TO: THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE GLEARER COMPANY LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED SIX MONTHS INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT AT JUNE 30, 2008

Group Income Statements	Notes	GROUP (Unaudited) Three Month Apr - Jun, 2008 \$000's	GROUP* (Unaudited) Three Months Apr – Jun, 2007 \$000's	GROUP (Unaudited) Six Months Jan - Jun, 2008 \$000's	GROUP (Unaudited) Six Months Jan - Jun, 2007 \$000's	GROUP (Audited) Twelve Months Dec 31, 2007 \$000's
Revenue	4(a), 7	1,041,003	881,546	1,964,494	1,746,229	4,248,873
Cost of sales		(_527,681)	(478,467)	(1,016,762)	(_948,879)	(2,488,752)
Gross Profit		513,322	403,079	947,732	797,350	1,760,121
Other operating income	4(b)	73,667	27,405	_167,383	45,851	_321,163
		586,989	430,484	1,115,115	843,201	2,081,284
Distribution costs		( 178,576)	(152,195)	( 353,254)	( 293,288)	( 568,628)
Administrative expenses		( 191,969)	(171,180)	( 354,549)	( 346,939)	( 786,671)
Other operating expenses		( 117,937)	(121,023)	( 266,193)	( 219,161)	( 487,532)
Pension costs		(86)	(83)	(168)	(164)	(1,957)
		( <u>488,568</u> )	( <u>444,481</u> )	( <u>974,164</u> )	(_859,552)	(1,844,788)
Employee benefit asset	4(c)	<u>16,250</u>	37,591	32,500	75,182	64,500
Profit from operations	2	114,671	23,594	173,451	58,831	300,996
Finance income		12,606	3,727	13,806	6,747	24,612
Finance expense	*2	(8,606)	$(\underline{2,338})$	(13,024)	(11,181)	$(\underline{25,194})$
Net finance income/(cost)		4,000	1,389	782	( <u>4,434</u> )	(582)
Impairment losses (Provision)	5	(60,000)		(60,000)		(_201,406)
Subsidiaries in Administration/Liquidation			<del></del>	<del></del> ,	=	94,131
Profit before taxation		58,671	24,983	114,233	54,397	193,139
Taxation		$(\underline{23,170})$	(8,244)	(34,508)	(17,950)	(94,935)
Profit for the period/year		<u>35,501</u>	16,739	79,725	_36,447	98,204
Attributable to:						
Parent company stockholders		32,327	15,995	77,773	34,623	94,705
Minority interest		3,174	744	1,952	1,824	3,499
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Dealt with in the financial statements of:						
Parent company		113,551	34,542	181,788	73,409	151,549
Subsidiary companies		(81,224)	( <u>18,547</u> )	(104,015)	(38,786)	(56,844)
Earnings per stock unit:		32,327	15,995	<u>77,773</u>	34,623	94,705
Based on stock units in issue	8	2.93€	1.20+	C FO:	2.01	
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### Consolidated Balance Sheets

Consolidated Balance Brees	Notes	GROUP (Unaudited) Six Months Jun 30, 2008 \$000's	GROUP (Unaudited) Six Months Jun 30, 2007 \$000's	GROUP (Audited) Twelve Months Dec 31, 2007 \$000's
Assets				
Assets Property plant and aguinment		823,486	791,495	833,240
Property, plant and equipment Intangible assets		358,696	270,176	367,835
Employee benefit asset	4(c)	851,679	826,999	819,179
Long-term receivables	<b>1</b> (C)	031,079	1,376	1,788
Investment in associates		150	150	150
Investments		158,192	227,280	250,563
Deferred tax assets		701	7,331	5,983
Total non-current assets		2,192,904	2,124,807	2,278,738
Cash and cash equivalents		67,113	34,788	68,043
Trade and other receivables		747,984	534,023	752,523
Prepayments		74,892	74,895	34,250
Taxation recoverable		38,387	40,855	31,233
Inventories and goods in-transit		609,588	621,767	435,413
Securities purchased under agreements for resale		66,989	<u>127,171</u>	75,534
Total current assets		1,604,953	1,433,499	<u>1,396,996</u>
Total Assets		3,797,857	<u>3,558,306</u>	3,675,734
Stockholders' equity				
Share capital		605,622	605,622	605,622
Reserves		1,721,119	1,491,436	1,791,689
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the parent company		2,326,741	2,097,058	2,397,311
Minority interest		29,123	25,496	27,171
Total equity		2,355,864	2,122,554	2,424,482
Liabilities				
Long-term liabilities		53,544	40,300	74,180
Employee benefit obligation		75,900	65,600	71,300
Deferred tax liabilities		367,334	356,293	388,274
Total non-current liabilities		496,778	462,193	533,754
Bank overdraft		66,854	33,682	66,337
Trade and other payables		832,387	908,250	597,781
Taxation		3,395	1,643	10,768
Current portion of long-term liabilities		24,214	19,604	25,305
Deferred income		18,365	10,380	17,307
Total current liabilities		945,215	973,559	717,498
Total liabilities		1,441,993	1,435,752	1,251,252
Total equity and liabilities		3,797,857	3,558,306	3,675,734
Stockholders' equity per ordinary stock unit	9	192.09¢	173.13¢	197.92¢

# GROUP STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

## Period ended June 30, 2008

	Share Capital \$000's	Capital reserves \$000's	Fair value reserves \$000's	Reserve for own shares \$000's	Retained profits \$000's	Parent company equity \$000's	Minority interest \$000's	Total equity \$000's
Balances at December 31, 2006	605,622	493,132	77,877	(169,506)	1,220,471	2,227,596	23,672	2,251,268
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	34,623	34,623	1,824	36,447
Change in fair value of investments	1-3	( <del>-</del> )	( 22,044)	-	-	( 22,044)	-	( 22,044)
Dividends paid (gross)	_	1-1	121	121	( 42,394)	( 42,394)	-	( 42,394)
Own shares acquired by the Gleaner Company Limited Employee Investment Trust	-	-		( 82,631)		( 82,631)	-	( 82,631)
Currency translation difference on foreign subsidiaries		(18,092)	_			(18,092)		(18,092)
Balances at June 30, 2007	605,622	<u>475,040</u>	55,833	(252,137)	1,212,700	2,097,058	25,496	2,122,554
Balances at December 31, 2007	605,622	598,868	107,665	( 150,375)	1,235,531	2,397,311	27,171	2,424,482
Net profit for the period	-		-	, E	77,773	77,773	1,952	79,725
Change in fair value of investments	-		( 19,861)	-	-	( 19,861)	-	( 19,861)
Dividends paid (gross)	-		-	-	( 42,394)	( 42,394)	-	( 42,394)
Own shares acquired by the Gleaner Company Limited Employee Investment Trust			, .	( 53,343)	-	( 53,343)	-	( 53,343)
Currency translation difference on foreign subsidiaries		(32,745)	-	-	_	(32,745)	V-1	(32,745)
Balances at June 30, 2008	605,622	_566,123	87,804	(_203,718)	1,270,910	2,326,741	29,123	2,355,864

## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT AT JUNE 30, 2008 (UNAUDITED)

	GROUP (Unaudited) Six Months Jun 30, 2008 \$000's	GROUP (Unaudited) Six Months Jun 30, 2007 \$000's	GROUP (Audited) Twelve Months Dec 31, 2007 \$000's
Cash Flow from operating activities			
Net profit attributable to stockholders	77,773	34,623	94,705
Adjustment for non-cash items	<u>51,800</u> 129,573	( <u>13,855</u> ) 20,768	117,818 212,523
Change in working capital	(_67,765)	22,607	(108,388)
Net cash generated by operating activities	61,808	43,375	104,135
Net cash used in investing activities	( 34,105)	(17,531)	( 99,661)
Net cash used in financing activities	(29,150)	(45,178)	(_23,208)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	( 1,447)	(19,334)	( 18,734)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period/year	1,706	20,440	20,440
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period/year	<u>259</u>	_1,106	1,706
Comprised of:			
Cash and cash equivalents	67,113	34,788	68,043
Bank overdraft	(_66,854)	(33,682)	(66,337)
	259	1,106	<u>1,706</u>

#### Notes to the Interim Financial Report

We hereby present the Report of the Group for the six months ended June 30, 2008.

#### 1. Segment Reporting

Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's business. The primary format for the business segments is based on the Group's reporting structure.

Segment results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Unallocated items comprise mainly income-earning assets and revenue.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the period to acquire segment assets that are expected to be used for more than one period.

#### \*The main business segments of the group comprise:

	2008 \$000's	edia 2007 \$000's		onery 2007 \$000's	2008 \$000's	<u>2007</u> \$000's	2008 \$000's	Total 2007 \$000's
Turnover	1,710,258	1,531,319	229,858	193,270	24,378	21,640	1,964,494	1,746,229
Profit/(loss) from operations	225,883	81,213	( <u>45,555</u> )	(21,955)	( <u>6,877</u> )	(427)	173,451	58,831
Net finance income/ (cost)	-	-	=	-	-	-	782	( 4,434)
Impairment losses (Provision)	e e	12.7	-	-	-	-	(60,000)	
Profit before taxation	_	-	1 -	-	-	±.	114,233	54,397
Taxation	-	×.5	-		-	-	(34,508)	(17,950)
Profit after taxation	· , =	-	=	12	-	-	79,725	36,447
Minority interest	-	-		-	-	-	(1,952)	(1,824)
Profit attributable to Stockholders of parent Company		-	-	-	-	-	77,773	34,623
Segment net assets	3,049,909	2,826,904	646,820	602,623	101,128	128,779	3,797,857	3,558,306
Segment liabilities	1,006,615	1,017,422	415,389	388,856	19,989	29,474	1,441,993	1,435,752
Capital expenditure	16,099	16,438	6,238	751		-	22,337	17,189
Depreciation and amortisation	27,131	26,687	5,007	5,456	2		32,140	34,621

#### Notes to the Interim Financial Report (cont'd)

- 2. Group Financial Accounts for the six months ended June 30, 2008; show, a profit before taxation of approximately \$114M (2007: \$54M).
- 3. The Group Profit, after taxation and minority interest, for the six months of 2008 was approximately \$78M compared with a profit of approximately \$35M for the same period last year.
- 4. In comparing the financial statements for the six-month period ended June 30, 2008, with those of previous year, the following should be noted: -
  - (a) Revenue increased by approximately \$218M or 12% for the period. There was a reduction in cost of sales of 2% due to improved productivity.
  - (b) Other operating income of \$167M (2007: \$46M) includes profit on sale of Lascelles DeMercado shares to Angostura.
  - (c) Employee benefit asset of \$33M (2007: \$75M) represents a portion of the surplus in the pension scheme which, in accordance with IAS 19, has been credited to the group income statements. The surplus is, however, not realised profit as it represents future economic benefits to be derived from the reduction in the company's contribution to the pension scheme (See also Balance Sheet item of approximately \$852M (2007: \$827M).
- 5. Impairment losses provision was made in respect of our U.K. investment.
- 6. The Group Financial Statements for the six months ended June 30, 2008, include the Company's twelve (2007: twelve) subsidiaries Associated Enterprise Limited, Popular Printers Limited, Sangster's Book Stores Limited, The Book Shop Limited, The Gleaner Online Limited, Selectco Publications Limited, Independent Radio Company Limited, Creek Investment Limited and overseas subsidiaries, The Gleaner Company U.S.A. Limited, The Gleaner Company (Canada) Incorporated, GV Media Group Limited (formerly the Gleaner Company (UK) Limited), and The Voice Group.
- 7. Revenue represents sales by the Group before commission payable but excluding returns.
- 8. The calculations of earnings per stock unit are arrived at by dividing profit after taxation attributable to parent company stockholders by 1,211,243,827 stock units that is the number of stock units in issue at the end of the period/year.
- 9. The calculations of stockholders' equity per ordinary stock unit for 2008 and 2007 are arrived at by dividing capital and reserves by 1,211,243,827 stock units.

#### Dividend and Stock Prices

For 2008, your directors approved the payment of a 1st Interim Ordinary Dividend of 3.5 cents per stock unit payable to stockholders on record at March 20, 2008. Payment was made on April 5, 2008.

The Company's stock unit price on the Jamaica Stock Exchange at June 30, 2008 was \$2.71; the opening price at January 1, 2008 was \$4.30.

### Notes to the Interim Financial Report (Cont'd)

#### Libel Cases

The Company's lawyers advised that they are of the opinion that the provision made in the Company's accounts is a reasonable provision for the purpose of covering all reasonable and probable judgements and costs for existing libel actions against the Company.

On behalf of the Board

Hon. O. F. Clarke, O.J.

Chairman and Managing Director

Christopher Barnes

Deputy Managing Director

August 15, 2008