

**A.G.BARR p.l.c.**

**Interim Management Statement**

A.G.BARR p.l.c., the soft drinks group, today announces its Interim Management Statement covering trading for the period 26 July to 25 October 2008.

Revenue for the period increased by 15.5% compared to the same period last year. Like for like sales, taking out the effect of the Rubicon acquisition, increased by 7%.

Total revenue for the financial year to 25 October 2008 increased by 8.9% with like for like sales, adjusting for Rubicon, up by 6.2%.

This strong revenue growth reflects the combination of continued investment in brand development and further improvements in our sales execution.

Operating margins continue to be in line with expectations, despite input costs remaining volatile in the period.

Our balance sheet remains strong with the improvement in net assets following the acquisition of the Rubicon business which was completed at the end of August with final completion accounts agreed at the end of September.

The company has continued to generate strong operational cashflows. This together with careful management of both cash and working capital, has improved our current net debt position versus expectation. It is now anticipated that we will end the current financial year with a better than projected net debt position.

Outlook

Trading remains in line with our expectations. The current macro economic climate may have an impact on consumer behaviour during the key festive trading period; however, we believe our core business is solid and we have a strong Christmas executional campaign planned.

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Note: The company entered into two debt facilities with the Royal Bank of Scotland in August 2008. A five year £40 million term loan maturing July 2013 and a three year revolving credit facility of £30 million expiring July 2011.

Interest coverage and leverage are comfortably within the required levels.