

**A.G.BARR p.l.c.****Pre Close trading update  
and  
Acquisition of Taut International Ltd****Pre Close trading update**

A.G.BARR p.l.c., the soft drinks group whose brands include Irn-Bru, Strathmore, Tizer and Orangina, is pleased to announce that trading has continued in line with our plans and that, accordingly, results for the financial year ending 26<sup>th</sup> January 2008 are anticipated to be in line with expectations.

Trading across the summer months was impacted by the comparatively poor weather however the soft drinks market has performed better in the final quarter of 2007 with Nielsen reporting total soft drinks value increasing by 4% in the thirteen weeks to 29<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

A.G.Barr has continued to improve the underlying quality of the business in the past year, specifically:

- Successful installation and commissioning of the £6.5m can line at our Cumbernauld site.
- Closure of our Atherton factory site.
- IRN-BRU sponsorship of the Scottish Football Leagues.
- Launch of Rockstar energy drink into the UK.
- Acquisition of Vitsmart and Vitaminsmart water brands.
- Acquisition of Taut (see below).

It is anticipated that the Preliminary Results will be announced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.

**Acquisition of Taut International Ltd**

Today A.G.BARR p.l.c. also announces the acquisition of Taut International Ltd, including the Taut (UK) Ltd business responsible for the Taut sports drinks range, for a nominal consideration of £1. A.G.BARR p.l.c. will acquire the ongoing business of Taut International and Taut (UK) on a debt free basis and expects to complete the transaction before the end of January 2008.

The unaudited consolidated accounts for Taut (UK) Ltd and Taut International Ltd for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 show a loss for the year of £1.3m and gross assets of approximately £1m.

The Taut UK business sells and markets in the UK the Taut range of sports drinks which were launched in 2003. Taut has a range of sports drinks in 500ml PET bottles and a drink sachet product which are distributed both in major retail outlets and sports/health clubs across the UK. Retail sales in 2007 were approximately £1m.

It is anticipated that the Taut acquisition will not have a material impact on A.G.BARR p.l.c. financial performance in 2008/09.

Roger White, Chief Executive, commented:

*“Our business performance has continued to improve despite the difficulties of the poor summer weather. We have delivered our core operating plan which sees strong underlying profit improvement and are also continuing to broaden our portfolio of brands capable of sustainable future growth.”*

*We are excited about the Taut acquisition and the opportunities it presents in the fast growing sports drinks category. We anticipate a rapid integration of the Taut business and consequential significant improvement in the operating performance of this business.”*

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