

PRESS RELEASE

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BENSO OIL PALM PLANTATION LIMITED (BOPP) <u>UN-AUDITED RESULTS FOR THE</u> THIRD QUARTER ENDING- SEPTEMBER 2010

BOPP has released its un-audited Financial Statements for the third quarter ending September 30, 2010 as per the attached.

Issued in Accra, this 27th day of October, 2010

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- 1. All LDMs
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BENSO OIL PALM PLANTATION LIMITED

COMMENTARY ON UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

KEY FEATURES OF RESULTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

- Average Crude Palm Oil (CPO) price increased by 25% compared with prior year.
- Revenue grew by 18% as against same period last year.
- Operating profit increased more than eight times compared with same period last year.
- Profit before tax grew by 172% against same period last year.

Highlights of Performance Jan-September cum Jan-September cum Financial Results (GH&'000) 2010 2009 14,683 12.399 Revenue 1.176 Operating profit 124 1.435 **Profit** before tax 527 Profit after tax 1,435 586 Earnings per share(GH¢) 0.0412 0.0168

OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Revenue realised in the period increased by 18% from GH¢ 12.4m in prior year to GH¢ 14.7m in current year on account of an upward trend in Crude Palm Oil (CPO) prices. Operating profit for the period also grew by 848% over same period last year. Pmfit after tax grew by 145% to GH¢ 1.4m in current year.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting policies applied in the financial results are consistent with the policies adopted for the audited annual financial statements issued for the year ended 31 December 2009.

OUTLOOK - QUARTER FOUR, 2010

Crude Palm Oil prices continue to show an upward trend and therefore the improvement in performance is expected to continue.

Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited Unaudited Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Nine Months Ended 30th September, 2010

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

	30-Sep 2010	30-Sep 2009	% Change
	2010	2003	Onlange
Revenue	14,683	12,399	18%
Cost of sales	(12,684)	(11,527)	10%
Gross profit	1,999	872	129%
Administrative expenses	(823)	(748)	
Operating profit	1,176	124	848%

Profit before financial charges	1,176	124	848%
Other income	259	403	
Profit before tax	1,435	527	172%
Tax		59	
Profit after tax	1,435	586	145%
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		•	
Total comprehensive income	1,435	586	145%
Income Surplus Account for the Nine Months Ended 30 September 2010			
Balance at ■ January	10,671	10,355	
Net profit for the period	1,435	586	
Dividend declared	(1,155)	(1,336)	
Balance at 30 September	10,951	9,605	
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Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited Unaudited Statement of Financial Position as at 30th September, 2010

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

	30-Sep	30-Sep
Funds employed	2010	2009
Stated capital	2,000	2,000
Capital surplus	7,629	7,629
Income surplus	10,951	9,605
Shareholders' Funds	20,580	19,234 =====
Non Current Assets	15,905	14,972
Property, plant and equipment	4,584	5,075
Biological assets	11,321	9,897
Current Assets	6,722	6,330
Inventories	1,994	2,352
Trade and other receivables	1,300	1,139
Amount due from related companies	1,074	1,946
Current tax	7	18
Cash and bank balances	2,347	875
Current Liabilities	(2,047)	(2,068)
Trade and other payables	(956)	(933)
Dividends payable	(483)	(221)
Current tax		
Amount due to related companies	(608)	(914)
Net current (liabilities)/assets	4,675	4,262
Net assets	20,580	19,234

The financial statements do not contain untrue statements, misleading facts facts or omit material facts to the best of our knowledge.

MANAGING

(N. A. Mate-Kole)

FINANCE

DIRECTOR

(Issah Adam)

Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited Unaudited Statement of Cashflows for the Nine Months Ended 30th September, 2010

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

Cash flows from operating activities	30-Sep 2010	30-Sep 2009
Cash generated from operations Interest received Interest paid Tax received / (paid)	2,291 221 (12) 11	867 336 (13) (1)
Net cash from operating activities	2,511	1,189
Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of property, plant and equipment Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment Net cash used in investing activities	(603)	(849) 87 (762)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Dividends paid to shareholders	(859)	(1,661)
Net cash used in financing activities	(859)	(1,661)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,049	(1,234)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,298	2,109
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2,347	875 ======