# UNITED PLANTATIONS AFRICA LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT 2008



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## **Corporate information**

### **Directors**

J A Goodwin (British) Chairman

P S Nøddeboe (Danish) Managing Director

R L Hersov (British)

P Knudsen (Danish)

### Secretary & Registered office

J E B Hebbert

United Plantations Africa Limited

42 Wierda Road West

Wierda Valley

Sandton 2196

Republic of South Africa

# **Share Register**

Principal register

United Plantations Africa Limited

42 Wierda Road West

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Sandton 2196

Republic of South Africa

# **Branch Register**

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# **Auditors**

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The annual financial statements, which appear on pages 5 to 36, were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 June 2008 and are signed on its behalf by:

J A Goodwin Chairman

P S Nøddeboe **Managing director** 

# **Certificate by Secretary**

I certify that the Company has lodged with the Registrar of Companies all such returns as are required of a public company in terms of the Companies Act 61 of 1973 and that all such returns are true, correct and up to date.

J E B Hebbert **Secretary** 24 June 2008

### **Notice to Members**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the fifty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at 42 Wierda Road West, Wierda Valley Sandton Republic of South Africa on Friday 25th July 2008 at 12h00 for the purpose of transacting the following business:

- 1. To receive and consider the Company's Annual Financial Statements and Reports for the 12 months ended 31st March 2008.
- 2. To elect a director in place of Mr. J A Goodwin and Mr. P Knudsen who retire by rotation in terms of the Article of Association but, being eligible, offer themselves for reelection
- 3. To appoint auditors until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting in 2009.
- 4. As special business, to consider and, if deemed fit, to pass with or without modification, the following Ordinary Resolution:

"that the unissued shares held in reserve as at the date of this meeting be and are hereby placed under the control and at the disposal of the Directors of the Company, with general unconditional authority to allot or issue any such shares at their discretion."

- 5. To approve a change to the name of the Company.
- 6. To transact such other business, if any, as may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend, speak and, on a poll, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

Forms of proxy, in order to be valid, must be lodged at either one of the registered offices below no later than 12h00 on 23rd July 2008.

United Plantations Africa Limited 42 Wierda Road West Wierda Valley Sandton 2196 Republic of South Africa United Plantations Africa Limited Danish Branch Registrar International Plantation Services Limited H.C. Andersens Boulevard 49 DK-1553 Copenhagen V Denmark

On Behalf of the Board

JEB Hebbert SECRETARY 24 June 2008

### **QUALIFIED REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

To the members of United Plantations Africa Limited

We have audited the financial statements and the group financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008, which comprise the balance sheets at 31 March 2008, and the income statements, the statements of changes in equity and cash flow statements for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant policies and other explanatory notes, and the directors' report as set out on pages 5 to 36.

### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with IFRS and in the manner required by the Companies Act of South Africa. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management as well as evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Qualification**

As detailed in the directors report and in note 10 to the financial statements the Company has not complied with IAS 39 (Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement) in the current year. The effect of the non-compliance is an overstatement of profit before tax for the Group of ZAR 9 million and the under- statement of a financial liability.

### **Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the effect of non-compliance with IAS 39 referred to in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at 31 March 2008, the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS, and in the manner required by the Companies Act South Africa.

PKF (JHB) Inc

Per R J Lawson Chartered Accountant (S.A.) Registered Auditor Sandton Director 24 June 2008

### **Directors' Report**

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report and the group financial statements for the twelve months ended 31 March 2008. These statements are stated in South African Rand ("ZAR").

### Financial statements

It is the directors' responsibility to prepare the financial statements that fairly present the state of affairs of the Company and the Group, as at the end of the financial year and the profit or loss for the period. The external auditors are responsible for independently reviewing and reporting on these financial statements.

The financial statements set out in this report have been prepared by management in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). They are based on appropriate accounting policies which have been consistently applied and which are supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

### Nature of business

The Group is engaged in farming, the principle crop being citrus. Other activities include the growing of sugar cane, bananas and production of lime oil and juice.

# **Operating results**

A profit of ZAR 24.185 million compared with a profit of ZAR 16.235 million for the 12 months ended 31 March 2007 has been reported for the year. Turnover in 2008 was ZAR 123.832 million compared with ZAR 101.111 million reported in 2007. Of the total turnover, citrus comprised ZAR 92.896 million.

The northern European market found itself short of grapefruit supply for the first part of the season. The company packed fruit early and as a consequence, the fruit prices obtained for grapefruit were the highest on average in many years.

The result for the year is largely a consequence of the improved yield and good prices realised.

A lower crop of oranges, particularly from the northern regions of South Africa, resulted in significant volumes of small fruit. Prices did suffer towards the end as a result of the carton problems experienced by the company. A significant volume of cartons collapsed due to what appeared to be moisture absorption. The reason for this remains unknown.

# **Directors' Report**

### **Production and sales**

The financial year refers to the period 1 April 2007 to the 31 March 2008. This period incorporates the 2007 citrus and sugar seasons.

### Grapefruit

	2007	2006	2005
Export cartons	745,315	411,301	330,050
Industrial Export Fruit (Tons)	836	655	1,540
Total tons for all markets:			
Marsh	6,128	5,204	8,129
Ruby	10,996	8,221	8,306
Oranges	2007	2006	2005
Export cartons	1,117,825	650,198	570,815
Industrial Export Fruit (Tons)	2,141	2,690	2,736
Total tons for all markets:			
Ngonini	12,714	8,859	8,872
Tambuti	12,467	7,430	8,029

Oranges from both farms achieved good returns and the overall citrus income for the farms was therefore better than expected.

# Limes

	2007	2006	2005
5 kg. trays - export	13,219	18,396	35,623
Tons - local	289	345	81

A total of 289 tons of limes were produced during the year. Limes have been steadily removed from production and changed to other varieties, or replanted to bananas. The existing trees however, still have fruit on them and the company will continue to harvest them until all have been removed.

### Bananas

	2007/8	2006/7	2005/6
Tons	6,647	6,561	6,232

Bananas achieved excellent prices due to general undersupply by the south African farmers. As a result, the price for bananas recovered to give a satisfactory result for bananas for the year.

### Sugar

	2007	2006	2005
Tons	5,851	6,492	5,374

Sugar yields were below budget but with no significant problems. The fall in the exchange rate also led to better than expected returns.

### Weather

The weather patterns for the year have allowed the soil to maintain a good level of moisture and therefore the citrus crop set for the 2008 season appears to be satisfactory. Rainfall did on occasions upset the harvesting of sugar cane but no material losses, apart from delays, were encountered as a result.

At Ngonini five hail storms inflicted light damage and the prospects for the next crop appear reasonable, but not as good as for 2007. The weather patterns have been wet for the harvest of bananas as well but a good pack-out has been possible, although the negative weather patterns during the winter period led to a lower total number of cartons of bananas produced.

### Human resources related issues

The HIV/AIDS situation remains a priority and the government has taken positive steps in attempting to focus the nation's attention upon the ongoing threat.

On the farms, the problem is as pronounced as anywhere and the company is using its best endeavours to counterbalance the effects of the problem.

### **Dividends**

No ordinary dividend will be recommended in respect of the period ending 31st March 2008

The Board has adopted a policy of not recommending dividends until such time as all orchards producing at suboptimal levels have been replaced through the planned replanting programme.

### Prospects for 2009

The citrus yield prospects for the 2008 season appear to be as good as for the 2007 season, although fruit is slightly smaller in size.

Banana prices have improved to a level that is still substantially higher on average than in previous years.

The company has taken forward exchange contracts against export sales in order to obviate the effects of a volatile Rand.

### Subsidiaries

The Company owns the entire issued share capital of United Plantations Swaziland Limited, which has two wholly owned subsidiaries, Maphobeni Sugar Company Limited and Tendekwa Limited. These two subsidiaries were dormant during the year. All three companies are incorporated in the Kingdom of Swaziland.

### Derivatives, Financial Investments and Hedge Accounting

As detailed in the accounting policy set out on pages 15 to 21 of the financial statements it is the policy of the Group to use forward exchange contracts to hedge the rate associated with the sale of it's proceeds in foreign currencies.

As detailed in note 10, the Group has not complied with International Accounting Standard 39 ("IAS 39") (Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement) in the current year as the directors are of the opinion that compliance would result in the presentation of an inaccurate profit and loss for the current and following year.

The reason is that the directors took out forward exchange contracts in respect of a portion of the expected sales proceeds relating to the 2008 crop, and the rate of exchange between the Euro and Pound Sterling (the currencies covered) and the South African Rand weakened significantly at year end. If IAS 39 had been applied this would have resulted in a charge to the profit and loss account of approximately ZAR 9 million and the creation of a derivative liability at fair value of a like amount. When the contract is realised in the 2009 financial year a credit to the profit and loss account of the ZAR 9 million would arise and the liability would be extinguished.

### **Corporate Governance**

The Management and Board of the Company regard corporate governance as a routine part of the Company's obligations in the undertaking of responsible business activities. However, being amongst the smallest companies in terms of market capitalization on the OMX Nordic Exchange Copenhagen and given its limited resource base, the Company has limited facilities formally to apply to complying with the Recommended Corporate Governance Standards issued by the OMX Nordic Exchange Copenhagen. This, coupled with the stated aim of delisting the Company as and when the conditions for this can be fully satisfied, has inhibited the formal adoption of the Recommended Corporate Governance Standards. The Board recognizes that corporate governance is a dynamic and on-going process and that there are procedures and policies that have not been adopted to the extent recommended. For example, regarding the remuneration of the members of the Board, the company does not publish information on the company's remuneration policy or the remuneration paid to individual Board Members or Management as such information is not considered relevant. Details of incentive remuneration payable to Board Members are set out in the company's statutes. There are other, less significant, areas of noncompliance and these are in the process of being addressed.

### **Directors and secretary**

Details of the directors and secretary at year end are provided on page 1 of the annual report.

There have been no changes in the shares held by directors from the balance sheet date to the signing date.

Aside from the interest of certain Directors in United Citrus Investments Limited, no directors hold any direct beneficial interest in the shares of the company and there have been no changes in this situation from the balance sheet date to the signing date.

### **Substantial interest in shares**

The Board is aware of one shareholder, namely United Citrus Investments Limited, holding more than 5% of the issued share capital.

That shareholder's beneficial interest was as follows:

	2008		2007	
	Shares	%	Shares	%
United Citrus				
Investment Limited	16,829,182	82.00	15,888,975	77.42

### Foreign currencies

Selected foreign currencies used throughout the year for reporting and transaction purposes. Currencies shown as number of ZAR equal to one foreign unit.

Rate at 31 March	2008	2007
British Pound	16.100	14.269
Danish Krone	1.718	1.302
Euro	12.812	9.700

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# BALANCE SHEETS

At 31 March 2008 Expressed in ZAR

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		Grou 31 March 2008	31 March 2007	Compa 31 March 2008	31 March 2007
	Notes	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000
ASSETS					
Non-current assets					
Land and buildings	4	39,655	38,973	_	-
Machinery	4	10,162	7,689	-	-
Vehicles and equipment	4	3,463	2,227	-	-
Capitalised leased assets	4	875	997	-	-
Property, plant and equipment		54,155	49,886	-	-
Biological assets	5	15,024	17,189	-	-
Interest in subsidiaries	6	-	-	21,725	22,557
Investments	7	5,167	949	585	107
Deferred Tax Asset	27	1,094	-	- 22.210	- 22.664
		75,440	68,024	22,310	22,664
Current assets					
Inventories	8	3,252	3,112	-	-
Biological assets	5	8,265	5,989	-	-
Trade and other receivables	9	3,491	2,331	1,322	-
Derivative financial assets	10	-	990	-	-
Bank balances and cash		14,995	6,241	318	1,229
		30,003	18,663	1,640	1,229
Total assets		105,443	86,687	23,950	23,893
EQUITY					
Issued capital	11	10,262	10,262	10,262	10,262
Share premium	11	7,679	7,679	7,679	7,679
Capital redemption reserve fund	15	2,573	2,573	2,573	2,573
Fair value reserve	12	5,073	926	514	105
Revaluation reserves	13	26,847	26,847	6,891	6,891
Accumulated profit/(loss)	14	31,966	7,781	(4,568)	(4,300)
Ordinary equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		84,400	56,068	23,351	23,210
Preference share capital			-		-
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		84,400	56,068	23,351	23,210
LIABILITIES					
Non-current liabilities					
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	16	409	6,810	-	-
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	17	15,710	7,419	71	224
Taxation	•	1,695	4,028	-	
Deferred Tax Liability		69		69	
Current portion of interest bearing loans and borrowings	16	280	1,542	-	-
Bank overdrafts	18	2,421	10,361	-	-
Unclaimed dividends		459	459	459	459
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		20,634	23,809	599	683

# INCOME STATEMENTS

for the twelve months ended 31 March 2008

Expressed in ZAR

		Group	n	Company		
		12 Months	12 Months	12 Months	12 Months	
		ended	ended	ended	ended	
		31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March	
		2008	2007	2008	2007	
	Notes	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000	
REVENUE	19	123,832	101,011	-	-	
Cost of sales		(81,386)	(64,851)	-	-	
GROSS PROFIT		42,446	36,160	-	-	
Administrative expenses		(15,781)	(16,714)	(493)	(332)	
Depreciation		(2,135)	(2,002)	-	-	
Other operating expenses		(841)	(988)	-	(100)	
Other operating income		2,304	745	129	17,503	
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	21	25,993	17,201	(364)	17,071	
Investment income	22	1,148	422	96	64	
Finance charges	23	(1,447)	(2,905)	-	(1,555)	
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE FAIR VALUE ADJUSTMENT		25,694	14,718	(268)	15,580	
Fair value adjustment on biological assets	5	(908)	1,658	-	-	
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION		24,786	16,376	(268)	15,580	
Income taxation expense	24	(601)	(141)	-	(141)	
NET PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD		24,185	16,235	(268)	15,439	
Earnings per share (cents) - basic	25	117.84	79.10			

	Ordinary share capital	Share premium	Preference share capital	Capital redemption reserve fund reserve fund	Fair value reserve	Revaluation reserves	Accumulated profit/(loss)	Total
	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000
GROUP								
Balance at 1 April 2006	10,262	7,679	2,573	-	1,556	26,847	(8,454)	40,463
Net profit for the period Change in fair value of available-for-sale	-	-	-	-	- (520)	-	16,235	16,235
investments  Total income and expense for the period		-			(630)		16,235	(630) 15,605
Redemption of preference shares	-	-	(2,573)	-	(630)	-	2,573	15,605
Transfer to capital redemption reserve fund	-	-	-	2,573	-	-	(2,573)	-
Balance at 31 March 2007	10,262	7,679	-	2,573	926	26,847	7,781	56,068
Net profit for the period Change in fair value of available-for-sale	-	-	-		-	-	24,185	24,185
investments					4,147			4,147
Total income and expense for the year					4,147		24,185	28,332
Redemption of preference shares Transfer to capital redemption reserve fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,573 (2,573)	2,573 (2,573)
Balance at 31 March 2008	10,262	7,679	-	2,573	5,073	26,847	31,966	84,400
COMPANY								
Balance at 1 April 2006	10,262	7,679	2,573	-	177	6,891	(19,739)	7,843
Change in fair value of available-for-sale investments	_	_	_	_	(72)		_	(72)
Profit for the year	-		-	-	(12)	-	15,439	15,439
Total income and expense for the period	-	-	-	-	(72)	-	15,439	15,367
Redemption of preference shares		_	(2,573)	_	_	-	2,573	-
Transfer to capital redemption reserve fund	-	-	-	2,573	-	-	(2,573)	-
Balance at 31 March 2007	10,262	7,679	-	2,573	105	6,891	(4,300)	23,210
(Loss) for the year Change in fair value of available-for-sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	(268)	(268)
investments					409			409
Total income and expense for the year				<del>-</del>	409	<u> </u>	(268)	141
Balance at 31 March 2008	10,262	7,679	_	2,573	514	6,891	(4,568)	23,351

# CASH FLOW STATEMENTS

for the twelve months ended 31 March 2008

Expressed in ZAR

Notes   Note	Composed in ZAK		
Cash receipts from clients         122,672         100,611         (1,322)           Cash payments to suppliers and staff         (89,123)         (81,615)         (517)           Cash generated from/(utilised in)         26         33,549         18,996         (1,839)           Investment income         1,148         422         96           Finance charges         (1,447)         (2,905)         -           Taxation paid         (1,447)         (141)         -           Cash generated from/(utilised in) operating activities         31,803         16,372         (1,743)           INVESTING ACTIVITIES           Additions to property, plant and equipment equipment equipment loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment equipment loss in biological assets due to establishment (1,019)         (117)         -           Decrease in biological assets due to establishment loan to subsidiary         -         -         -         832           Cash (utilised in)/generated from investing activities         (7,442)         (1,838)         832	Iarch 07 000		
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activities (7,442) (1,838) 832	- - 21,388		
	21,388		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of interest bearing loans and borrowings (353) (160) - Proceeds from interest bearing loans and	-		
borrowings raised 186 7,704 - Repayment of medium term borrowings (7,500)	- - 15 000)		
	15,000)		
Cash utilised in financing activities (7,007) (7,450)	13,000)		
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS 16,694 7,078 (911)	962		
(Bank overdraft)/cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year (4,120) (11,198) 1,229	267		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS / (BANK OVERDRAFT) AT END OF YEAR 12,574 (4,120) 318	1,229		
Bank balances and cash Bank overdrafts  14,995 6,241 318 (2,421) (10,361) -	1,229		
Cash and cash equivalents / (bank overdraft)  12,574 (4,120)  318	1,229		

### 1 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and its interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

### 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The principle accounting policies of United Plantations Africa Limited and its subsidiaries are set out below and have been consistently applied in all material respects.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of land and buildings, biological assets and certain financial instruments. The principle accounting policies adopted remain unchanged from the previous period.

These financial statements are presented in South African Rand (ZAR), which is the Company's functional currency, since that is the currency in which the majority of the Group's transactions are denominated.

Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale are stated at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgements made by management in the application of IFRSs that have significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year are discussed in note 32.

### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities, income, expenses and cash flows of the Company and its subsidiaries as if they are a single economic entity. Control is achieved where the Company has power to govern the financial and operational policies of an investee enterprise so as to obtain benefit from its activities.

On acquisition, the assets and liabilities of a subsidiary are measured at their fair values at the date of acquisition. The interest of minority shareholders is stated at the minority's proportion of the fair values of the assets and liabilities recognised.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed during the period are included in the consolidated income statement from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring the accounting policies used into line with those used by other members of the Group.

All significant intercompany transactions and balances between group enterprises are eliminated on consolidation.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings and other permanent improvements, held for use in the production or supply of goods, or for administrative purposes, are stated in the balance sheet at their revalued amounts, being fair value on the basis of their existing use at the date of revaluation, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Any revaluation increase arising on the revaluation of such land and buildings is credited to the revaluation reserve, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease for the same asset previously recognised as an expense, in which case the increase is credited to the income statement to the extent of the decrease previously charged. A decrease in carrying amount arising on the revaluation of such land and buildings is charged as an expense to the extent that it exceeds the balance, if any, held in the revaluation reserve relating to a previous revaluation of that asset.

On the subsequent sale or retirement of a revalued property, the attributable revaluation surplus remaining in the revaluation reserve is transferred to accumulated profit or loss.

Machinery, vehicles and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

The Group recognises in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment the cost of replacing part of such and item when that cost is incurred if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodies with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other costs are recognised in the income statement as an expense as incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the depreciable amount of the assets, other than land, over their estimated useful lives, using a method that reflects the pattern in which the asset's future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the entity.

The methods of depreciation, useful lives and residual values are reviewed annually. The following method and rates were used during the period:

Buildings20 yearsMachinery10 yearsVehicles and equipment4 - 20 years

### Biological assets

Biological assets as part of an agricultural activity are measured on initial recognition and at each balance sheet date at their fair value less estimated point-of-sale costs. Any fair value gains and losses are recognised profit or loss.

# Leased assets

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are capitalised at the lower of their fair value and present value of minimum lease payments at the date of inception of the lease and are depreciated over the same rates and method as stated above. The corresponding liability to the lessor, net of finance charges, is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Finance charges, which represent the difference between the total leasing commitments and the fair value of the assets acquired, are charged to the income statement over the term of the relevant lease so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the remaining balance of the obligation for each accounting period.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Impairment

The carrying amounts of the Group's assets, other than biological assets, inventories and deferred tax assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount of an asset or its cash generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

When a decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset has been recognised directly in equity and there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the cumulative loss that had been recognised directly in equity is recognised in profit or loss even though the financial asset has not been derecognised. The amount of the cumulative loss that is recognised in profit or loss is the difference between acquisition cost and current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss.

### Calculation of recoverable amount

The recoverable amount of the Group's investments in held-to-maturity securities and receivables carried at amortised cost is calculated as the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate (i.e., the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition of these financial assets). Receivables with a short duration are not discounted.

The recoverable amount of other assets is the greater of their net selling price and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

## Reversals of impairment

An impairment loss in respect of a held-to-maturity security or receivable carried at amortised cost is reversed if the subsequent increase in recoverable amount can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised.

An impairment loss in respect of an investment in an equity instrument classified as available for sale is not reversed through profit or loss. If the fair value of a debt instrument classified as available-for-sale increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss, the impairment loss shall be reversed, with the amount of the reversal recognised in profit or loss.

In respect of other assets, an impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

An impairment loss reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

## **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Cost is calculated using the weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs to completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

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# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the Group's balance sheet when the Group has become a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are stated at their nominal value as reduced by appropriate impairment losses.

### Investments in equity securities

Investments in equity securities held by the Group are classified as being available-for-sale and are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss being recognised directly in equity, except for impairment losses and, in the case of monetary items such as debt securities, foreign exchange gains and losses. When these investments are derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

The fair value of financial instruments classified as available-for-sale is their quoted bid price at balance sheet date.

Financial instruments classified as available-for-sale investments are recognised / derecognised by the Group on the date it commits to purchase / sell the investments.

### Interest-bearing borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are measured at amortised cost with any difference between cost and redemption value being recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings on an effective interest basis, less any impairment losses.

# Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are stated at their nominal value.

### Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

The Group's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign exchange rates and interest rates. The Group uses derivative financial instruments (primarily foreign currency forward contracts) to hedge its risks associated with foreign currency fluctuations relating to certain firm commitments and forecasted transactions.

### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting continued

The use of financial derivatives is governed by the Group's policies approved by the board of directors, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives consistent with the Group's risk management strategy. The Group does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivative financial instruments are initially measured at fair value on the contract date, attributable transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value and changes therein are accounted for as described below.

Changes in the value of derivative financial instruments that are designated and effective as hedges of future cash flows are recognised directly in equity and the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in profit or loss. For hedges that do not result in the recognition of an asset or liability, amounts deferred in equity are recognised in profit or loss in the same period in which the hedged item affects profit or loss.

Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised in profit or loss as they arise.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised, or no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. At that time, for forecast transactions, any cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument recognised in equity is retained in equity until the forecasted transaction occurs. If a hedged transaction is no longer expected to occur, the net cumulative gain or loss recognised in equity is transferred to profit or loss for the period.

### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made for the amount of the obligation.

Provisions for restructuring costs are recognised when the Group has a detailed formal plan for the restructuring which has been notified to affected parties.

### Share capital

Share capital is recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

### Preference shares

Preference share capital is classified as equity if it is non-redeemable and any dividends are discretionary, or it is redeemable but only at the Company's option. Dividends on preference share capital classified as equity are recognised as distributions within equity.

Preference share capital is classified as a liability if it is redeemable on a specific date or at the option of the shareholders or if dividend payments are not discretionary. Dividends thereon are recognised in the income statement as an expense.

### Convertible notes

Convertible notes that can be converted to share capital at the option of the holder, where the number of shares issued does not vary with changes in the fair value, are accounted for as compound financial instruments. Transaction costs that relate to the issue of a compound financial instrument are allocated to the liability and equity components in proportion to the allocation of proceeds. The equity component of the convertible notes is calculated as the excess of the issue proceeds over the present value of the future interest and principal payments, discounted at the market rate of interest applicable to similar liabilities that do not have a conversion option. The interest expense recognised in the income statement is calculated using the effective interest rate method.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Lease payments

Minimum lease payments made under finance leases are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to each period during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rental payable under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

### Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises of the net invoiced value of goods sold as well as interest and dividend income.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred, when delivery has been made and title has passed, when the amount of the revenue and the related costs can be reliably measured and when it is probable that the debtor will pay for the goods.

### Investment income

Interest income and expenditure is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and the interest rate applicable.

Dividends are recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

### Foreign currencies

Transactions in currencies other than South African Rands (ZAR) are initially recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in such currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Profits and losses arising on exchange are included in net profit or loss for the period.

In order to hedge its exposure to certain foreign exchange risks, the Group enters into forward contracts and options.

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of the Group's foreign based operations are translated at exchange rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Income and expense items are translated at the average exchange rates which approximates the exchange rate ruling at the transaction date for the period. Exchange differences arising, if any, are classified as equity and transferred to the Group's translation reserve. Such translation differences are recognised as income or as expenses in the period in which the operation is disposed of.

# Income tax expense

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax is based on the results for the year as adjusted for income that is exempt and expenses that are not deductible using tax rates that are enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and include any adjustments to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred taxation is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising from differences between the carrying value of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax basis used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction which affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, and interests in joint ventures, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

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# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Deferred taxation - continued

A deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

### Retirement benefit costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are charged as an expense as they fall due. Payments made to state-managed retirement schemes are dealt with as payments to defined contribution plans where the Group's obligations under the schemes are equivalent to those arising in a defined contribution retirement benefit plan.

# Segment reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing products (business segment), or in providing products within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of the other segments.

### Unclaimed dividends

Dividends which remain unclaimed 12 years after date of declaration are forfeited and will be written back to the accumulated profit or loss.

# 4 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Expressed in ZAR

The	Group

Transfers

Adjustments

Cost or valuation

At 31 March 2007

Depreciation charge for period

Depreciation on disposals

Accumulated depreciation

31 March 2008	Land & Buildings in '000	Machinery in '000	Vehicles and equipment in '000	Capitalised leased assets in '000	Total in '000
Cost or valuation Accumulated depreciation	43,343 (4,370)	15,070 (7,381)	10,670 (8,443)	1,614 (617)	70,697 (20,811)
At 1 April 2008	38,973	7,689	2,227	997	49,886
Additions Disposals Depreciation charge for period Depreciation on disposals Adjustment from 2007	1,243 (57) (531) 27	3,362 (112) (857) 93 (13)	1,650 (251) (486) 309 14	186 (88) (261) 40 1	6,441 (508) (2,135) 469
Cost or valuation Accumulated depreciation At 31 March 2008	44,529 (4,874) 39,655	18,307 (8,145) 10,162	12,083 (8,620) 3,463	1,713 (838) 875	76,632 (22,477) 54,155
31 March 2007					
Cost or valuation Accumulated depreciation	43,083 (3,826)	14,671 (6,533)	9,985 (8,067)	1,242 (409)	68,981 (18,835)
At 1 April 2007	39,257	8,138	1,918	833	50,146
Additions Disposals	260	205	908	372	1,745

a) Details of the freehold land and buildings are recorded in a register which may be inspected by members or their duly authorised agents at the Company's registered office.

(848)

194

15,070

(7,381)

7,689

(403)

27

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(8,443)

2,227

(208)

1,614

(617)

997

(2,003)

70,697

(20,811)

49,886

27

- b) The carrying value of the Group's machinery, vehicles and equipment includes an amount of ZAR 875 515 (31 March 2007: ZAR 997 793) in respect of assets subject to finance leases. (note 16)
- c) The Group has pledged land and buildings having a carrying value of approximately ZAR 39 655 000 (31 March 2007: ZAR 38,973,000) to secure bank overdraft facilities granted to the Group. (note 18)
- d) Moveable assets have been pledged as security for certain of the Group's bank overdrafts. (note 18)

(544)

43,343

(4,370)

38,973

- e) The land and building were valued at open market value in continuation of existing use on 31 March 2006 by Richard Ellis (KZN) (Pty) Ltd, Real Estate Valuers and Brokers. Richard Ellis (KZN) (Pty) Ltd are not connected to the Group.
- f) At the balance sheet date, had the land and buildings of the Group been carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation, their carrying amount would have been approximately ZAR 7 875 000 (31 March 2007: ZAR 7,193,000)

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### 5 BIOLOGICAL ASSETS

Expressed in ZAR

	Grou	Group		pany
	31 March 2008 in '000	31 March 2007 in '000	31 March 2008 in '000	31 March 2007 in '000
Reconciliation of change in carrying amount:				_
Carrying amount at beginning of period Profit/ (loss) from fair value adjustment less	23,178	21,403	-	-
estimated point-of-sale costs	(908)	1,658	-	-
Increase due to establishment	1,019	117	-	-
Closing carrying value	23,289	23,178	-	-
Non-current	15,024	17,189	-	-
Current	8,265	5,989	-	-
	23,289	23,178	-	-

# Information on biological assets:

The biological assets consist of banana orchards, citrus orchards and sugarcane. These assets are situated on the two estates, Ngonini and Tambuti Estate, forming the operations of the principal subsidiary, United Plantations Swaziland Limited.

The estates are located in the Kingdom of Swaziland, Ngonini Estate is situated in the Pigg's Peak region and Tambuti Estate is situated in the Big Bend region.

# Hectares under production:

Banana	144.31	132.13	-	-
Citrus	935.96	956.36	-	-
Sugarcane	428.00	389.50	-	-
Fallow land	230.74	250.32	-	-
	1739.01	1728.31	-	-

	Ngonini Estate		Tambut	i Estate
	31 March 2008	31 March 2007	31 March 2008	31 March 2007
Banana	144.31	132.13	-	-
Citrus	300.86	323.66	635.10	632.70
Sugarcane	-	-	428.00	389.50
Fallow land	55.04	48.82	175.70	201.50
	500.21	504.61	1,238.80	1,223.70

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# 6 INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARIES

Expressed in ZAR

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	Company	
	31 March 2008 in '000	31 March 2007 in '000
United Plantations Swaziland Limited		
Shares held	50	50
Shares at valuation	11,933	11,933
Loan account	-	-
Short term loan	9,792	10,624
	21,725	22,557
Opening balance	-	(17,500)
Current year movement	-	17,500
Closing balance		
	21,725	22,557

The Company has subordinated its loan and current account in United Plantations Swaziland Limited in favour of Standard Bank of Swaziland Limited.

Details of the Company's subsidiaries at 31 March 2008 are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation	Proportion of ownership interest	Proportion of voting power held	-
United Plantations Swaziland Limited	Swaziland	100%	100%	Farming of citrus, sugar and bananas
Maphobeni Sugar Company Limited Tendekwa Limited	Swaziland Swaziland	100% 100%	100% 100%	Dormant Dormant

### 7 INVESTMENTS

	Gro	oup	Comp	pany
	31 March 2008 in '000	31 March 2007 in '000	31 March 2008 in '000	31 March 2007 in '000
Non-current investments				
Equity securities available-for-sale				
Outspan International Limited Ordinary shares Capespan Group Holdings Limited	4,585	526	519	56
Ordinary shares	582	423	66	51
	5,167	949	585	107
Co-operative Societies				
Shares	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	5,167	949	585	107

8 INVENTORIES Expressed in ZAR

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	Group	Company		
	31 March 2008 in '000	31 March 2007 in '000	31 March 2008 in '000	31 March 2007 in '000
Farm stores	3,285	3,255	-	-
Cattle	130	-	-	-
Impairment	(163)	(143)	-	-
	3,252	3,112	_	-

Inventories have been pledged as security for certain of the Group's bank overdrafts. (note 18)

### 9 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables	1,980	2,090	-	-
Deposits and payments in advance	143	110	-	-
Insurance claims	5	11	-	-
Other	1,561	318	1,322	-
	3,689	2,529	1,322	-
Impairment	(198)	(198)	-	-
	3,491	2,331	1,322	-

Trade receivables have been pledged as security for certain of the Company's bank overdrafts (note 18).

### Exposure to credit risk

Gross trade receivables represents the maximum credit exposure

The maximum exposure to credit risk for gross trade receivables at the reporting date by geographical region was

	Average Terms				
Copenhagen office	30 days	1,322	-	1,322	-
Middle East and Islands	30 days	233	108	-	-
South Africa and Swaziland	60 days	2,134	2,420	-	
		3,689	2,528	1,322	-

Management regards debtors days for geographic regions as within expectations compared with the Company's standard payment terms for that region.

Debtors terms differ in Europe and Africa due to local economic and market conditions and the risks attached in trading in those regions.

Credit risk is minimised through client acceptance procedures whereby potential customers are assessed prior to an allocation of an appropriate credit limit. Credit ratings are obtained for all new agents.

### **Impairment losses**

The following table illustrates the relationship between the aged debtors and the impairment provision.

		Gr	Group		pany
		Gross in '000	Impairment in '000	Gross in '000	Impairment in '000
Current		1,340	-	1,739	-
Overdue	31-90 days	266	-	198	-
Overdue	210 +	374	198	153	198
		1,980	198	2,090	198

Overdue customers are reviewed monthly. Any customer exceeding their credit terms must pay their outstanding balance before further credit is extended. Appropriate steps are taken to recover long outstanding debt.

### 10 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS

Expressed in ZAR

	Group		Company	
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	in'000	in '000	in'000	in '000
Forward foreign exchange derivative assets	<u>.</u>	990	_	

Currency derivatives

The Group's export sales are generally denominated in its customers' functional currency. The Company has entered into forward foreign exchange contracts to hedge its exposure to foreign currency fluctuations.

The Group has not complied with International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 39 (Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement) in the current year in that it has not fair valued forward exchange contracts entered into to purchase Euros and Pound Sterling to hedge the risk associated with the sale proceeds in those currencies. Details of the reasons for noncompliance are set out in the directors report. The effect of non combiance is an over statement of profit before tax of ZAR 9 million and an understatement of a derivative financial liability of a similar amount.

		36,330	45.784	-	-
	GBP	5,977	7,141	-	-
Forward foreign exchange contracts	EUR	30,353	38,643	-	-

# 11 ORDINARY SHARE CAPITAL AND PREMIUM

Expressed in ZAR

_	31 March 20	008	31 March	2007
Group and company	Number	Amount in '000	Number	Amount in '000
Ordinary shares of 50 cents each				
Authorised	30,000,000	15,000	30,000,000	15,000
Issued	20,523,570	10,262	20,523,570	10,262
Share premium				
Gross		9,774		9,774
Less capital raising costs		(2,095)		(2,095)
Total ordinary share capital and share premium		17,941		17,941

The unissued shares are under the control of the directors until the next annual general meeting.

# 12 FAIR VALUE RESERVE

Expressed in ZAR

The fair value reserve includes the cumulative net change in the fair value of available available-for-sale investments until the investment is derecognised.

# 13 REVALUATION RESERVES

	Group		Company	
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000
Surplus on realisation of fixed assets Surplus on revaluation of property, plant and	-	-	-	-
equipment	31,789	31,789	-	-
Surplus on revaluation of investment in subsidiaries	-	-	11,833	11,833
	31,789	31,789	11,833	11,833
Utilised to issue bonus shares at par in prior years	(4,942)	(4,942)	(4,942)	(4,942)
	26,847	26,847	6,891	6,891

# 14 ACCUMULATED PROFIT/ (LOSS)

In terms of the South African currency control, profits earned prior to 1 January 1984 of ZAR 1,241,003 are not freely distributable as dividends to shareholders outside the South African monetary area.

	31,966	7,781	(4,568)	(4,300)
15 CAPITAL REDEMPTION RESERVE				
Capital Redemption Reserve			2573	2573
			2573	2,573

### 16 INTEREST BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS

Secured loans				
First National Bank	-	7,500	-	-
Secured by mortgage over land and buildings at				
Ngonini Estate bearing interest at prime overdraft rate				
less ½% and repayable within 5 years.				
Wesbank Swaziland	689	853	-	-
Secured by a finance lease agreement over certain of				
the machinery, vehicles and equipment (note 4),				
bearing interest at the bank prime overdraft rate and				
repayable in monthly instalments of ZAR 33 169				
(2007: ZAR 32 952).	689	8,353		
	009	8,333	-	-
Less: Portion payable within one year transferred to				
current liabilities	(280)	(1,541)	-	
	409	6,812	-	-

Expressed in ZAR

Finance lease liabilities are payable as follows:	Minimum lease payments in '000	Interest in '000	Principal in '000
2008			
Less than one year	362	82	280
Between one and five years	451	42	409
More than five years	-	-	-
	813	124	689
2007			
Less than one year	424	86	338
Between one and five years	591	76	515
More than five years	-	-	-
	1,015	162	853

### 17 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Group	)	Comp	any
	31 March 2007 in '000	31 March 2006 <b>in '000</b>	31 March 2007 in '000	31 March 2006 in '000
Trade payables	5,862	3,959	-	224
Non-trade payables and accruals	9,848	3,460	71	60
	15,710	7,419	71	284

# Management of liquidity risk

The Group has negotiaited favourable credit terms with suppliers, which enables the Group to utilise its operating cash flows to full effect. The suppliers age-analysis is reviewed by management on a regular basis to ensure that credit terms are adhered to and suppliers are paid when due. The Group utilises multiple credit terms, most of which are less than 1 year.

### Interest rate risk

The Group has no material exposure to interest risk as there are no suppliers that charge interest.

### 18 BANK OVERDRAFTS

The bank overdrafts of the subsidiaries are secured by mortgage over the land and buildings of Tambuti and Ngonini Estates (note 4) which have a carrying value of ZAR 39,655,000 (2007: ZAR 38,973,000). The bank overdrafts of the subsidiaries are also secured by deed of hypothecation over inventories, moveable assets and trade and other receivables to the value of ZAR 4,000,000.

At period end overdraft facilities, which are subject to				
annual review, amounted to	30,500	23,000	-	-
Bank overdraft balance at period end amounted to	2,421	10,361	-	-

The Group limits its exposure to credit risk by investing only in liquid investments and only with recognised main stream banks.

### 19 REVENUE

Revenue represents the delivered in port value of export citrus sales, local citrus sales which are valued at delivered-in-port sales, and sugar sales. Reported Group turnover excludes inter-group transactions.

# 20 GEOGRAPHICAL SEGMENTS

Expressed in ZAR

The Group has only one reportable segment, that of producing and selling agricultural produce. The regional information shows sales to Europe, the Far East and Southern Africa.

The Group sells through agents abroad and therefore does not own assets other than in Southern Africa. All assets are shown in the geographical area where they are located.

	Europe in '000	Far East in '000	Southern Africa in '000	Total in '000
Twelve months ended 31 March 2008				
Segment revenue				
Gross sales	77,036	15,324	35,946	128,306
Less: delivered to port costs	3,732	742	-	4,474
Net sales	73,304	14,582	35,946	123,832
Segment results				
Depreciation	-	-	(2,135)	(2,135)
Investment income	-	-	1,148	1,148
Finance charges	-	-	(1,447)	(1,447)
Profit before fair value adjustment	-	-	25,694	25,694
Fair value adjustment	-	-	(908)	(908)
Profit before taxation	-	-	24,786	24,786
Income taxation expense	-	-	(601)	(601)
Net profit for the year	-	-	24,185	24,185
Additional information				
Segmental assets				
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	54,155	54,155
Biological assets	-	-	15,024	15,024
Other non-current assets	-	-	5,167	5,167
Deferred Tax Asset			1,094	1,094
Current assets	-	-	30,003	30,003
Total assets	-	-	105,443	105,443
Segmental liabilities				
Non-current liabilities	-	-	409	409
Current liabilities	-	-	20,634	20,634
Total liabilities	-	-	21,043	21,043
Capital expenditure	-	_	6,441	6,441

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# 21 OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)

Expressed in ZAR

	Group		Company	
	12 months ended 31 March 2008 in '000	12 months ended 31 March 2007 in '000	12 months ended 31 March 2008 in '000	12 months ended 31 March 2007 in '000
The operating profit/(loss) is stated after crediting or charging the following items:				
Reversal of impairment loss on investments (included in other operating income)	-	-	-	(17,500)
(Loss) / profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(20)	23	-	-
Auditors' remuneration:  For audit - current period - prior period Other charges	210,000 253,354	-	(60)	(60) - (19)
- Chief Charges	463,354	_	(60)	(79)
Depreciation - buildings - machinery - vehicles and equipment - leased assets	(531) (857) (486) (261)	(543) (848) (403) (208)	- - - -	- - - -
	(2,135)	(2,002)	_	_
Research and development costs expensed	(841)	(247)	_	_
Executive directors' emoluments:  Services as director Other services Non-executive directors' emoluments:	(55) (1,418)	(42) (963)	(3)	(3)
Services as directors Other services	(85)	(79) -	(8)	(8)
Executive directors' provident fund: Services as directors Other services	(120) (1,678)	(199) (1,283)	- - (11)	(11)
Staff costs	(24,952)	(23,097)	(30)	(30)
Staff numbers (not in '000)	236	263	3	3
Fees to technical advisors	(937)	(382)	-	-
Operating lease payments - equipment rental	(119)	(227)	-	-
Defined contribution plan - provident funds, included in staff costs above (note 31)	(941)	(899)	<u>-</u>	-
Gain/ (loss) on foreign exchange transactions	(1,301)	(1,288)	-	-

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22 INVESTMENT INCOME			Ex	pressed in ZAR
	Gro	oup	Company	
	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months
	ended	ended	ended	ended
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000
Interest received	891	311	67	64
Dividends - unlisted	257	111	29	-
	1,148	422	96	64
23 FINANCE CHARGES				
Interest on borrowings	1,338	1,273	-	-
Interest on convertible redeemable preference shares	-	1,555	-	1,555
Interest on obligations under finance leases	109	77	-	-
	1,447	2,905	-	1,555

# 24 INCOME TAXATION EXPENSE

The tax charge comprises:				
South African normal taxation	-	-	-	-
Swaziland normal taxation	(1,695)	-	-	-
Deferred tax - current period (note 27)	1,094	-	-	-
Secondary Tax on Companies	-	141	-	-
Taxation attributable to Company and subsidiaries	(601)	141	-	-
Computed losses for Swaziland and South African tax				
purposes that can be set off against future Swaziland				
and South African taxable income amount to	1.992	22.024	1.992	1.725

# 25 EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on earnings of ZAR 24,185,000 (2007: ZAR 16,235,000) and a weighted average of 20,523,570 (2007: 20,523,570) issued ordinary shares.

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# 25 EARNINGS PER SHARE - continued

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	Group		Company		
	12 months ended 31 March 2008 in '000	12 months ended 31 March 2007 in '000	12 months ended 31 March 2008 in '000	12 months ended 31 March 2007 in '000	
Reconciliation of net profit to earnings					
Net profit per income statement	24,185	16,235			
Basic earnings Interest relating to convertible preference shares	24,185	16,235 1,557			
Diluted earnings	24,185	17,792			
Reconciliation of weighted average issued ordinary shares and diluted weighted average issued ordinary shares.  Weighted average issued ordinary shares Convertible preference shares	20,524	20,524			
Diluted weighted average issued ordinary shares	20,524	20,524		_	
adjustment to cash generated from operations:  Profit / (loss) before fair value adjustment	25,694	14,718	(268)	15,580	
•	23,094	14,718	(200)	15,500	
Adjusted for items separately presented:	(1.140)	(422)	(06)	(64)	
Investment income Finance charges	(1,148) 1,447	(422) 2,905	(96)	(64) 1,555	
Adjusted for items not involving the flow of cash and cash equivalents:  (Profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and	1,447	2,903	•	1,555	
equipment	20	(23)	_	-	
Depreciation	2,135	2,002	-	-	
Reversal of amount provided in prior years Reversal of impairment adjustment of subsidiary's	(2,580)	-	-	-	
loan account	-	-	-	(17,500)	
Change in fair value of financial instruments	990	1,068	-	-	
Notional interest preference shares	-	395	-	395	
Adjusted for changes in working capital:					
(Increase) / decrease in inventories	(140)	1,024	-	-	
Increase in trade and other receivables	(1,160)	(400)	(1,322)	(2.760)	
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	8,291	(2,271)	(153)	(3,760)	
Cash generated from / (utilised in) operations	33,549	18,996	(1,839)	(3,794)	

### 27 DEFERRED TAXATION

	Gro	Group		pany
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	R '000	R '000	R '000	R '000
Accelerated wear and tear for tax purposes	(260)	-	-	-
Provisions	1,354	-	-	-
Deferred tax asset	1,094	-	-	-
Deferred tax liability arising from potential South African Capital Gains Tax on the sale of the revalued investment.			69	-
No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of unused tax losses in the Company due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. Had the deferred				
tax asset been provided, it would have amounted to	596	5,276	596	518

### 28 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Exposure to curency, interest rate and credit risk arises in the normal course of the Group's business. Forward exchange contracts are used as a means of reducing exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, but give rise to volitility and uncertainty in the application of International Financial Reporting Standards as discussed in the Directors report and in note 10.

The principal or contract amounts of foreign exchange contracts outstanding at balance sheet date are shown in note 10.

### Currency risk

The Group incurs currency risk as a result of transactions which are denominated in a currency other than the Group functional currency on sales. The currencies, giving rise to currency risk, are Pounds Sterling, Euros and Japanese Yen. The Group hedges trade debtors denominated in foreign currencies.

### Liquidity Risk

The Company manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves, banking facilities, cash holdings and by continuously

### Financial risk management strategies:

The Group is exposed to financial risk arising from changes in the prices in the export market and changes in foreign currency volatility. The Group is also exposed to financial risk arising from physical changes in the environment.

The Group manages its risk in the export market by marketing its own produce and bidding for prices. The Group manages its foreign exchange risk by means of forward exchange contracts and foreign currency options.

The environmental changes and risks are covered by insurance cover in respect of all natural disasters. The managing of the uncontrollable natural phenomena for which no insurance is available such as drought are seen as normal inherent risks in the agricultural industry and are managed to the best of management's ability so as to minimise the financial losses resulting from these risks.

### Credit Risk

Financial assets which potentially subject the Group to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and trade receivables. The Group's cash equivalents are placed with high credit quality financial institutions. Trade receivables are presented net of impairment losses. Credit risk with respect to trade receivables is limited due to the Group selling through large well established and reputable sales agents. Credit ratings are obtained for all new agents prior to any sales being granted to these agents.

The carrying amount of the financial assets included in the consolidated balance sheet represent the Group's exposure to credit risk in relation to these assets.

Major concentrations of credit risk that arise from the Company's receivables in relation to the location of the customers by the percentage of total receivables from customers are:

	31 March 2008 %	31 March 2007 %
Europe	59	59
Europe Far East	12	5
Southern Africa	29	36

# 28 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - continued

Expressed in ZAR

Interest rate risk

The Group's investments in fixed-rate debt securities and its fixed-rate borrowings are exposed to a risk of change in their fair value due to changes in interest rates. The Group's investments in variable-rate debt securities and its variable-rate borrowings are exposed to a risk of change in cash flows due to changes in interest rates. Investments in equity securities and short-term receivables and payables are not exposed to interest rate risk.

The Group's exposure to interest rate risk and the effective interest rates on financial instruments at balance sheet date are:

	Weighted average effective	Floating interest rate	1 year or less	2 to 5 years	Non interest bearing	Total
	interest rate %	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000
31 March 2008						
Assets						
Cash	10.00	14,995	-	_	-	14,995
Trade receivables	0.00	-	-	-	3,491	3,491
Total financial assets	4.46	14,995	-	-	3,491	18,486
Liabilities						
Trade payables	0.00	-	-	_	17,405	17,405
Deferred Tax liability	0.00				69	69
Unclaimed dividends	0.00	-	-	-	459	459
Bank overdraft - FNB	14.50	2,421	-	-	-	2,421
Lease liabilities	14.50	-	280	409	-	689
Total financial liabilities	5.50	2,421	280	409	17,933	21,043
N. C. H. Litte		10.574	(200)	(400)	(14.442)	(2.555)
Net financial liabilities		12,574	(280)	(409)	(14,442)	(2,557)
31 March 2007						
Total financial assets	4.00	6,241	-	-	2,331	8,572
Total financial liabilities	8.90	(10,361)	(1,542)	(6,810)	(11,906)	(30,619)
Net financial liabilities		(4,120)	(1,542)	(6,810)	(9,575)	(22,047)

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# 29 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

Expressed in ZAR

	Up to 1 year in '000	1 to 5 years in '000	More than 5 years in '000	Total in '000
At the balance sheet date, the Group had outstanding commitments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:				
The Group				
Equipment rental	99	114	-	213

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Group for certain office equipment and cellular phones. Leases are negotiated for an average of three years and rentals are fixed for an average of three years.

# 30 RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

### **Defined contribution plan**

The Group operates defined contribution provident funds for all qualifying employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Group. The cost charged to income represents contributions payable to the fund by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the scheme. The employees of the Group's subsidiary in Swaziland are members of a state-managed provident fund operated by the government of Swaziland. The subsidiary is required to contribute a specific percentage of its payroll costs to the provident fund to fund the benefits. The only obligation of the Group with regards to the provident fund scheme is to make the specified contributions. Contributions to the Swaziland scheme are included in the amount disclosed in note 21 for contributions to defined contribution plans.

### 31 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Gre	Group		Company	
31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March	
2008	2007	2008	2007	
in '000	in '000	in '000	in '000	

The Company has a related party relationship with its holding company, subsidiaries (see note 6) and with its directors and executive officers.

## Subsidiaries

Details of income from investments and interest in subsidiaries is made in notes 6 and 22

## Directors

Executive directors are defined as senior management. Directors'emoluments and shareholdings in the Group are disclosed in the Directors report and note 21.

### Shareholders

The principal shareholders of the Company are detailed in the directors report.

### Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors and other members of key management during the year was as follows:

Short term benefits	2,606	2,200	-	-
Post-employment benefits	218	206	-	-
	2,824	2,406	-	-

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### 32 ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Expressed in ZAR

Management discusses with the Audit Committee the development, selection and disclosure of the Company's critical accounting policies and estimates and the application of these policies and estimates.

### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Note 5 contains information about the risk factors relating to biological assets. In note 28 detailed analysis is given of the foreign exchange exposure of the Company and risks in relation to foreign exchange movements.

### Judgements made by management

In preparing financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and related disclosures are as follows:

### Impairment of assets

Property, plant and equipment are considered for impairment when conditions indicate that that impairment may be necessary. These conditions include economic conditions of the the operating unit as well as the viability of the asset itself. The discounted cash flow method is used, taking into account future expected cash flows, market conditions and the expected useful lives of the assets.

### Valuation of Financial Instruments

In note 10 an analysis is given of the foreign exchange exposure of the Company and risks in relation to foreign exchange movements.

### 33 STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

At the date of authorisation of the consolidated financial statements of United Plantations (Swaziland) Limited for the year

Standard /	Interpretation	Effective date
Standard /	Interpretation	Effective date
IFRS 6	Operating Segments: Disclosures relating to types of products and	Annual periods commencing on
	services, geographic areas and major customers.	or after 1 January 2010

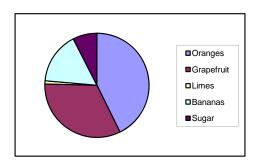
This standard is effective for the Company for the year ended 31 March 2010 with the restatement of comparatives required. Segmented reporting will be made based on the components of the entity that management monitors in making decisions about operating matters. Such components (operating segments) would be identified on the basis of internal reports that the entities chief operating decision maker reviews regularly in allocating resources to segments and in assessing their performance. Operating segments would become reportable based on threshold tests related to revenues, results and assets. The statement also requires more qualitative disclosures such as the types of products and services offered by each segment, geographical areas covered and major customers.

Comparative

comparative			45							
statistics - 10 years Year ended 31 March 2008			15 month						F	ssed in ZAR
Teal elided 31 March 2006	2008	2007	period 2006	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
	in ' 000	in ' 000	in ' 000	in ' 000	in ' 000	in ' 000	in ' 000	in ' 000	in ' 000	in ' 000
Balance sheet analysis										
Property, plant and equipment	69,179	67,075	65,840	49,353	51,476	50,231	48,764	50,439	44,614	38,512
Investments	5,167	949	1,578	22	22	22	72	69	71	55
Deferred taxation	1,094	_	-	_	_	_	_	-	1,556	1,191
Current assets	30,003	18,663	14,115	16,243	7,855	6,787	10,331	9,875	31,760	11,411
Total Assets	105,443	86,687	81,533	65,618	59,353	57,040	59,167	60,383	78,001	51,169
Less: current liabilities	20,634	23,809	25,988	18,593	14,968	14,589	19,368	22,732	22,250	21,015
Assets Employed	84,809	62,878	55,545	47,025	44,385	42,451	39,799	37,651	55,751	30,154
Issued capital	17,941	17,941	17,941	17,941	17,941	17,941	17,941	17,941	17,941	7,690
Revaluation reserves	26,847	26,847	26,847	12,249	12,249	12,249	12,249	12,385	6,891	6,891
Accumulated (loss)/profit	31,966	7,781	(8,454)	57	(2,021)	(3,616)	(5,904)	(7,974)	15,434	14,980
Capital redemption reserve fund	2,573	2,573	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Long term liabilities	409	6,810	15,082	14,205	13,643	13,304	12,940	12,726	12,912	593
Fair value reserve	5,073	926	1,556	· -	· -	· -	´ -	· -	· -	-
Convertible redeemable	,		•							
preference shares	-	-	2,573	2,573	2,573	2,573	2,573	2,573	2,573	
Funds Employed	84,809	62,878	55,545	47,025	44,385	42,451	39,799	37,651	55,751	30,154
Other data	0.4 = 0.0	40.000	(0.0=4)					(00.000)		
Profit/(loss) before tax	24,786	16,376	(8,271)	2,266	1,970	315	1,934	(22,009)	163	275
Tax provision	(601)	(141)	(240)	(188)	(375)	-	-	(1,556)	291	(54)
Extraordinary items	24.405	40.005	(0.544)	2.070	1.505	245	1.004	(00 ECE)	454	224
Net (loss)/Profit	24,185	16,235	(8,511)	2,078	1,595	315	1,934	(23,565)	454	221
Earnings/(loss) per share (cents)	117.8	79.1	(41.5)	10.1	7.8	1.5	9.4	(114.8)	2.6	1.4
Dividends per share (cents)										
Net tangible asset value										
per share (cents)	411.2	273.2	185.56	147.4	137.3	129.5	118.3	108.9	229.0	192.0
Crops										
During the financial year										
Cartons shown in '000's										
Grapefruit export cartons	745	411	330	386	317	366	431	553	658	789
Oranges export cartons	1118	650	571	719	649	474	708	679	669	746
Total cartons exported	1,863	1,061	901	1,105	966	840	1,139	1,232	1,327	1,535
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Volumes shown in tons: Industrial Tons Exported - Grapefruit	836	655	1 5 1 0	1,589	840	540				
Industrial Tons Exported - Graperium	2,141	2,690	1,540 2,736	1,569	1,814	2,392		-	-	-
Bananas tons	6,647	6,561	6,232	3,654	3,825	3,400	3,193	1,290	723	- 984
Sugar	5,851	6,492	5,347	5,725	3,625 4,761	5,144	3,193	5,543	1,784	904
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Volumes shown in '000's Fresh limes 5 kg. Cartons	13	18	36	63	49	44	84	54	75	74
Lime juice litres (1000's)	0	0	0	197	273	179	223	297	289	486
Lime oil kg.	1	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.9	1.8	3.1
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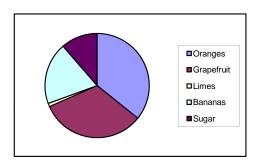
Farming turnover breakdown (ZAR '	UUU)	2008
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Oranges	52,325
Grapefruit	40,571
Limes & Vegetables	1,996
Bananas	19,716
Sugar	9,224



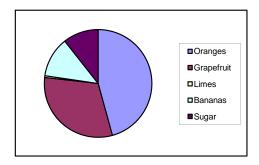
Farming turnover breakdown (ZAR ' 000) 2007

Oranges	34,577
Grapefruit	31,819
Limes & Vegetables	1,480
Bananas	17,066
Sugar	10,124



Production breakdown (kg ' 000) 2008

Oranges	25,181
Grapefruit	17,124
Limes	289
Bananas	6,647
Sugar	5,851



Production breakdown (kg ' 000) 2007

Oranges	16,289
Grapefruit	13,425
Limes	345
Bananas	6,561
Sugar	6,492

