	593.0
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	<b>1,656.8</b>	1,497.4	1,350.6
Trade and other receivables	<b>787.4</b>	673.4	869.1
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>42.8</b>	310.8	152.3
	<b>2,487.0</b>	2,481.6	2,372.0
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,124.4</b>	3,068.2	2,965.0
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings due in less than one year	<b>(187.6)</b>	(392.7)	(5.5)
Trade and other payables	<b>(465.9)</b>	(425.4)	(392.4)
Deferred income	<b>(101.6)</b>	(90.4)	(122.7)
Current tax	<b>(50.8)</b>	(19.6)	(101.7)
	<b>(805.9)</b>	(928.1)	(622.3)
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings due in more than one year	<b>(380.0)</b>	(380.0)	(380.0)
Other payables	<b>(81.5)</b>	(72.2)	(74.7)
Deferred income	<b>(129.1)</b>	(116.3)	(132.0)
Provisions	<b>(10.3)</b>	(10.8)	(10.0)
Retirement benefit obligation	<b>-</b>	(28.1)	-
	<b>(600.9)</b>	(607.4)	(596.7)
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>(1,406.8)</b>	(1,535.5)	(1,219.0)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>1,717.6</b>	1,532.7	1,746.0
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves attributable to equity shareholders</b>			
Called up share capital	8	<b>15.4</b>	14.1
Share premium	9	<b>138.4</b>	129.4
Other reserves	9	<b>235.2</b>	235.0
Retained earnings	9	<b>1,328.6</b>	1,154.2
		1,154.2	1,362.2

<b>Total equity</b>	<b>1,717.6</b>	1,532.7	1,746.0
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**Condensed consolidated cash flow statement (unaudited)**

for the 39 weeks ended 3 November 2007

	<b>13 weeks ended 3 November  2007 \$m</b>	13 weeks ended 28 October 2006 \$m	<b>39 weeks ended 3 November  2007 \$m</b>	39 weeks ended 28 October 2006 \$m	53 weeks ended 3 February 2007 \$m
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>					
Profit before tax	2.5	8.0	111.5	113.6	400.8
Adjustments for:					
Finance income	(2.0)	(5.9)	(8.1)	(13.5)	(18.8)
Finance expense	7.0	11.3	21.0	25.6	34.2
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	25.7	23.7	75.5	67.7	92.1
Amortisation of intangible assets	1.0	0.5	3.3	1.6	2.4
Share-based payment expense	2.1	2.5	6.1	6.2	6.7
Other non-cash movements	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(2.2)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	0.8
<b>Operating cash flows before movement in working capital</b>	<b>36.1</b>	40.0	<b>208.6</b>	200.5	516.0
Increase in inventories	(282.8)	(254.3)	(288.2)	(264.8)	(118.1)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables	20.0	33.0	79.7	85.1	(101.5)
Increase in payables and deferred income	117.9	67.1	36.7	26.0	46.1
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>(108.8)</b>	(114.2)	<b>36.8</b>	46.8	342.5
Interest paid	(0.8)	(5.7)	(14.4)	(15.7)	(31.4)
Taxation paid	(14.9)	(29.4)	(90.2)	(108.0)	(130.1)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>(124.5)</b>	(149.3)	<b>(67.8)</b>	(76.9)	181.0
<b>Investing activities:</b>					
Interest received	0.7	5.6	4.7	12.3	16.9
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(47.2)	(37.3)	(99.1)	(88.2)	(116.9)
Purchase of intangible assets	(1.1)	(2.4)	(7.3)	(5.5)	(7.5)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	4.5
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(47.6)</b>	(34.1)	<b>(101.7)</b>	(81.4)	(103.0)
<b>Financing activities:</b>					
Dividends paid	-	-	(107.6)	(90.7)	(108.7)
Proceeds from issue of shares	-	0.6	5.5	4.6	7.7
Purchase of own shares	-	(37.6)	(29.0)	(43.2)	(63.4)
Increase in short-term borrowings	159.1	114.3	181.1	106.6	7.0
Repayment of long-term borrowings	-	-	-	-	(251.0)
Receipt of new long-term borrowings	-	-	-	380.0	380.0
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>159.1</b>	77.3	<b>50.0</b>	357.3	(28.4)

**Reconciliation of movement in cash and cash equivalents:**

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<b>51.8</b>	421.1	<b>152.3</b>	92.9	92.9
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(13.0)</b>	(106.1)	<b>(119.5)</b>	199.0	49.6
Exchange adjustments	<b>4.0</b>	(4.2)	<b>10.0</b>	18.9	9.8
<b>Closing cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>42.8</b>	310.8	<b>42.8</b>	310.8	152.3

**Reconciliation of cash flows to movement in net debt:<sup>(1)</sup>**

Net debt at beginning of period	<b>(354.8)</b>	(229.0)	<b>(233.2)</b>	(174.5)	(174.5)
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(13.0)</b>	(106.1)	<b>(119.5)</b>	199.0	49.6
Increase in borrowings	<b>(159.1)</b>	(114.3)	<b>(181.1)</b>	(486.6)	(136.0)
<b>Exchange adjustments</b>	<b>2.1</b>	(12.5)	<b>9.0</b>	0.2	27.7
<b>Closing net debt</b>	<b>(524.8)</b>	(461.9)	<b>(524.8)</b>	(461.9)	(233.2)

<sup>(1)</sup> Net debt represents cash and cash equivalents less borrowings due in less than one year and borrowings due in more than one year.



**Condensed consolidated statement of recognised income and expense (unaudited)**

for the 39 weeks ended 3 November 2007

	<b>13 weeks ended 3 November  2007 \$m</b>	13 weeks ended 28 October 2006 \$m	<b>39 weeks ended 3 November  2007 \$m</b>	39 weeks ended 28 October 2006 \$m	53 weeks ended 3 February 2007 \$m
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	<b>10.3</b>	1.8	<b>29.1</b>	28.8	57.3
Effective portion of changes in value of cash flow hedges	<b>4.6</b>	(3.8)	<b>(0.5)</b>	(0.7)	1.7
Actuarial gain on retirement benefit scheme	-	-	-	-	30.5
Tax on items recognised in equity	<b>(0.5)</b>	-	<b>1.5</b>	-	(10.3)
<b>Net income recognised directly in equity</b>	<b>14.4</b>	(2.0)	<b>30.1</b>	28.1	79.2
<b>Transfer to initial carrying value of inventory from cash flow hedges</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	1.1	<b>(4.4)</b>	(1.1)	1.5
<b>Profit for the financial period</b>	<b>1.6</b>	5.2	<b>70.8</b>	73.2	266.0
<b>Total recognised income and expense attributable to shareholders</b>	<b>13.3</b>	4.3	<b>96.5</b>	100.2	346.7





**Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)**

for the 39 weeks ended 3 November 2007

**1. Basis of preparation**

These results are presented in US dollars following the change in the functional currency of the Company and the move to reporting in US dollars with effect from 5 February 2007. These interim financial statements have been prepared applying the accounting policies that were applied in the preparation of the Company's published consolidated financial statements for the 53 week period ended 3 February 2007.

These interim financial statements are unaudited and do not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985. The comparative figures for the 53 weeks ended 3 February 2007 are not the Company's statutory accounts for that period. Those accounts have been reported on by the Company's auditors and have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The report of the auditors was (i) unqualified, (ii) did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditors drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying their report, and (iii) did not contain a statement under section 237(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 1985.

**2. Segment information**

	<b>13 weeks ended 3 November  2007 \$m</b>	13 weeks ended 28 October 2006 \$m	<b>39 weeks ended 3 November  2007 \$m</b>	39 weeks ended 28 October 2006 \$m	53 weeks ended 3 February 2007 \$m
<b>Sales by origin and destination</b>					
UK, Channel Islands & Republic of Ireland	<b>190.5</b>	173.4	<b>575.4</b>	509.5	907.1
US	<b>488.2</b>	443.4	<b>1,705.1</b>	1,574.5	2,652.1
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>678.7</b>	616.8	<b>2,280.5</b>	2,084.0	3,559.2
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>					
UK, Channel Islands & Republic of Ireland					
- Trading	<b>0.2</b>	(2.0)	<b>(0.4)</b>	(8.2)	103.4
- Group central costs	<b>(4.2)</b>	(3.7)	<b>(13.0)</b>	(10.3)	(13.9)
	<b>(4.0)</b>	(5.7)	<b>(13.4)</b>	(18.5)	89.5
US	<b>11.5</b>	19.1	<b>137.8</b>	144.2	326.7
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>7.5</b>	13.4	<b>124.4</b>	125.7	416.2

The Group's results derive from one business segment – the retailing of jewellery, watches and associated services.

**3. Net financing costs**

	<b>13 weeks ended 28 October</b>	13 weeks ended 28 October	<b>39 weeks ended 3 November</b>	39 weeks ended 28 October	53 weeks ended 3 February
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	<b>3</b>	2006	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	2007
	<b>November</b>		<b>November</b>	<b>October</b>	
	<b>2007</b>		<b>2007</b>	2006	
	<b>\$m</b>	\$m	<b>\$m</b>	\$m	\$m
Interest receivable	<b>0.7</b>	5.5	<b>4.7</b>	12.2	16.6
Defined benefit pension scheme:					
– expected return on scheme assets	<b>5.0</b>	3.6	<b>13.6</b>	10.6	14.8
– interest on pension liabilities	<b>(3.7)</b>	(3.2)	<b>(10.2)</b>	(9.3)	(12.6)
Finance income	<b>2.0</b>	5.9	<b>8.1</b>	13.5	18.8
Finance expense	<b>(7.0)</b>	(11.3)	<b>(21.0)</b>	(25.6)	(34.2)
<b>Net financing costs</b>	<b>(5.0)</b>	(5.4)	<b>(12.9)</b>	(12.1)	(15.4)

#### Notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements (unaudited)

for the 39 weeks ended 3 November 2007

#### 4. Taxation

The net taxation charges in the income statements for the 13 weeks and 39 weeks ended 3 November 2007 have been based on the anticipated effective taxation rate for the 52 weeks ending 2 February 2008.

#### 5. Translation differences

The exchange rates used in these interim statements for the translation of UK pound sterling transactions and balances into US dollars are as follows:

	<b>3</b>	28 October	3 February
	<b>November</b>	2006	2007
	<b>2007</b>		
Income statement (average rate)	<b>2.00</b>	1.83	1.88
Balance sheet (closing rate)	<b>2.08</b>	1.90	1.97

The effect of restating the balance sheet at 28 October 2006 to the exchange rates ruling at 3 November 2007 would be to decrease net debt by \$(3.8) million to \$(458.1) million. Restating the income statement would decrease the pre-tax profit for the 39 weeks ended 28 October 2006 by \$(1.3) million to \$112.3 million.

#### 6. Earnings per share

<b>13 weeks</b>	<b>1339 weeks</b>	39	53
<b>ended</b>	<b>ended</b>	weeks	weeks
	ended	ended	ended
	28		3

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	3 October November 2006		3 November October 2007		28 February 2007
	2007 \$m	\$m	2007 \$m	2006 \$m	\$m
Profit attributable to shareholders	<b>1.6</b>	5.2	<b>70.8</b>	73.2	266.0
Weighted average number of shares in issue (million)	<b>1,703.6</b>	1,729.4	<b>1,703.8</b>	1,736.3	1,727.6
Dilutive effect of share options (million)	<b>3.3</b>	4.3	<b>5.3</b>	3.2	6.8
Diluted weighted average number of shares (million)	<b>1,707.0</b>	1,733.7	<b>1,709.1</b>	1,739.5	1,734.4
Earnings per share – basic	<b>0.1c</b>	0.3c	<b>4.2c</b>	4.2c	15.4c
– diluted	<b>0.1c</b>	0.3c	<b>4.1c</b>	4.2c	15.3c
Earnings per ADS – basic	<b>0.9c</b>	2.6c	<b>41.5c</b>	42.2c	154.0c
– diluted	<b>0.9c</b>	2.6c	<b>41.4c</b>	42.1c	153.4c

## 7. Seasonality

The Group's business is highly seasonal with a very significant proportion of its sales and operating profit generated during its fourth quarter, which includes the Christmas season. The Group expects to continue to experience a seasonal fluctuation in sales and profit.



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**8. Share capital**

	<b>3 November 2007</b>	<b>28 3 February October 2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>\$m</b>
Authorised:			
5,929,874,019 ordinary shares of 0.5p each	-	48.6	48.6
5,929,874,019 ordinary shares of 0.9c each	<b>53.4</b>	-	-
50,000 deferred shares of £1 each	<b>0.1</b>	-	-
		<b>Number of shares</b>	<b>\$m</b>
Alloted, called up and fully paid:			
Ordinary shares of 0.5p each:			
At 3 February 2007		1,713,553,809	14.0
Change in functional currency		-	1.4
Capital reduction on 5 February 2007		(1,713,553,809)	(15.4)
		nil	nil
Ordinary shares of 0.9c each:			
Issued on 5 February 2007		1,713,553,809	15.4
Share buyback		(12,205,000)	(0.1)
Shares issued on exercise of share options		4,062,007	-
At 3 November 2007 total alloted, called up and fully paid		1,705,410,816	15.3
Deferred shares of £1 each on issue and at 3 November 2007		50,000	0.1
<b>Total share capital</b>		<b>1,705,460,816</b>	<b>15.4</b>

On 5 February 2007, the Company redenominated its share capital into US dollars by way of a reduction in capital and subsequent issue and allotment of new US dollar ordinary shares, which had been approved by shareholders on 12 December 2006 and received Court approval on 31 January 2007.

The nominal value of each US dollar denominated ordinary share is 0.9 cent and shareholders received one new US dollar denominated ordinary share for each sterling ordinary share held. The new shares have the same rights and restrictions as the previously issued ordinary shares and the existing share certificates remain valid.

Additionally, to comply with the Companies Act 1985, £50,000 of share capital is required to be denominated in pounds sterling, to which end 50,000 deferred shares of £1 each were alloted and issued and credited to the Company Secretary of the Company on 5 February 2007. These shares have limited and deferred rights.



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**9. Share premium and reserves**

<b>39 weeks ended 3 November 2007</b>	Other reserves				Retained earnings			Total
	Share premium	Capital redemption	Special reserves	Purchase of own shares	Hedging reserve	Translation reserve	Retained reserves	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Balance at 3 February 2007	134.7	0.3	234.8	(13.3)	5.1	10.1	1,360.3	1,732.0
Redenomination of share capital	(1.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.4)
	133.3	0.3	234.8	(13.3)	5.1	10.1	1,360.3	1,730.6
Recognised income and expense:								
- profit for the financial period	-	-	-	-	-	-	70.8	70.8
- cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-	(3.4)	-	-	(3.4)
- translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	29.1	-	29.1
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(107.6)	(107.6)
Equity-settled transactions	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.1	6.1
Share options exercised	5.1	-	-	1.9	-	-	(1.5)	5.5
Purchase of own shares	-	0.1	-	-	-	-	(29.0)	(28.9)
<b>Balance at 3 November 2007</b>	<b>138.4</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>234.8</b>	<b>(11.4)</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>1,299.1</b>	<b>1,702.2</b>

<b>39 weeks ended 28 October 2006</b>	Other reserves				Retained earnings			Total
	Share	Capital	Special	Purchase	Hedging	Translation	Retained	



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	premium	redemption	reserves	of own shares	reserve	reserve	reserves	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Balance at 28 January 2006	124.8	-	234.8	(15.4)	2.8	(47.2)	1,241.5	1,541.3
Recognised income and expense:								
- profit for the f i n a n c i a l period	-	-	-	-	-	-	73.2	73.2
- cash flow hedges	-	-	-	-	(1.8)	-	-	(1.8)
- translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	28.8	-	28.8
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(90.7)	(90.7)
Equity-settled transactions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-