

PRESS RELEASE

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BENSO OIL PALM PLANTATION LIMITED (BOPP) – UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 2013

BOPP has released its un-audited Financial Statements for the third quarter ending September 30, 2013.

Issued at Accra, this 28th day of October, 2013.

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Distribution:

- 1. All LDMs
- 2. General Public
- 3. Company Secretary, BOPP
- 4. NTHC Registrars, (Registrars for BOPP shares)
- 5. GSE Securities Depository
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Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited Unaudited Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Nine Months Ended 30th September, 2013

At 30 September

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

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|----|---|-------|----------|----------|
| | | Notes | 2013 | 2012 |
| | Revenue | 1 | 28,321 | 34,683 |
| | Cost of sales | 2 | (22,807) | (22,344) |
| | Gross Profit | | 5,514 | 12,339 |
| | Administrative expenses | 3 | (2,271) | (2,236) |
| | Other income | | 715 | 297 |
| | Operating profit | | 3,958 | 10,400 |
| | Finance income | 1 | 948 | 679 |
| | Net profit before tax | | 4,906 | 11,079 |
| | Current tax expense | | (237) | (170) |
| | Total comprehensive income | | 4,669 | 10,909 |
| | Basic and diluted earnings per share (GHC) | _ | 0.1342 | 0.3135 |
| li | ncome surplus account | | | |
| | At 1 January | | 30,906 | 19,901 |
| | Net profit for the period | - | 4,669 | 10,909 |
| | Dividend declared | | (2,680) | (2,401) |
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32,895

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28,409

Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited Unaudited Statement of Financial Position as at 30th September, 2013

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|------------------------------------|--|--------|
| Non Current Assets | 27,532 | 20,378 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 10,073 | 6,811 |
| Biological Assets | 17,459 | 13,567 |
| Current assets | 17,829 | 22,794 |
| Inventories | 5,442 | 5,229 |
| Trade and other receivables | 1,093 | 813 |
| Amounts due from related companies | 3,040 | 7,519 |
| Cash and bank balances | 8,254 | 9,233 |
| Total assets | 45,361 ==================================== | 43,172 |
| Current liabilities | 2,837 | 5,134 |
| Trade and other payables | 2,048 | 4,041 |
| Amounts due to related companies | 192 | 279 |
| Dividends payable | 491 | 465 |
| Tax | 106 | 349 |
| Equity | 42,524 | 38,038 |
| Stated capital | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Capital surplus account | 7,629 | 7,629 |
| Income surplus account | 32,895 | 28,409 |
| Total liabilities and equity | 45,361 ======== | 43,172 |

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

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(SANTOSH PILLAI)

DIRECTOR

(N.A.MATE-KOLE)

Unaudited Statement of Cashflows for the Nine Months Ended 30th September, 2013

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

| Cash flows from operating activities | 2013 | 2012 |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|
| Cash generated from operations Interest received Tax | 2,701 948 (433) | 5,817 679 |
| Net cash/generated from operating activities | 3,216 | 6,496 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (5,836) | (2,472) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 471 | 29 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (5,365) | (2,443) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Dividends paid to the Company shareholders | (2,605) | (2,291) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (2,605) | (2,291) |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (4,754) | 1,762 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year | 13,008 | 7,471 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period | 8,254 ====== | 9,233 |

Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited Unaudited Statement of Changes in Equity as at 30th September, 2013

(All amounts are expressed in thousands of Ghana Cedis)

| | Stated capital | Capital surplus account | Income surplus account | Total |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| At 1 January 2013 | 2,000 | 7,629 | 30,906 | 40,535 |
| Profit for the period | _ | - | 4,669 | 4,669 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | 20 83 | - | - |
| | | | | |
| Total comprehensive income | 2,000 | 7,629 | 35,575 | 45,204 |
| | | | | |
| Transactions with owners | | | | |
| Dividend declared for 2012 | - | - | (2,680) | (2,680) |
| | | | | |
| At 30 September 2013 | 2,000 | 7,629 | 32,895 | 42,524 |
| | | | | |
| At 1 January 2012 | 2,000 | 7,629 | 19,901 | 29,530 |
| Profit for the period | | . - | 10,909 | 10,909 |
| Other comprehensive income | 28 | - | - | - |
| | | | | |
| Total comprehensive income | 2,000 | 7,629 | 30,810 | 40,439 |
| | | | | |
| Transactions with owners | | | (0.404) | (0.404) |
| Dividend declared for 2011 | - | := | (2,401) | (2,401) |
| At 30 September 2012 | 2,000 | 7,629 ===== | 28,409 | 38,038 |

Benso Oil Palm Plantation Limited

Notes

(All amounts in the notes are shown in thousands of Ghana Cedis unless otherwise stated)

1 Revenue

Sales are recognised upon delivery of products and customer acceptance. Sales are shown at net of value added taxes and discounts.

By type:

Sale of crude palm oil Sale of palm kernel oil Sale of palm nuts

By customer:

Third parties Related parties

| 2013 | 2012 |
|--------|--------|
| 23,906 | 29,148 |
| 4,415 | 5,508 |
| | 27 |
| | |
| 28,321 | 34,683 |
| | ==== |
| 58 | 69 |
| 28,263 | 34,614 |
| | |
| 28,321 | 34,683 |
| ====== | ===== |

2. Cost of sales

Cost of sales include:

Material costs
Fertilizer
Depreciation
Staff costs
Repairs and maintenance
Energy and power
Spares inventory consumed
PKO cost
Others

| 8,089 | 6,311 |
|--------|--------|
| 2,580 | 3,914 |
| 559 | 350 |
| 3,292 | 2,327 |
| 241 | 117 |
| 979 | 789 |
| 2,151 | 1,876 |
| 3,964 | 4,922 |
| 952 | 1,738 |
| | |
| 22,807 | 22,344 |
| | ===== |

3. Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses include:

Registrar and related expenses

Depreciation

Staff costs

Listing fees

Service fees

Land rent

Bank charges

Others

| 8 | 6 117 |
|------|---------|
| 5 | 6 34 |
| 80 | 671 |
| 1 | 3 13 |
| 56 | 6 688 |
| 4 | 8 48 |
| 5 | 6 41 |
| 63 | 9 - 624 |
| | · |
| 2,27 | 1 2,236 |
| ==== | _ ===== |

OUTLOOK FOR QUARTER FOUR

The dip in the world prices has led to drop in CPO and PKO prices locally by 21% and 33% respectively compared to prior year. BOPP is also pursuing an accelerated replanting program due to which the mature hectarage has dropped by 18.5%. Quarter 4 has started with a downward trend in the World Market price of CPO and PKO and with the lean season ahead, the performance in quarter four is expected to slow down compared with the first three quarters of the year. We have created a strong future business viability by continuing to invest in the plantations and the up gradation of the Palm Oil mill.