

HELLABY HOLDINGS LIMITED – INTERIM REPORT

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Margins were severely affected in some subsidiaries, not only by pricing pressure but also by the effect of downward currency movement on the cost of goods sold. Further pressure came from higher overheads, due mainly to increased property rental and payroll costs. The resulting group trading surplus before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, discontinued operations and before one-off transactions (EBITDA) was \$10.6 million, compared to \$20.6 million for the same period last year.

Correspondingly, Hellaby group trading operating earnings before interest, tax, discontinued operations and before one-off transactions (EBIT) reduced to \$6.5 million, compared to \$15.9 million for the same period last year.

Hellaby achieved a tax-paid profit (NPAT) of \$0.4 million, compared to an NPAT of \$5.0 million for the same period last year.

On a positive note, core bank debt² reduced to \$80 million at 31 December 2008, compared to \$85.5 million at 30 June 2008 and \$118.5 million at December 2007. This was primarily driven by working capital improvements at some subsidiaries, most notably BNT and Eurolift.

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Net asset backing at 31 December 2008 was \$1.84 per share, compared with \$1.80 per share at 30 June 2008 and \$1.77 per share at 31 December 2007.

Trading performance

Automotive

The Automotive division has maintained relatively steady sales and market share, although at the expense of margins, which resulted in reduced profits for the half year.

BNT delivered solid levels of free cashflow during the six month period, and has continued to increase its market share in selected areas of the heavy commercial market. TRS Tyre and Wheel experienced steady demand from the New Zealand agricultural sector. As previously signalled, the TRS Australian operation which was unable to achieve the required return on investment, was discontinued at minimal cost during the period.

Equipment

AB Equipment was most impacted by the economic downturn, making an operating loss for the period. The decline in market demand was more severe than expected, particularly in construction equipment – an issue which is currently affecting the heavy equipment industry internationally. Consequently, AB Equipment's working capital position deteriorated considerably, as did its profitability.

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Acquisitions and disposals

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Dividend

We have not declared an interim dividend for the half year. Whilst the Board expects the group to achieve a profit in the second half, the priority at this stage is to reduce debt. Hellaby's dividend policy of distributing approximately 50% of net tax-paid operating profits will be applied to the full year NPAT at year end.

Board succession

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FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the 6 months ended 31 December 2008

	Notes	Unaudited 6 months 31 December 2008 \$000	Unaudited 6 months 31 December 2007 \$000	Audited Year 30 June 2008 \$000
Continuing operations:				
Revenue				
Sale of goods	2	241,551	251,783	515,271
Other income		771	602	4,711
Total income		242,322	252,385	519,982
Expenses				
Cost of inventory sold		146,276	149,847	302,072
Rental and operating leases		23,952	21,276	43,894
Salaries and wages		39,058	37,620	77,942
Depreciation and amortisation		4,187	4,745	9,687
Other expenses		22,368	23,033	48,072
Profit before finance costs		6,481	15,864	38,315
Finance (costs)		(6,205)	(6,080)	(12,444)
Share of (deficit)/profit from associates		(110)	10	1,586
Profit before tax		166	9,794	27,457
Income tax credit/(expense)		99	(2,882)	(8,089)
Profit after tax from continuing operations		265	6,912	19,368
Discontinued operations:				
Profit/(deficit) from discontinued operations	3	107	(1,907)	(14,689)
Profit after tax attributable to Shareholders of Parent Company		372	5,005	4,679
		cents	cents	cents
Basic and diluted earnings per share				
Earnings per share attributable to the Shareholders of the Parent Company		0.7	10.0	9.3
Earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to the Shareholders of the Parent Company		0.5	13.8	38.7
Earnings/(deficit) per share from discontinued operations attributable to the Shareholders of the Parent Company		0.2	(3.8)	(29.3)

The above consolidated income statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2008

	Unaudited As at 31 December 2008 \$000	As at 31 December 2007 \$000	Audited As at 30 June 2008 \$000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Inventories	131,238	142,457	132,591
Derivative financial instruments	7,758	197	700
Receivables and prepayments	42,143	53,260	50,883
Cash and cash equivalents	3,113	6,469	3,597
Other current assets	4,629	152	3,342
Total current assets	188,881	202,535	191,113
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	34,001	43,218	34,482
Intangible assets	56,882	58,270	56,871
Investment in associates	3,037	4,432	5,808
Loans and advances	8	367	2,592
Future tax benefit	11,783	14,039	13,551
Total non-current assets	105,711	120,326	113,304
Total Assets	294,592	322,861	304,417
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Derivative financial instruments	120	8,366	2,296
Current tax liabilities	-	1,281	1,058
Trade and other payables	48,493	45,733	57,737
Provisions	6,176	5,107	8,087
Deferred consideration	-	978	-
Borrowings	17,026	4,859	9,605
Core bank debt	80,000	-	-
Total current liabilities	151,815	66,324	78,783
Non-current liabilities			
Core bank debt	-	118,500	85,500
Capital notes	49,086	48,713	48,898
Finance lease liabilities	327	325	346
Provisions	238	356	340
Total non-current liabilities	49,651	167,894	135,084
Total Liabilities	201,466	234,218	213,867
Net Assets	93,126	88,643	90,550

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 December 2008

		Unaudited As at 31 December 2008 \$000	As at 31 December 2007 \$000	Audited As at 30 June 2008 \$000
	Notes			
EQUITY				
Contributed equity	4	20,808	19,752	20,145
Cash flow hedge reserve	4	3,382	(5,514)	(1,174)
Retained earnings	4	68,936	74,405	71,579
Total Equity		93,126	88,643	90,550

The above consolidated balance sheet is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

For the 6 months ended 31 December 2008

	Unaudited 6 months 31 December 2008 \$000	6 months 31 December 2007 \$000	Audited Year 30 June 2008 \$000
Total equity at the beginning of the period	90,550	80,638	80,638
Movement in cash flow hedge reserve, net of tax	4,556	3,000	7,340
Profit for the period	372	5,005	4,679
Total recognised income and expense	4,928	8,005	12,019
Dividends provided for or paid	(2,352)	-	(2,107)
Total equity at the end of the period	93,126	88,643	90,550

The above consolidated statement of movements in equity is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the 6 months ended 31 December 2008

	Unaudited 6 months 31 December 2008 \$000	6 months 31 December 2007 \$000	Audited Year 30 June 2008 \$000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers	282,573	281,801	545,882
Payments to suppliers and employees	(276,388)	(280,006)	(510,101)
Cash from operations	6,185	1,795	35,781
Dividends received	3	13	257
Interest received	175	77	111
Other revenue	422	660	1,659
Interest paid	(5,805)	(7,176)	(15,272)
Income taxes (paid)/received	(1,028)	190	(794)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities (Note 9)	(48)	(4,441)	21,742
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payment for purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired	-	(25,437)	(25,441)
Payments for property, plant and equipment and software	(5,866)	(8,950)	(16,546)
Proceeds from sale of business, net of cash disposed	1,764	6,508	6,301
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and software	2,939	1,717	9,678
Repayment of loans	1,296	68	802
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	133	(26,094)	(25,206)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	4,690	35,784	7,612
Repayment of borrowings	(5,588)	(4,056)	(4,444)
Advances (to) associates	-	(550)	-
Dividends paid to Company's shareholders	(2,352)	-	(2,107)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities	(3,250)	31,178	1,061
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(3,165)	643	(2,403)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	3,353	5,817	5,817
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	65	9	(61)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	253	6,469	3,353
Consisting of:			
Cash and cash equivalents	3,113	6,469	3,597
Bank overdraft	(2,860)	-	(244)
Closing cash balance	253	6,469	3,353

The above consolidated statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes. The statement is inclusive of applicable goods and services tax.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Preparation of interim financial statements

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice (NZ GAAP) and NZ IAS 34: Interim Financial Reporting, and should be read in conjunction with the 2008 Annual Report. They comply with the New Zealand equivalents to the International Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS) and in complying with NZ IFRS they also comply with IFRS.

The Group consists of Hellaby Holdings Limited (the Parent) and its subsidiary companies (the Group). The Parent is a company registered in New Zealand under the Companies Act 1993 and is an issuer in terms of the Securities Act 1978. The interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

The Group is designated as a profit-orientated entity for financial reporting purposes.

The accounting policies used are consistent with those used in the previous Annual Report.

The financial statements for the six months ended 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2007 are unaudited. The comparative information for the year ended 30 June 2008 is audited.

2. Segment information

(a) Description of segments

The Group is organised into the following business segments by product and service type:

Automotive

The automotive division includes Brake & Transmission NZ Limited, an importer and distributor of automotive and commercial replacement parts; Diesel Distributors Limited and Diesel Distributors Australia Pty Limited, wholesale distributors of diesel fuel injection, turbocharger and ancillary diesel engine parts; TRS Tyre & Wheel Limited and TRS Tyre & Wheel Pty Limited, importers and distributors of tyres and wheels.

Equipment

The equipment division includes AB Equipment Limited, an importer and distributor of materials handling, construction and transport equipment; AB Rental Limited, a forklift rentals company; Eurolift NZ Limited, an importer and distributor of materials handling and construction equipment, and TradedEquipment.com Limited, an acquirer and seller of ex rental and traded materials handling and construction equipment.

Footwear

The footwear division includes R. Hannah & Co Limited, and Discount Shoe Warehouse Limited, specialty shoe retailers.

Packaging

The packaging division comprises Elldex Packaging Limited, a manufacturer and importer of flexible plastic packaging.

Diversified

The diversified division includes Levana Textiles Limited, a manufacturer of knitted textiles (assets and business sold 31 October 2007) and the BBQ Factory Limited, an indoor/outdoor living, spa pool and home heating retailer (assets and business sold 30 June 2008).

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2. Segment information, continued

Corporate

This division includes Hellaby Holdings Limited, the holding company for the investments in Group companies; and associate companies Bombay Petfoods Limited, a petfood supplier (sold 30 June 2008), and Energy Intellect Limited, a metering and communications company.

Comparative balances have been amended where applicable to reflect these segments.

(b) Primary reporting format - business segments

	Unaudited 6 months 31 December 2008 \$000		Unaudited 6 months 31 December 2007 \$000		Audited Year 30 June 2008 \$000	
	Total sales revenue	Segment result	Total sales revenue	Segment result	Total sales revenue	Segment result
Automotive	79,225	7,730	77,858	10,457	158,979	19,690
Equipment	54,590	(602)	65,699	3,883	130,561	7,053
Footwear	81,865	973	79,064	1,792	166,961	7,926
Packaging	26,672	321	25,900	1,847	56,264	4,782
Diversified	-	(2)	3,920	314	3,920	309
Corporate	-	(1,939)	-	(2,429)	-	(1,445)
Intersegment eliminations	(801)	-	(658)	-	(1,414)	-
Finance costs	-	(6,205)	-	(6,080)	-	(12,444)
Share of (loss)/ profit from associates	-	(110)	-	10	-	1,586
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3. Discontinued operations

The results of BBQ Factory Limited, the trade and assets of which were sold effective 30 June 2008, are recorded as discontinued operations. An analysis of the result of discontinued operations is as follows:

	6 months 31 December 2008 \$000	6 months 31 December 2007 \$000	Year 30 June 2008 \$000
Revenue	--	18,423	31,239
Expenses	(14)	(20,362)	(38,380)
Deficit before finance costs and tax	(14)	(1,939)	(7,141)
Finance income/(costs)	167	(908)	(1,994)
Profit/(deficit) before tax from operating activities	153	(2,847)	(9,135)
Loss on disposal of shares and assets	-	-	(11,916)
Tangible assets impairment	-	-	(720)
Intangible assets impairment	-	-	(1)
Profit/(deficit) before tax	153	(2,847)	(21,772)
Income tax (expense)/credit	(46)	940	7,083
Profit/(deficit) after tax from discontinued operations	107	(1,907)	(14,689)

4. Capital and reserves

Dividends

During the six months ended 31 December 2008, the Group paid dividends of \$3.0 million (six months ended 31 December 2007: \$Nil).

Equity Attributable to Shareholders of the Parent

	Share capital \$000	Cash flow hedge \$000	Retained earnings \$000	Total equity \$000
Balance at 1 July 2007	19,752	(8,514)	69,400	80,638
Profit for the period	-	-	5,005	5,005
Movement in cash flow hedge, net of tax	-	3,000	-	3,000
Balance at 31 December 2007	19,752	(5,514)	74,405	88,643
Balance at 1 July 2007	19,752	(8,514)	69,400	80,638
Profit for the period	-	-	4,679	4,679
Dividend payment	393	-	(2,500)	(2,107)
Movement in cash flow hedge, net of tax	-	7,340	-	7,340
Balance at 30 June 2008	20,145	(1,174)	71,579	90,550

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4. Capital and reserves, continued

	Share capital \$000	Cash flow hedge \$000	Retained earnings \$000	Total equity \$000
Balance at 1 July 2008	20,145	(1,174)	71,579	90,550
Profit for the period	-	-	372	372
Dividend payment	663	-	(3,015)	(2,352)
Movement in cash flow hedge, net of tax	-	4,556	-	4,556
Balance at 31 December 2008	20,808	3,382	68,936	93,126

5. Related party transactions

During the period the Parent company advanced and repaid loans to other entities in the Group.

Automotive franchise holder, Midas New Zealand, is owned by parties associated with Hellaby Holdings Limited current and past directors, H Green, RW Carter and DMJ Houldsworth, and Brake & Transmission NZ Limited ("BNT") Chief Executive, G Horne. The purchase rebate payable by BNT to Midas New Zealand for the half year ended 31 December 2008 is \$17,000 (2007: \$20,000).

BNT leases premises at Omega Street, North Harbour, Auckland, owned by a company associated with G Horne, BNT's Chief Executive. Lease payments of \$271,000 were made for the half year ended 31 December 2008 (2007: \$256,000) on normal arms length terms.

BNT leases premises at Vogel Street, Dunedin, owned by a company associated with G Horne. Lease payments of \$27,000 were made for the half year ended 31 December 2008 (2007: \$4,000) on normal arms length terms.

BNT leases premises at Midas Place, Christchurch, owned by a company associated with P Eden, General Manager of HCB Technologies, a division of BNT. Lease payments of \$16,000 were made for the half year ended 31 December 2008 (2007: \$14,000) on normal arms length terms.

BNT leases premises at Clyde Street, Invercargill, owned by a family trust associated with DMJ Houldsworth, a director of Hellaby Holdings Limited until 30 June 2008. Lease payments of \$17,000 were made for the six months to 31 December 2007 on normal trade terms.

On 30 June 2008 BBQ Factory sold the trade and assets of the company. Two senior BBQ Factory managers (T Wilson and S Lester) participated as minority shareholders in the acquiring entity.

6. Capital expenditure commitments

	Unaudited		Audited
	As at December 2008 \$000	As at December 2007 \$000	As at June 2008 \$000
Commitments at the end of the period not provided for in the financial statements	505	393	367

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7. Operating lease commitments

	Unaudited As at December 2008 \$000	As at December 2007 \$000	Audited As at June 2008 \$000
Gross commitments under non-cancellable operating leases for the Group as lessee	143,952	141,033	158,447

	Unaudited As at December 2008 \$000	As at December 2007 \$000	Audited As at June 2008 \$000
Gross commitments under non-cancellable operating leases for the Group as lessor	62,575	47,352	51,197

8. Contingent liabilities

	Unaudited As at December 2008 \$000	As at December 2007 \$000	Audited As at June 2008 \$000
Contingent liabilities under contracts, guarantees and other agreements arising in the ordinary course of business on which no loss is anticipated are as follows:			
Guarantees in respect of performance of contracts	74,456	58,035	71,213
Letters of credit	4,089	12,594	4,122
Total contingent liabilities	78,545	70,629	75,335

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9. Reconciliation of net cash flow from operating activities to reported profit from continuing operations

	Unaudited 6 months December 2008 \$000	6 months December 2007 \$000	Audited 12 months June 2008 \$000
Operating profit before taxation from continuing operations	166	9,794	27,457
Adjusted for:			
Depreciation expense	3,695	4,233	8,786
Unrealised exchange (gains)	(2,746)	(309)	(436)
Discount on acquisition of business	-	-	(116)
Amortisation	492	512	901
Share of retained surpluses of associated companies	110	(10)	(1,586)
Net (profit) on sale of assets/shares	(210)	(139)	(1,597)
Taxation	(1,028)	190	(794)
Provision for investments to net tangible value	-	-	73
Cash from operating activities of discontinued operations	(89)	(6,692)	(11,783)
Impact of changes in working capital items:			
Decrease/(increase) in debtors and prepayments	8,604	(742)	692
(Decrease)/increase in creditors and provisions	(10,395)	1,204	17,792
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	1,353	(12,482)	(17,647)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(48)	(4,441)	21,742

DIRECTORY

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JM Williamson (Chief Executive Officer/
Managing Director)
PA Byrnes
RW Carter
JH Maasland
JM Sclater
SJ Smith

Chief Financial Officer/Company Secretary

RP Jolly

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JM Sclater (Chairman)
PA Byrnes
WJ Falconer

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- AB Rental Limited
- Brake & Transmission NZ Limited
- Diesel Distributors Limited
- Diesel Distributors Australia Pty Limited
- Discount Shoe Warehouse Limited
- Elldex Packaging Limited
- Eurolift NZ Limited
- R. Hannah & Co Limited
- TradedEquipment.com Limited
- TRS Tyre & Wheel Limited

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HELLABY HOLDINGS LIMITED**Results for announcement to the market**

Reporting Period	6 months to 31 December 2008
Previous Reporting Period	6 months to 31 December 2007

	Amount (000s)	Percentage change
Revenue from ordinary activities	\$242,322	(4.0 %)
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to shareholders	\$265	(96.2%)
Net profit (loss) attributable to shareholders.	\$372	(92.5%)

Final Dividend	Gross amount per share	Imputed amount per share
	nil	n/a

Record Date	n/a
Dividend Payment Date	n/a
Dividend Reinvestment Plan – last date for receipt of election notice.	n/a
Audit	The abridged interim financial statements attached to this report have not been audited.

Comments:	Refer to the “Directors’ Report” for commentary on the results from operations.
	The accounts for the period have been prepared on the basis the results attributable to BBQ Factory represent discontinued operations. The above comparisons to last period reflect this change.
	As at 31 December 2008 Hellaby had a net asset backing of \$1.84 per share, compared to \$1.77 at 31 December 2007 and \$1.80 at 30 June 2008.

Hellaby confident despite reduced profit

Key points - Hellaby Holdings Limited interim results for the six months to 31 December 2008:

- Accelerating decline in global and local market conditions has affected all Hellaby subsidiaries
- Ongoing focus on cashflow management has resulted in:
 - 32.5% reduction in core bank debt (year-on-year);
 - 20.9% reduction in debtors (year-on-year); and
 - 7.9% reduction in inventory (year-on-year)
- NPAT of \$0.4 million compared to \$5.0 million in the previous corresponding period
- Net asset backing at \$1.84 per share
- No interim dividend
- Year end expectations:
 - EBITDA at year end projected to be around \$25 million;
 - NPAT at year end projected to be around \$5 million; and
 - Core bank debt target reaffirmed at or below \$70 million

Investment company Hellaby Holdings Limited today reported a “mixed bag” of results for the half year to 31 December 2008.

Hellaby Chairman Bill Falconer said that like most other New Zealand companies, Hellaby had been significantly affected by the accelerating decline in market conditions during the second half of 2008.

“The rate of economic deterioration is unprecedented, and it has affected all subsidiaries, with margins particularly impacted. However this has not stopped our focus on performance improvement, and has intensified the urgency with which the company is addressing operational issues, working capital and debt reduction initiatives. We are confident that we have a portfolio of good businesses.

Although we are in a severe downturn, we see this as an opportunity for management to get the business in the best possible shape for when the economy improves.”

Managing Director John Williamson said that group revenue declined by 4.0% to \$242.3 million for the six month period. AB Equipment was particularly affected with a 28% reduction in sales for the October to December period, compared to the previous corresponding period.

Margins were affected in all divisions, not only by pricing pressure but also by the effect of downward currency movement on the cost of goods sold. Higher overheads – mainly in payroll costs and increased property rentals – further affected profits, resulting in a group EBITDA (trading surplus before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, discontinued operations and before one-off transactions) of \$10.6 million, compared to \$20.6 million for the same period last year.

Hellaby’s tax-paid profit (NPAT) was \$0.4 million, compared to an NPAT of \$5.0 million for the corresponding period last year.

Mr Williamson said that he was relatively pleased with the company's progress in achieving its debt targets. "On a positive note, core bank debt reduced by 32.5% to \$80 million at 31 December 2008, compared to \$118.5 million at 31 December 2007."

"Our balance sheet has been strengthened by lower inventories and debtors," he said. "Group inventories were \$131.2 million at 31 December 2008, which is 7.9% lower than the same period last year, despite the exchange rate impact from a weakening New Zealand dollar on inventory carrying value. Group receivables and prepayments at 31 December 2008 were \$42.1 million, 20.9% lower than at December 2007. In the circumstances, we are very pleased with this performance, but believe there is still more we can achieve."

Net asset backing at 31 December 2008 was \$1.84 per share, compared with \$1.80 per share at 30 June 2008 and \$1.77 per share at 31 December 2007.

Based on the deteriorating economic environment, likely restructuring costs within AB Equipment, the company's intention to further reduce inventories and the current trading performance of subsidiaries, the Hellaby group EBITDA is likely to be around \$25 million for the year to 30 June 2009. This is below the guidance previously provided by the company, and compares to an EBITDA of \$40.6 million in the previous financial year (including results from the discontinued operations of BBQ Factory).

Correspondingly, the Hellaby group tax-paid profit (NPAT) is presently estimated to be around \$5 million for the year to 30 June 2009, compared to \$4.7 million in the previous year (including results from the discontinued operations of BBQ Factory).

Mr Falconer said that Hellaby directors have not declared an interim dividend for the half year. "Whilst the Board expects the group to achieve a profit for the second half, the priority at this stage is to reduce debt. Hellaby's dividend policy of distributing approximately 50% of net tax-paid operating profits will be applied to the full year NPAT at year end."

Looking ahead, Mr Williamson said Hellaby continues to face what is probably the harshest and most wide-reaching economic downturn since the company listed in 1994.

"We are unable to predict when conditions might sustainably improve. However, that won't stop us from driving further balance sheet improvement across all subsidiaries, and consequently we can reaffirm our target for core bank debt to be at or below \$70 million at 30 June 2009. We will also be focused on ensuring our subsidiaries are responding appropriately to the market conditions, and in the case of AB Equipment, this means a significant restructure.

However, as we continue to tighten our financial disciplines and streamline our businesses, I am confident that Hellaby will emerge in significantly better shape when economic conditions do eventually improve."

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NB: The results for the six months ending 31 December 2008 isolate out those of BBQ Factory, the assets and business of which were sold on 30 June 2008. As such, BBQ Factory constitutes a 'discontinued operation', which requires its results to be reported separately under IFRS requirements. All comparative operational results have also been adjusted accordingly.