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Nufarm Finance (NZ) - Announcement

Please find attached documents released to ASX today by Nufarm Finance's parent company, Nufarm Limited.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney Heath', with a large, stylized 'R' and 'H'.

Rodney Heath
Nufarm Finance (NZ) Limited

Report to Shareholders

6 months ended January 31, 2008

March 27, 2008

Nufarm reports substantial increase in sales and operating profit

Nufarm Limited generated a tax paid operating profit of \$35.4 million for the six months ending January 31, 2008. This compares with a net operating profit of \$7.5 million (from continuing operations) in the first half of the previous year.

After accounting for non-operating items (2008 1H: Net loss of \$30.8m; 2007 1H: Net gain of \$3.9m), the headline after tax profit was \$4.6 million (2007 1H: \$15.9 million).

Group sales were \$990 million, up by 71% from \$580 million. The first half sales of Nufarm's Brazilian operations (Agripec) were consolidated for the first time after that business was fully acquired by the company in May 2007. If Agripec sales had been consolidated in the first half of the 2007 financial year, 2008 first half sales increased by 31%.

37% of first half revenues were generated in Australasia; 19% in Europe; 19% in North America; and 25% in South America.

Operating earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) was \$82.3 million, a substantial increase on the \$28.4 million recorded in the first six months of the previous year.

All of Nufarm's regional crop protection businesses recorded stronger results on both a sales and operating EBIT basis (as disclosed in segment reporting note 7 in the half year accounts). Of particular note was the significantly improved result from the Australian operations and the higher earnings contribution from the fully owned Brazilian business.

Earnings per share were (1.6) cents, compared to 9.3 cents for the six months to January 31, 2007. Excluding the impact of non-operating items, earnings per share were 16.4 cents, compared to 8.1 cents for the previous six months.

The Nufarm Board has approved a fully franked interim dividend of 12 cents – up from 11 cents last year – to be paid on May 2, 2008 to all holders of ordinary shares in the company as of April 11, 2008.

The increasing global diversification of the group will, in future, impact on the availability of franking credits. At this time it is estimated that the final dividend in respect of the 2008 financial year can be fully franked. The Board will review its dividend policy at the relevant time when considering the capacity to frank dividends.

Gearing (net debt to shareholders' funds) increased from 70% (January 31, 2007) to 95% at the end of January, 2008. This reflected the additional debt associated with the acquisition of the balance of Agripec (completed in August, 2007), together with the consolidation impact of operating debt within the Agripec business. The gearing level at financial year end is forecast to be in a range of 50% - 55%.

Net working capital increased from \$731.4 million to \$870.5 million. Excluding working capital associated with Agripec (\$217.8 million), there was a \$78.7 million working capital reduction across the balance of the group.

Excluding the additional debt associated with the Agripec acquisition, net debt fell by \$46 million as a result of the reduction in working capital.

Review of operations

Australasia

Australian sales were up by some 60% on the badly drought affected first half of 2007.

After a slow first quarter, widespread rains in Queensland and New South Wales during December and January saw demand for crop protection products increase sharply as growers sought to take advantage of both summer cropping conditions and crop prices that were markedly better than in the previous year.

A change in rainfall patterns across Eastern States helped boost confidence in the Australian agriculture sector and this helped drive strong and relatively early demand for a range of key Nufarm products.

Glyphosate sales, in particular, were very strong – a trend that was repeated in most regional markets around the world – as it became apparent that global demand for glyphosate is running ahead of current manufacturing capacity. While Nufarm experienced substantial increases in its glyphosate-related costs, these were able to be recovered through stronger pricing.

New Zealand sales were slightly ahead of budget for the half year and 20% up on the previous year.

Asian sales were also up strongly on the previous year with the Indonesian business showing good growth and both Malaysia and Japan posting stronger profit performances.

On a segment reporting basis, Australasian sales were \$365 million (2007 1H: \$237 million), with segment profit increasing to \$49.2 million from \$22.5 million in the previous corresponding period (pcp).

North America

North American regional sales were up by 34% with the company's USA business again generating very strong growth in both sales and profit.

The US market for agricultural inputs has seen significant expansion and growth in value over the past 18 months. The corn, soybean and wheat segments – in which Nufarm products have good positions – have seen continued growth, with the business also able to capitalise on a broader product portfolio and subsequent opportunities in a range of other crop segments.

Market confidence resulted in some early purchasing from US distribution, particularly glyphosate and phenoxy herbicides. As the season progresses, the extent of that early buying activity will be able to be fully determined.

Canada also saw significant optimism at grower and distributor levels due to the buoyancy in cereal grain and canola commodity markets. Nufarm Canada introduced several new products during the first half of the year as a result of commercial collaborations with both Syngenta and Dow AgroSciences.

South America

Segment revenues in South America were \$250.9 million in the first half of the year. This is the first reporting period in which the Brazilian/Agripec sales have been consolidated, following the acquisition of the balance of that business in May of 2007. The segment profit contribution was \$48.4 million.

Unlike Nufarm's other regional markets, South America produces its strongest sales and profit contribution in the company's first six months of the financial year.

Agripec generated record net sales in local currency of 344 million reais for the August to January period (2007 first half net sales: 288 million reais). Industry data indicates the Brazilian crop protection market grew strongly in the 2007 calendar year, with total sales up by some 35% to US\$5.3 billion. Agripec sales increased by almost 40% over the same period.

The growth in the Brazilian market indicates a strong recovery from credit related impacts over the previous two years and has been driven by rising prices for most agricultural commodities. Increased plantings of sugar cane, corn, soybean and cotton resulted in additional demand for crop protection products.

Increased Agripec sales of herbicides into the corn segment; herbicides and fungicides into soybeans; and insecticides and herbicides into cotton combined to produce the overall record sales result.

Agripec generated a first half operating EBIT of \$47 million. The equity accounted contribution in the first half of 2007 – when Nufarm owned 49.9% of the business – was \$13.7 million.

First half sales in Argentina increased by almost 15%, with excellent growth in profit margins reflecting an expanded product range and enhanced distribution relationships.

Europe

European sales increased by some 13%. While reported segment profit was down on the previous half, the 2007 interim profit included the non-operating gain associated with the sale of a facility in Spain. Excluding that impact, the European profit contribution improved on an operating basis.

Strong growth in cereal fungicide and herbicide sales in France; an expansion of cereal acreage in Italy; and increased demand for glyphosate in all markets were key contributors to the improved result. Despite a continuation of drought conditions in parts of Spain, the Nufarm business grew sales and market share. Sales in Germany were up by more than 15% and the company continues to build strongly on its presence in Eastern Europe, with results in Romania, Poland and the Ukraine benefiting from additional product registrations.

Nufarm's European based manufacturing plants operated at full capacity to meet anticipated demand in the second-half based major selling season.

Non operating items

The net impact of non operating items at January 31 was a loss of \$30.8 million. This compares with a net gain of \$3.9 million in the previous year.

An after tax loss of \$22.6 million associated with a barter trade contract in Brazil was the major non-operating item. This contract has been closed out and no related additional potential liabilities will result.

There was also a net non-cash foreign exchange loss of \$7.6 million relating to the company's Step-up Securities (NSS). The foreign exchange exposure on the funding utilisation from the NSS has been hedged over the term of the securities and will guarantee a cash gain of \$19.6 million on maturity in the 2012 financial year.

Subsequent events

On March 5, 2008, Nufarm announced that it had acquired AH Marks Holdings Limited, a UK based manufacturer and supplier of phenoxy herbicides.

The total purchase price for AH Marks was £74.6 million, consisting of cash consideration of £46.5 million with £28.1 million in assumed debt. AH Marks is expected to contribute just over \$1 million in net profit in Nufarm's current financial year, increasing next financial year to some \$13.4 million as anticipated synergies are achieved.

This acquisition will expand Nufarm's production capacity; enhance the company's product development opportunities; strengthen the global regulatory position on phenoxy herbicides; and extend important supply relationships with other major companies.

The company also announced that it proposed to acquire certain assets of Etigra LLC, a US based supplier of crop protection products currently focused on the turf and specialty segments. Nufarm intends to acquire certain assets and business from Etigra for US\$69 million, with completion expected within the next month.

The proposed acquisition is forecast to generate approximately \$4 million in additional net profit after tax in Nufarm's current financial year, increasing to approximately \$11.3 million in its first full year of ownership.

A capital raising, involving the placement of new shares to institutional investors, was undertaken on March 5 and raised \$200 million. The placement price per share was \$15.10. The placement proceeds will be used primarily to fund the acquisitions of AH Marks and the Etigra business.

A Share Purchase Plan (SPP) has also been made available to retail shareholders of Nufarm who are each being offered the opportunity to purchase shares at the placement price up to a total value of \$5,000. The SPP is proposed to be capped at \$25 million in total proceeds.

Outlook

The outlook for the remainder of Nufarm's 2008 financial year is positive, with global agricultural markets showing strong demand for crop protection products as the company's Australian, North American and European businesses approach the major sales months.

Crop plantings in all markets are expected to be very strong, driven by soaring global demand for grains and other agricultural commodities and near record crop prices. As always, climatic conditions will determine to what extent growers can take advantage of these very positive conditions.

Given adequate rains over the next few months, Australia is poised to show a very strong recovery from recent drought affected seasons with forecasts for a large winter crop planting. Nufarm's leadership position in Australia makes it ideally placed to capitalise on the anticipated increase in demand, with its core product positions in glyphosate and phenoxy herbicides expected to drive an excellent full year result.

While some first half sales in the US represent early purchasing patterns, Nufarm is also in an excellent position in that market to capitalise on its product positions in the second half. The continued introduction of important new products is opening up additional sales opportunities in the US.

Additional product introductions in most European markets will also help those businesses post strong results for the full year.

Following the announcement of the AH Marks and Etigra acquisition, the company has upgraded its full year net operating profit guidance to \$150 million (previously \$145 million). This guidance will be kept under review over coming months as the impact of seasonal and related business conditions become more apparent in key markets around the world.

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Directors' report

The board of directors of Nufarm Limited has pleasure in submitting its report in respect of the six months period ended 31 January 2008.

Directors

The names of the directors in office during the period are:

KM Hoggard (chairman)
GDW Curlewis (deputy chairman)
DJ Rathbone AM
Dr WB Goodfellow
GA Hounsell
DG McGauchie AO
Dr JW Stocker AO
RFE Warburton AO (retired 5 December 2007)

Unless otherwise indicated, all directors held their position as a director throughout the entire period and up to the date of this report.

Principal activities

Nufarm Limited manufactures and supplies a range of agricultural chemicals used by farmers to protect crops from damage caused by weeds, pests and disease.

The company has production and marketing operations throughout the world and sells products in more than 100 countries.

Nufarm's crop protection products enjoy a reputation for high quality and reliability and are supported by strong brands, a commitment to innovation and a focus on close customer relationships.

Nufarm employs approximately 2,700 people at its various locations in Australasia, the Americas and Europe.

The company is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (symbol NUF). Its head office is located at Laverton in Melbourne.

Results

The net profit attributable to members of the consolidated entity for the six months to 31 January 2008 is \$4.6 million, after including the material items described in note 9. The comparable figure for the six months to 31 January 2007 was \$15.9 million.

Review of operations

The review of operations forms part of the report to shareholders.

Lead auditor's independence declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

The lead auditor's independence declaration is enclosed and forms part of the directors' report for the six months ended 31 January 2008.

Directors' report (continued)

Rounding of amounts

The parent entity is a company of the kind specified in Australian Securities and Investments Class Order 98/0100. In accordance with that class order, amounts in the consolidated financial statements and the directors' report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars unless specifically stated otherwise.

This report has been made in accordance with a resolution by directors.



KM Hoggard
Director



DJ Rathbone
Director

Melbourne, 27 March 2008

12 months ended 31 July 2007	Consolidated		% change
	6 months ended 31 Jan 2008	6 months ended 31 Jan 2007	

RESULTS FOR ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE MARKET**TRADING RESULTS (\$'000)**

1,764,384	Revenue from ordinary activities	989,845	580,213	71%
	Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members			
	Before material items			
111,696	- Continuing operations	35,364	7,534	369%
9,165	- Discontinued operations	-	4,427	-100%
<u>120,861</u>	TOTAL	<u>35,364</u>	<u>11,961</u>	
	After material items			
106,956	- Continuing operations	4,553	11,447	-60%
41,840	- Discontinued operations	-	4,427	-100%
<u>148,796</u>	TOTAL	<u>4,553</u>	<u>15,874</u>	
	Net profit attributable to members			
120,861	- Before material items	35,364	11,961	196%
148,796	- After material items	4,553	15,874	-71%

DISTRIBUTION TO SHAREHOLDERS

Dividends	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Dividend paid per ordinary share on 9 November 2007	21c	21c
Dividend paid per ordinary share on 10 November 2006	20c	20c
Dividend proposed 12 cents per ordinary share fully franked, with record date for entitlement 11 April 2008 Interim dividend for 2007 was 11 cents per share fully franked		

Nufarm step-up securities distribution

	Distribution Rate	Total Amount	Payment Date
Nufarm step-up securities distribution	8.56%	10,772	15-Oct-07

OTHER SUMMARY DATA

31 July 2007	RATIOS	31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007
36%	Gearing ratio	95%	70%
42%	Equity ratio	36%	42%
\$2.61	Net tangible assets per ordinary share	\$2.18	\$3.65
2,488	Staff employed	2,692	2,245

The net tangible assets per share has fallen from January 2007 due to the consolidation of Agripec, crystallizing a significant intangible (goodwill) value.

Nufarm Limited

Consolidated interim income statement

for the six months ended 31 January 2008

Note

31 Jan 2008

31 Jan 2007

in thousands of Australian dollars

Continuing operations

Revenue	989,845	580,213
Cost of sales	(705,313)	(426,782)
Gross profit	284,532	153,431

Other income	2,151	4,125
Sales, marketing and distribution expenses	(118,942)	(82,034)
General and administrative expenses	(65,059)	(43,061)
Research and development expenses	(20,712)	(17,767)
Share of net profits of associates	299	13,720
Operating result	82,269	28,414

Barter trade loss realised on option contracts - Brazil	(34,259)	-
Net non-cash revaluation profit/(loss) on proceeds from Nufarm step-up securities financing	(10,931)	2,796

Profit before net financing costs and income tax	37,079	31,210
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Financial income	2,402	3,654
Financial expenses	(42,270)	(27,335)
Net financing costs	(39,868)	(23,681)

Profit/(Loss) before tax	(2,789)	7,529
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Income tax benefit	7,373	3,948
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Profit from continuing operations	4,584	11,477
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Profit and loss of discontinued operations and gain on sale of discontinued operations (after tax)	-	4,427
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Profit for the period	4,584	15,904
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Attributable to:

Equity holders of the parent	4,553	15,874
Minority interest	31	30

Profit for the period	4,584	15,904
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Earnings per share attributable to ordinary equity holders

Basic earnings per share	(1.6)	9.3
Diluted earnings per share	(1.6)	9.3

The income statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Consolidated interim balance sheet

As at 31 January 2008

	Note	31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007	31 July 2007
<i>in thousands of Australian dollars</i>				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents		79,486	58,159	92,377
Trade and other receivables		903,953	545,270	786,997
Inventories		590,685	630,797	477,404
Current tax assets		40,469	24,279	27,348
Assets classified as held for sale	11	-	23,271	-
Total current assets		1,614,593	1,281,776	1,384,126
Non-current assets				
Receivables		32,039	17,090	15,336
Equity accounted investments	13	22,658	248,117	22,966
Other investments		274	253	271
Deferred tax assets		107,656	63,221	93,577
Property, plant and equipment		346,321	295,736	333,777
Intangible assets		626,492	315,276	586,368
Other		9,663	4,704	7,225
Total non-current assets		1,145,103	944,397	1,059,520
TOTAL ASSETS		2,759,696	2,226,173	2,443,646
Current liabilities				
Bank overdraft		21,264	42,583	12,716
Trade and other payables		624,150	444,667	817,071
Loans and borrowings	17	626,056	488,980	360,061
Employee benefits		27,271	25,998	27,515
Current tax payable		4,936	1,008	23,956
Provisions		5,959	4,947	11,983
Liabilities classified as held for sale	11	-	15,606	-
Total current liabilities		1,309,636	1,023,789	1,253,302
Non-current liabilities				
Loans and borrowings	17	380,703	186,667	92,092
Deferred tax liabilities		37,565	32,371	34,893
Employee benefits		18,010	24,394	19,555
Payables		13,686	17,989	14,653
Total non-current liabilities		449,964	261,421	161,193
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,759,600	1,285,210	1,414,495
NET ASSETS		1,000,096	940,963	1,029,151
Equity				
Issued capital		243,137	239,733	240,886
Reserves		15,585	28,361	9,192
Retained earnings	15	493,398	424,900	531,124
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		752,120	692,994	781,202
Nufarm Step-up Securities	15	246,932	246,932	246,932
Minority interest	15	1,044	1,037	1,017
TOTAL EQUITY	15	1,000,096	940,963	1,029,151

The balance sheet is to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Consolidated interim statement of cash flows

for the six months ended 31 January 2008

	Note	31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007
<i>in thousands of Australian dollars</i>			
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash receipts from customers		902,631	608,122
Cash paid to suppliers and employees		(1,087,629)	(797,152)
Cash generated from operations		(184,998)	(189,030)
Interest received		2,402	3,700
Dividends received		175	171
Interest paid		(42,270)	(27,335)
Income tax paid		(35,405)	(20,568)
Net cash used in operating activities		<u>(260,096)</u>	<u>(233,062)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from business sale		541	1,166
Payments for plant and equipment		(36,302)	(26,019)
Purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired		(212,206)	(10,472)
Payments for acquired intangibles and major product development expenditure		(19,328)	(8,458)
Net investing cash flows		<u>(267,295)</u>	<u>(43,783)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of Nufarm Step-up Securities		-	244,915
Proceeds from borrowings		559,157	250,268
Repayment of borrowings		(6,859)	-
Repayment of capital notes		-	(195,228)
Payment for interest rate cap		-	(3,755)
Distribution to NSS holders		(10,772)	-
Dividends paid	15	(36,033)	(34,251)
Net financing cash flows		<u>505,493</u>	<u>261,949</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(21,898)	(14,896)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		79,661	31,329
Exchange rate fluctuations on foreign cash balances		459	718
Movement in cash reclassified as assets held for sale		-	(1,575)
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>58,222</u>	<u>15,576</u>

The statements of cash flows are to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Consolidated interim statement of recognised income and expense

for the six months ended 31 January 2008

in thousands of Australian dollars

	Note	31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007
Items recognised directly in equity			
Foreign exchange translation differences	15	6,298	4,511
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit plans	15	971	1,380
Cash flow hedges:			
Gains/(losses) transferred to income statement	15	-	(25)
Income and expense recognised directly in equity		<u>7,269</u>	<u>5,866</u>
Profit for the period		4,584	15,904
Total recognised income and expense for the period		<u>11,853</u>	<u>21,770</u>
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the company		11,822	21,740
Minority interest		31	30
Total recognised income and expense for the period		<u>11,853</u>	<u>21,770</u>

Other movements in equity arising from transactions with owners as owners are set out in note 15.

The amounts recognised directly in equity are disclosed net of tax.

The statements of recognised income and expense are to be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial report

1 Reporting entity

Nufarm Limited (the 'company') is domiciled in Australia. The consolidated interim financial report of the company as at and for the six months ended 31 January 2008 comprises the company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the 'consolidated entity') and the consolidated entity's interest in associates and jointly controlled entities.

The consolidated annual financial report for the consolidated entity as at and for the year ended 31 July 2007 is available upon request from the company's registered office at 103-105 Pipe Road, Laverton North, Victoria, Australia or at <http://www.nufarm.com>.

2 Statement of compliance

The consolidated interim financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with AASB 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Act 2001.

The consolidated interim financial report does not include all of the information required for a full annual financial report, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated annual financial report of the consolidated entity as at and for the year ended 31 July 2007.

The consolidated interim financial report was approved by the Board of Directors on 27 March 2008.

The consolidated entity is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100 dated 10 July 1998 and in accordance with the Class Order, amounts in the financial report have been rounded off to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

3 Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies applied by the consolidated entity in this consolidated interim financial report are the same as those applied by the consolidated entity in its consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 31 July 2007.

4 Estimates

The preparation of the interim financial report requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing this consolidated interim financial report, the significant judgements made by management in applying the consolidated entity's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 31 July 2007.

5 Financial risk management

The consolidated entity uses foreign exchange contracts and interest rate caps to hedge the foreign currency and interest rate exposures between the Nufarm Step-up Securities issued in Australia and New Zealand, and the group funding to several jurisdictions to which the funds were advanced. The foreign exchange contracts cover the exposure on the principal advanced to group companies in US dollars, Euros, the British Pound and the Canadian dollar. The interest rate caps hedge the interest rate risk on the distribution to Nufarm Step-up Security holders. The distribution rate is the average mid-rate for bills with a term of six months plus a margin of 1.90%.

Other aspects of the consolidated entity's financial risk management objectives and policies are consistent with that disclosed in the consolidated financial report as at and for the year ended 31 July 2007.

Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial report

6 Segment reporting

Segment information is presented in respect of the consolidated entity's business and geographic segments. The primary format, geographic segments, is based on the consolidated entity's management and internal reporting structure.

The consolidated entity operates predominantly in one business segment, being the crop protection industry.

The business is managed on a worldwide basis, with the major geographic segments for reporting being Australasia, Europe, North America and South America. In prior years, just an Americas region has been reported. However, with the consolidation of the Agripec business, the Americas has been split between North America and South America. **The North America region includes Canada, USA, Mexico, the Central American countries and the Andean region. The South America region includes Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia.**

In presenting information on the basis of geographic segments, segment revenue is based on the geographic location of customers. Segment results include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Unallocated items comprise mainly interest-bearing loans, borrowings and expenses, and corporate assets and expenses. Inter-segment pricing is determined on an arm's length basis.

	Australasia \$000	Europe \$000	North America \$000	South America \$000	Consolidated \$000
Geographic segments					
2008					
Revenue					
Total segment revenue	365,455	183,583	189,928	250,879	989,845
Results					
Segment result before associate profit	48,664	1,240	5,793	48,413	104,110
Share of profit of associates	532	(243)	10	-	299
Segment result	49,196	997	5,803	48,413	104,409
Unallocated corporate expenses					(22,140)
Operating result					82,269
Barter trade loss realised on option contracts - Brazil					(34,259)
Net non-cash revaluation profit/(loss) on proceeds from Nufarm step-up securities financing					(10,931)
Net financing costs					(39,868)
Income tax benefit					7,373
Profit/(loss) of discontinued operations and gain on sale of discontinued operations					-
Profit for the period					4,584
2007					
Revenue					
Total segment revenue	236,993	163,034	141,026	39,160	580,213
Results					
Segment result before associate profit	22,048	4,080	(357)	2,071	27,842
Share of profit of associates	413	(400)	10	13,697	13,720
Segment result	22,461	3,680	(347)	15,768	41,562
Unallocated corporate expenses					(13,148)
Operating result					28,414
Barter trade loss realised on option contracts - Brazil					-
Net non-cash revaluation profit/(loss) on proceeds from Nufarm step-up securities financing					2,796
Net financing costs					(23,681)
Income tax benefit					3,948
Profit/(loss) of discontinued operations and gain on sale of discontinued operations					4,427
Profit for the period					15,904

Condensed notes to the consolidated interim financial report

7 Seasonality of operations

The profitability and cash flow of the business remains seasonal with a strong weighting towards the second half. This reflects the key selling period for the crop protection business, particularly in Australia, Europe, NAFTA and LAS. Please refer to the report to shareholders for further commentary on operations.

8 Other expenses

The following expenses were included in the period result:

Consolidated	
31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007
\$000	\$000
Depreciation and amortisation	(23,010) (20,816)

9 Items of material income and expense

The following material items were included in the period result:

Consolidated	
31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007
\$000	\$000
Gain on sale of land and buildings	502 4,321
Restructuring costs	- (885)
Barter trade loss realised on option contracts - Brazil	(34,259) -
Net non-cash revaluation profit/(loss) on proceeds from Nufarm step-up securities financing	(10,931) 2,796
Due diligence costs	(1,500) -
Material items profit/(loss) before tax	(46,188) 6,232
Tax (expense)/benefit thereon	15,377 (2,319)
Material items profit/(loss) after tax	(30,811) 3,913

10 Discontinued operations

There are no discontinued operations in the current period.

In the prior period ending 31 January 2007, the chlor-alkali business was classified as assets held for sale and a discontinued business. The chlor-alkali business was sold effective 31 July 2007.

During the six months ended 31 January 2007, the chlor-alkali business had net cash inflows from operating activities of \$2,571,994, net cash outflows from investing activities of \$164,696 and net cash inflows from financing activities of \$152,341.

Consolidated	
31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007
\$000	\$000
Results of discontinued operations	
Revenue	- 15,286
Cost of sales	- (4,192)
Gross profit	- 11,094
Sales, marketing and distribution expenses	- (4,812)
Profit before financing costs	- 6,282
Financial income	- 46
Net financing costs	- 46
Profit before tax from operating activities	- 6,328
Income tax expense	- (1,901)
Profit after tax but before gain on sale of discontinued operation	- 4,427
Gain on sale of discontinued operation	- -
Income tax benefit/(expense) on gain on sale of discontinued operation	- -
Profit for the period	- 4,427

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11 Assets held for sale

There are no assets held for sale in the current period.

Included in the assets held for sale at 31 January 2007 is the chlor-alkali business.

	Consolidated	
	31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007
	\$000	\$000
Assets classified as held for sale		
Cash and cash equivalents	-	1,575
Trade and other receivables	-	3,667
Inventories	-	455
Property, plant and equipment	-	13,709
Deferred tax asset	-	3,865
	<u>-</u>	<u>23,271</u>
Liabilities classified as held for sale		
Trade and other payables	-	(8,038)
Employee entitlements	-	(826)
Provision for tax	-	(6,301)
Deferred tax liability	-	(441)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(15,606)</u>

12 Acquisition of subsidiaries

There were no subsidiaries acquired in the six months ending 31 January 2008.

In the prior year, the shares in Agrosol Srl, a crop protection business based in Ravenna, north eastern Italy, were acquired.

Acquisitions in the six months to 31 January 2007

Acquiree's net assets at acquisition date	Recognised values \$000	Fair value adjustments \$000	Carrying amounts \$000
Cash and cash equivalents	284	-	284
Receivables	11,753	-	11,753
Inventory	2,268	816	3,084
Property, plant and equipment	33	-	33
Intangibles	39	(29)	10
Other assets	1	-	1
Trade and other payables	(8,166)	-	(8,166)
Employee benefits	(120)	-	(120)
Interest bearing loans and borrowings	(2,588)	-	(2,588)
Other liabilities	(66)	(326)	(392)
Net identifiable assets and liabilities	<u>3,438</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>3,899</u>
Intangibles acquired on acquisition	3,223	-	3,223
Goodwill on acquisition	<u>3,634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,634</u>
Consideration paid, satisfied in cash	10,295	461	10,756
Cash acquired	<u>(284)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(284)</u>
Net cash outflow	<u>10,011</u>	<u>461</u>	<u>10,472</u>

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13 Equity investments

The consolidated entity has the following investments in associates:

	Country	Ownership and voting interest		Share of after tax profit	
		31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007	31 Jan 2008 \$000	31 Jan 2007 \$000
Agripec Quimica e Farmaceutica SA	Brazil	100.0%	49.9%	-	13,697
Bayer CropScience Nufarm Limited	UK	25%	25%	(987)	(603)
Excel Crop Care Ltd	India	14.69%	14.69%	464	427
Eastern Europe joint ventures				744	-
Other				78	199
Share of after tax profits of associates				<u>299</u>	<u>13,720</u>

Nufarm acquired the remaining 50.1% of Agripec effective 1 June 2007. The Agripec results were consolidated in the six months to 31 January 2008, but equity accounted in the comparative period in 2007. The eastern European joint ventures are 50/50 ventures owned with FMC Corporation and exist in Poland, Slovakia and Czechoslovakia.

14 Property, plant and equipment**Acquisition and disposals**

During the six months ended 31 January 2008, the consolidated entity acquired assets with a cost of \$36,301,571 (six months ended 31 January 2007: \$26,051,853). There were no assets acquired through business combinations in the six months to 31 January 2008 (six months ended 31 January 2007 \$33,000). Assets with a book value of \$6,851,210 were disposed of during the six months ended 31 January 2008 (six months ended 31 January 2007: \$1,362,064). There were no assets disposed of through the sale of discontinued operations in the six month period to 31 January 2008 nor in the comparative period for 2007.

Capital commitments

During the six months ended 31 January 2008, the consolidated entity entered into contracts to purchase property, plant and equipment for \$20,272,222 (six months ended 31 January 2007: \$15,995,913).

15 Capital and reserves**Dividends**

The following dividend was paid by the consolidated entity during the six months ended 31 January 2008 and represents the final 2007 dividend.

31 Jan 2008	31 Jan 2007
\$000	\$000

In the six months ended 31 January 2008

\$0.21 per ordinary share (2007: \$0.20)

<u>36,033</u>	<u>34,251</u>
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Distributions on the Nufarm Step-up Securities

The following distributions were paid by Nufarm Finance (NZ) Ltd.

In the six months ended 31 January 2008

Nufarm Step-up Securities distribution rate 8.56%

<u>10,772</u>	<u>-</u>
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The distribution on the Nufarm Step-up Securities reported on the equity movement schedule has been reduced by the tax benefit on the distribution, giving an after-tax amount of \$7.217 million.

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15 Capital and reserves (continued)**Earnings per share**

Net profit for the six months 31 January 2008	4,584	15,904
Net profit attributable to minority interest	(30)	(30)
Net profit attributable to equity holders of the parent	4,554	15,874
Nufarm Step-up Securities distribution (net of tax)	(7,217)	-
Earnings used in the calculations of basic and diluted earnings per share	(2,663)	15,874
Earnings from continuing operations	(2,663)	11,447
Earnings from discontinuing operations	-	4,427
	(2,663)	15,874
Add/subtract material items profit/(loss) (refer note 9)	(30,811)	2,040
Earnings excluding material items used in the calculation of operating earnings per share	28,148	13,834

Number of shares

Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculation of basic earnings per share	171,595,454	171,494,942
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculation of diluted earnings per share	171,595,454	171,494,942

Earnings per share for continuing and discontinued operations**Cents per share****Basic earnings per share**

From continuing operations	(1.6)	6.7
From discontinuing operations	-	2.6
	(1.6)	9.3

Diluted earnings per share

From continuing operations	(1.6)	6.7
From discontinuing operations	-	2.6
	(1.6)	9.3

Earnings per share (excluding material items of profit/loss - see note 9)

Basic earnings per share	16.4	8.1
Diluted earnings per share	16.4	8.1

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15 Capital and reserves (continued)

Reconciliation of movements in capital and reserves

Consolidated	Share Capital \$000	Translation Reserve \$000	Capital Profit Reserve \$000	Hedging Reserve \$000	Retained Earnings \$000	Minority Interest \$000	Nufarm Step-up Securities \$000	Total Equity \$000
Balance at 1 August 2006	240,760	(9,716)	33,627	(20)	441,880	1,008	-	707,539
Foreign exchange translation differences	-	4,512	-	-	-	(1)	-	4,511
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit plans	-	-	-	-	1,380	-	-	1,380
Cash flow hedges - gains transferred to Income statement	-	-	-	(25)	-	-	-	(25)
Share issued to employees	193	-	-	-	-	-	-	193
Shares purchased for employee global share plan	(1,332)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,332)
Shares issued as consideration for business acquisition	99	-	-	-	-	-	-	99
Tax benefit on share issue costs	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Transfer to/from reserves	-	(17)	-	-	17	-	-	-
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	15,874	30	-	15,904
Dividends paid to shareholders	-	-	-	-	(34,251)	-	-	(34,251)
Proceeds from Nufarm Step-up Securities issue, net of costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	246,932	246,932
Balance at 31 January 2007	<u>239,733</u>	<u>(5,221)</u>	<u>33,627</u>	<u>(45)</u>	<u>424,900</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>246,932</u>	<u>940,963</u>
Balance at 1 August 2007	240,795	(24,344)	33,627	-	531,124	1,017	246,932	1,029,151
Foreign exchange translation differences	-	6,302	-	-	-	(4)	-	6,298
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit plans	-	-	-	-	971	-	-	971
Share issued to employees	1,805	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,805
Shares purchased for employee global share plan	523	-	-	-	-	-	-	523
Tax benefit on share issue costs	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	4,553	31	-	4,584
Dividends paid to shareholders	-	-	-	-	(36,033)	-	-	(36,033)
Distributions to Nufarm Step-up Security holders	-	-	-	-	(7,217)	-	-	(7,217)
Balance at 31 January 2008	<u>243,137</u>	<u>(18,042)</u>	<u>33,627</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>493,398</u>	<u>1,044</u>	<u>246,932</u>	<u>1,000,096</u>

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Notes to the financial statements continued

16 Contingent liabilities

Contingent liabilities total \$23.1 million at 31 January 2008 compared to \$23.8 million at July 2007.

17 Financing facilities

The group has financing facilities of approximately \$988 million due for renewal in the 2008 financial year. At 31 January, all facilities due for renewal have been renewed. A further \$183 million is due for renewal in July 2008.

18 Subsequent events

On 5 March, Nufarm Limited announced that it had acquired AH Marks Holdings Limited, a privately-owned manufacturer and supplier of crop protection and industrial chemicals based in Wyke, England and has reached agreement to acquire the business of Etigra LLC, a privately-owned supplier of crop protection products specialising in the US turf and specialty markets based in North Carolina, USA.

Total purchase price for the two acquisitions is \$236 million, consisting of cash consideration of \$175 million, together with \$61 million in assumed AH Marks debt. On 6 March, Nufarm completed an institutional placement of shares to raise \$200 million to fund the cash component of the purchase price. Up to a further \$25 million may be raised from existing shareholders through a Share Purchase Plan offer.

On 27 March 2008, the directors declared an interim dividend of 12 cents per share, fully franked, payable 2 May 2008, with the record date for entitlement being 11 April 2008. Interim dividend for 2007 was 11 cents per share fully franked.

Directors' declaration

- 1 In the opinion of the directors of Nufarm Limited (the company):
 - (a) the financial statements and notes set out in this report are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the consolidated entity as at 31 January 2008 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows for the half-year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



KM Hoggard
Director



DJ Rathbone
Director

Melbourne
27 March 2008

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Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To: the directors of Nufarm Limited

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the review for the half-year ended 31 January 2008 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the review; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the review.

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Paul J McDonald
Paul J McDonald
Partner

Melbourne

27 March 2008



Independent auditor's review report to the members of Nufarm Limited

We have reviewed the accompanying interim financial report of Nufarm Limited, which comprises the consolidated interim balance sheet as at 31 January 2008, income statement, statement of recognised income and expense and cash flow statement for the half-year ended on that date, a statement of accounting policies and other explanatory notes 1 to 18 and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year's end or from time to time during the half-year.

Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Act 2001*. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the interim financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of an Interim Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 January 2008 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As auditor of Nufarm Limited, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a interim financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

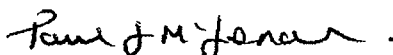
Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the interim financial report of Nufarm Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 January 2008 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and

(b) complying with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

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Paul J McDonald

Melbourne

27 March 2008