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Real Good Food plc ("the Group" or "Real Good Food") Interim results for the six months ending 30 September 2017 Further funding agreed by the major shareholders and Board role changes

Real Good Food plc (AIM: RGD) today announces interim results for the six months ending 30 September 2017.

Financial Highlights

- Revenue up 30% on previous year to £63.6m (2016: £49.0m)
 o Revenue up 13.2% excluding Brighter Foods acquired in April 2017.
 EBITDA loss prior to significant items for the period (£1.4m) (2016: +£1.2m)
 Operating loss of £(6.0m) (2016: £(0.6m))
 Total loss before tax of £(6.7m) (2016: £(0.9m))
 Loss per share of 9.56p (2016: loss per share of 1.34p)
 Cash outflow from operations of £6.0m (2016: outflow of £3.3m)
 Net debt at 30 September 2017 stood at £35.8m (30 September 2016: £14.3m)

Operational Highlights

- Major investment programmes at Renshaw and Haydens implemented following new debt and equity financing arrangements Several Board changes implemented in August 2017 Review of corporate governance underway

Post period event - further funding

As part of a re-forecasting exercise the Board has identified that further substantial additional funding will be required over the coming twelve months for working capital and investment purposes in order to implement the Group's business plan as it continues to grow. The Board is currently exploring its options as to how this additional funding will be financed, which include, inter alia, the issuance of new equity

The Group's three major shareholders, NB Ingredients Ltd, Omnicane International Investors Ltd, and certain funds managed by Downing LLP have continued to express and demonstrate their support for the Group. They have executed a term sheet, to that end, to provide an initial tranche of additional funds to support the Company's working capital requirements, in the form of loan notes of £3.0m in aggregate (the "Loan Notes"), with Omnicane and NB Ingredients Ltd each providing £1.285m and certain funds of Downing LLP providing £0.430m. The provision of these funds is designed to relieve pressure on cash availability over the coming months whilst longer term funding arrangements are put in place, and helps support the Board's preparation of the Group's interim results on a going concern basis. Completion of the Loan Notes is subject to documentation and execution of an intercreditor agreement with the Group's lending bankers, expected in early January 2018.

The Loan Notes, which are intended to be refinanced by the issuance of new convertible loan notes or on the future capital restructuring of the Company, currently anticipated to be in the form of an equity raise comprise £3.0m in aggregate at an interest rate of 10% payable quarterly in arrears. Further details of the terms and associated undertakings are disclosed in the section on Banking agreements and debt position.

The Board considered alternative forms of funding and reviewed the other options that may be available from other debt providers; it concluded however that these would take too long to arrange for the Company's short-term requirements and that the Loan Notes provide the most appropriate and flexible option to meet the Company's short-term cash requirements.

Christopher Thomas, Harveen Rai and Hugh Cawley, the Independent Directors of the Company, having consulted with the Company's Nominated Adviser, finnCap Ltd, consider the terms of the Loan Notes to be fair and reasonable insofar as the Company's shareholders are concerned.

Board role changes

Christopher Thomas, Executive Director, will step down from 1 January 2018 and assume the role of Non-Executive Deputy Chairman. Hugh Cawley, currently Non-Executive Director will assume the role of Executive Director from 1 January 2018.

Pat Ridgwell, Interim Chairman commented:

"This has been an extremely difficult period for the Company. The acquisition of Brighter Foods and investments in new capacity and greater efficiency at both Renshaw and Haydens were pursued in advance of suitable financing arrangements being completed leading to cash shortages and delays in the implementation of these projects. Serious failings in corporate governance under the previous regime also became apparent as announced in September 2017, have required significant resources and costs to rectify and resulted in a number of key Board changes in order to strengthen the efficacy of the Board and improve the Company's internal processes.

Although we saw a strong sales performance across all divisions, profits were significantly below last year as a result of increased costs associated principally with the delays in the major investment projects, but also the need to react swiftly and professionally to provide the Group with an adequate corporate governance structure. A series of new lending arrangements to secure the business, including the Loan Notes agreed today, have been put in place by the Group's three major shareholders, who have again stated and demonstrated their full, continuing support for the

I would like to thank Chris Thomas for his work over the past six months; Chris has been appointed to the role of Non- Executive Deputy Chairman from 1 January 2018 and I am pleased to announce that Hugh Cawley has agreed to take on the Executive role from that date.

Commenting on outlook and current trading he added:

"The critical Christmas trading period has been largely satisfactory, although we continue to anticipate, as announced on 23 October, that EBITDA for FY2018 will be materially below our previous expectation at that time. We expect EBITDA for FY2018 as a whole to be in the region of break-even, with a consequential overall loss before tax for the period. We have implemented a number of overhead and other cost savings initiatives and are developing plans to ensure that revenue growth starts to translate into increased profits and shareholder value. We have sound businesses in the Group with good management teams and we anticipate the recent investments starting to deliver in FY 2019."

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The information communicated within this announcement is deemed to constitute inside information as stipulated under the Market Abuse Regulations (EU) No. 596/2014. Upon the publication of this announcement, this inside information is now considered to be in the public domain.

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About Real Good Food

Real Good Food plc is a diversified food business serving a number of market sectors including retail, manufacturing, wholesale, foodservice and export. The Group focuses on three main markets: Cake Decoration (Renshaw and Rainbow Dust Colours), Food Ingredients (Garrett Ingredients, R&W Scott and Brighter Foods) and Premium Bakery (Haydens and Chantilly Patisserie). The Company makes the majority of its profits in the second half of the year which includes the important Q3 trading period for Cake Decoration and Premium Bakery in particular in the run up to Christmas.

REAL GOOD FOOD PLC

INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Overview

This has been an extremely difficult period for the Company. The acquisition of Brighter Foods and investments in new capacity and greater efficiency at both Renshaw and Haydens were pursued in advance of suitable financing arrangements having been completed leading to cash shortages and delays in the implementation of these projects. Serious past failings in corporate governance also became apparent and have required significant resources and costs to rectify.

A strong sales performance across all divisions did not translate into profits. EBITDA prior to significant items, at a loss of £1.4m, was significantly behind prior year by £2.6m as a result of margin mix, increased costs associated principally with the delays in the major investment projects, but also the need to react swiftly and professionally to the corporate governance failings. Administrative expenses increased by £2.6m and significant items increased by £2.3m over the previous year. A breakdown of significant items is detailed later in this announcement.

Divisional Business Reviews

Cake Decoration

Renshaw and Rainbow Dust Colours manufacture and sell cake decoration products and ingredients for the baking sector across the UK and abroad. Renshaw Europe and Renshaw Americas sell these products in their respective territories.

 £'000s
 Six months ending
 30 September 2017
 30 September 2016

 Revenue
 22,460
 21,039

EBITDA prior to significant items 1,317 3,145

Total sales were up 6.8% on the previous year with growth in both America and Europe. EBITDA fell by £(1.8m) due to adverse gross margin. Several factors contributed to the dilution in margin mix including under recovery on unfavourable commodity price increases, currency impact and a one-off gain for a claim settlement.

Delays to the implementation of new investments in an automated icing disc line and frostings capacity caused both cost overruns and constraints on sales. The new lines, both of which target sales of the growing number of 'novice' consumers, are due to be fully commissioned during Q4 and the benefits should be seen from the next fiscal year. A major relaunch of the Rainbow Dust brand is also planned at the start of FY 2019.

Food Ingredients

Garrett Ingredients supplies a range of food ingredients including bagged sugars and dairy ingredients to food manufacturers. R&W Scott manufactures and supplies chocolate coatings, jams, fruit fillings and sauces to food manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. Brighter Foods manufactures snack bars, both branded and own label, targeted at the growing health and 'healthy lifestyle' markets.

£'000s Six months ending 30 September 2017 30 September 2016

Revenue 24,020 12,347
EBITDA prior to significant items 991 (477)

Garrett Ingredients saw both volumes and revenues grow as dairy prices increased. R&W Scott's sales were in line with the previous year though the business suffered a number of operational difficulties which led to lower gross margins. However, it gained a major private label jam contract late in the period and has now implemented a new management structure to streamline its operation. The acquisition of Brighter Foods has contributed significantly to favourable YOY revenue & EBITDA performance for the division and continues to benefit from growth in health markets.

Premium Bakery

Haydens and Chantilly Patisserie manufacture, sell and distribute added value bakery and dessert products to UK retailers and foodservice customers

£'000s Six months ending 30 September 2017 30 September 2016

17.160 Revenue 15.568

EBITDA prior to significant items (219)

Sales revenue grew by 10% on the previous year, however EBITDA in the period suffered as a consequence of adverse operational costas the business adapted to the new product mix and the site underwent significant reconfiguration. The dramatic increase in the price of butter has again reduced gross margins with delays in price recovery. The new, automated Yum Yum line came into operation in September and full commissioning is expected to be completed during Q4 of the current financial year.

The business is increasingly focusing on three main product categories: tarts, Danish and croissants, and Yum Yums. The business gained two major new retail customers from the third quarter so the year on year sales trend is anticipated to continue to be strongly positive. Meanwhile the focus will be on operational costs following the completion of what has been a transformational site investment plan.

Head Office and Consolidation

The Group functions of Finance, Human Resources, Information Services, Technical, Marketing and the Innovation Centre provide support to all the businesses on specific strategic projects as well as promoting best practice.

30 September 2017 30 September 2016

EBITDA prior to significant items (3.479)(2,054)

Underlying Head Office costs for the period remained broadly in line with the prior year at £3.5m. The prior year costs were adjusted to take account of anticipated capitalised development costs which were subsequently removed in the second half of the year.

Banking agreements and debt position

Lloyds Banking Group ("LBG") has confirmed its intention to agree the resetting of the financial covenants on the Group's term debt by 28 February 2018, subject to LBG being satisfied of the Group's funding position. LBG has also agreed the deferral of the Groups financial covenant tests due to be completed as at 31 December 2017.

Net Debt at 30 September 2017 was £35.8m (2016: £14.3m) made up principally from loans from shareholders of £16.1m, asset financing of £7.0m, revolving credit facilities of £11m and a term loan of £2.25m offset by unrestricted cash balances of £0.8m.

The Group's financial instruments as at 30 September 2017 comprised cash, a term loan, hire purchase and finance leases, a revolving credit facility and an overdraft.

- The Group has an invoice finance facility of £20m
- · A Term loan of which £2.25m remains outstanding as at 30 September 2017; this is repayable in quarterly instalments of £250k per quarter
- Facilities secured against specific items of plant and machinery with Lloyds and ABN Amro Lease nv bank totalling £10.2m
- An overdraft facility of up to £2.0m with two major shareholders (Napier Brown Holdings and Omnicane Limited) each putting £1.0m into an account as security

In addition, as previously noted, the Group's three major shareholders, NB Ingredients Ltd, Omnicane International Investors Ltd, and certain funds managed by Downing LLP have today agreed to provide additional Loan Notes of £3.0m in aggregate, with Omnicane and NB Ingredients Ltd each providing £1.285m and certain funds of Downing LLP providing £0.430m. The provision of these funds is designed to relieve pressure on cash availability over the coming months whilst longer term funding arrangements are put in place, and helps support the Board's preparation of the Group's interim results on a going concern basis. Shareholders' attention is drawn to note 2 to the financial statements in this regard.

The terms and conditions of the Loan Notes are as follows:

Principal: £3.0m in aggregate

Interest: 10% per annum, payable quarterly in arrears

Redemption: Redemption of the Loan Notes will be 30 September 2019 or earlier upon the occurrence of certain events of default.

Transferability The Loan Notes shall be transferable.

Undertakings: The Company undertakes to use all reasonable endeavours to refinance the Loan Notes with new equity or convertible loan notes on such terms as to be agreed at the date of redemption and to obtain grant of a waiver from The Panel on Takeovers and Mergers from any obligation that might arise under Rule 9 of the City Code from the raising of new equity or the conversion of the new convertible loan notes by the Subscribers ("Whitewash").

> In the event that the Loan Notes are not refinanced with new equity or convertible loan notes as a result of the Whitewash not being received, the Company will be responsible for the costs associated with the Whitewash procedure and the Subscribers shall be entitled to payment of a penalty rate of interest, in cash, equivalent to 20% of the principal and interest due.

> The Company undertakes to use all reasonable endeavours to obtain such authorisations as may be necessary from shareholders in due course to facilitate the refinance of the Loan Notes via new equity or convertible loan notes

> The Company undertakes to use all reasonable endeavours to agree with the Subscribers a future capital restructuring (the "Capital Restructuring"). The Capital Restructuring will be in a form such that the Directors will be in a position to make a working capital statement in form set out in Schedule Two (c) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

Financial Review

Group revenue for the 6 months ending 30 September 2017 was £63.6 million (2016: £49.0 million) which is an increase of 30% on the revenue to 30 September 2016. This is as a result of the growth in the Food Ingredients business of £11.7m, Premium Bakery £1.6m and Cake Decorations £1.4m. The increase of revenue in Food Ingredients includes a six month effect of acquisition of Brighter Foods which amounted to £8.2m in the six months.

Gross profit on the continuing business for the overall group was £12.4m (2016: £13m). At 19.5% of revenue, gross margin was lower than the 26.7% reported in the six months to September 2016. Gross Margin for the six months to September 2017 is however broadly in line with prior financial year ending March 2017 which was reported at 19.8%. This reduction in margin compared to the prior year period reflects higher than anticipated commodity ingredient costs and currency volatility, compounded in some cases by a later than expected price recovery from customers following the increase in raw materials.

Total Group Administrative Expenses increased by £2.6m to £12.8m (2016: £10.2m) and significant costs increased by £2.3m to £3.0m (2016: £0.7m), of which £1.7m relates to impairment of goodwill in the Food Ingredients division. The Board recognised the previously poor financial control of costs and corporate governance which led to a number of corrective actions being taken resulting in additional significant costs of £0.6m while acquisitions costs amounted to £0.4m in the period.

The Operating loss for the six months to 30 September 2017 was f(6.0m) which is f(5.3m) adverse to the prior year loss (2016: Loss f(0.6m)).

Given the factors described above, the significant capital investments made totalling £11.2m in the period and the Brighter Foods acquisition, insufficient cash was generated and further borrowings were secured. Net Debt at 30 September 2017 was £35.8m (2016: £14.3m) made up principally from loans from shareholders of £16.1m, asset financing of £7.0m, revolving credit facilities of £11m and a term loan of £2.25m offset by

unrestricted cash balances of £0.8m.

Dividend

No dividend is proposed for the six months ended 30 September 2017 (2016: 0.04 pence per share paid in January 2017).

Pension Scheme

In common with most UK pension schemes the continuing reduction in Government and corporate bond rates has had an effect on the NBF Pension deficit. However, in the 6 months to September 2017 the deficit in the scheme reduced by £196k compared to March 2017 mainly due to higher than expected returns on the assets and contributions made into the scheme.

Board Changes

Christopher Thomas, Executive Director, will step down from 1 January 2018 and assume the role of Non-Executive Deputy Chairman. Hugh Cawley, currently Non-Executive Director, will assume the role of Executive Director from 1 January 2018.

Outlook and Current Trading

Prospects for the second half of the year are much improved and we are setting about stabilising the company's debt position. The critical Christmas trading period has been satisfactory though we continue to anticipate, as we announced on 23 October, that EBITDA for FY 2018 will be materially below previous expectations at that time. We anticipate that this year will see EBITDA close to break-even for the period, with a consequential loss before tax. We have implemented a number of overhead savings initiatives and are developing plans designed to ensure that strong revenue growth is translated into increased profits and shareholder value. We have sound businesses, with good management teams and we see the recent investments starting to deliver in FY 2019.

Pat Ridgwell

Interim Chairman

REAL GOOD FOOD PLC INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT TO REAL GOOD FOOD PLC FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Introduction

We have been engaged by the company to review the condensed set of financial statements in the six monthly interim financial report for the six months ended 30 September 2017, which comprises the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of financial position, consolidated statement of changes in equity, consolidated statement of cashflows and the related notes. We have read the other information contained in the six monthly interim financial report and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the information in the condensed set of financial statements.

This report is made solely to the company, as a body, in accordance with our instructions. Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to them in a review report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have formed.

· Directors' Responsibilities

The six monthly interim financial report is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors.

As disclosed in note 2, the annual financial statements of the group are prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union. The condensed set of financial statements included in this six monthly financial report has been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, "Interim Financial Reporting," as adopted by the European Union.

Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express to the company a conclusion on the condensed set of financial statements in the six monthly interim financial report based on our review.

· Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410, Review of Interim Financial Information performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. A review of interim financial information 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 International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed set of financial statements in the six monthly interim financial report for the six months ended 30 September 2017 is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 as adopted by the European Union.

· Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 2 which set out conditions related to going concern.

These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty and may cast doubt on the Group and Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter. The financial statements do not include adjustments that would result if the Group and Company were unable to continue as a going concern.

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP Chartered Accountants Riverside House 40-46 High Street Maidstone Kent

REAL GOOD FOOD PLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 (UNAUDITED)

CONTINUING OPERATIONS	Notes	30 Sept 2017 £'000	30 Sept 2016 £'000
REVENUE		63,639	48,954
Cost of sales	_	(51,253)	(35,878)
GROSS PROFIT		12,386	13,076
Distribution costs		(2,596)	(2,796)
Administration expenses		(12,798)	(10,234)
Significant items	9 _	(2,985)	(694)
OPERATING LOSS		(5,993)	(648)
Finance costs		(583)	(193)
Other finance costs	_	(82)	(108)
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		(6,658)	(949)
Taxation	_	(231)	7
LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO:			
Owners of the Company		(7,065)	(942)
Non-Controlling Interest	_	176	
	_	(6,889)	(942)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME			
Foreign exchange differences on translation		27	-
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit plans		112	(3,307)
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income	_	(21)	628
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)/INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:		118	(2,679)
Owners of the Company		(6,947)	(3,621)
Non-Controlling Interest		176	
	_	(6,771)	(3,621)
EARNINGS PER SHARE Basic Diluted	4 4	(9.56)p (9.56)p	(1.34)p (1.34)p

REAL GOOD FOOD PLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 (UNAUDITED)

ASSETS NON CURRENT ASSETS	Notes	30 Sept 2017 £'000	30 Mar 2017 £'000	30 Sept 2016 £'000
Goodwill	12	75,564	69,416	71,005
Other Intangible Assets		1,133	1,155	1,088
Investments		82	-	-
Property, plant and equipment		35,557	23,932	20,886
Deferred tax asset		1,471	1,435	2,324
		113,807	95,938	95,303
CURRENT ASSETS				
Inventory		16,620	13,323	14,749
Trade and other receivables		19,890	16,016	17,377
Current tax assets		-	233	-

Cash held as Security	10	2,000	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents		1,423	464	1,460
		39,933	30,036	33,586
TOTAL ASSETS		153,740	125,974	128,889
LIABILITIES CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Bank Overdraft		669	619	196
Trade and other payables		21,054	15,243	12,301
Borrowings	10	13,999	11,375	14,015
Financial Instrument		-	146	-
Current tax liabilities		28		128
		35,750	27,383	26,640
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Borrowings	10	22,587	4,701	36
Deferred tax		1,736	1,278	2,055
Contingent Consideration Retirement benefit	11	4,520	-	-
obligations	7	5,698	5,894	9,346
		34,541	11,873	11,437
NET ASSETS		83,449	86,718	90,812
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Issued share capital		1,568	1,411	1,402
Share premium account		2,721	122	103
Share option reserve		415	415	607
Foreign exchange		(21)	(48)	-
Retained earnings		77,844	84,818	88,700
Equity Attributable to Owners of the Company		82,527	86,718	90,812
Non controlling interest		922		
TOTAL EQUITY		83,449	86,718	90,812

REAL GOOD FOOD PLC STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 (UNAUDITED)

	ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNERS OF REAL GOOD FOOD PLC							
	Issued Share Capital £'000s	Share Premium Account £'000s	Share Option Reserve £'000s	Foreign Exchange £'000s	Retained Earnings £'000s	Total £'000s	Non Controlling Interest £'000s	Total Equity £'000s
Balance at 1 April 2016	1,402	71,375	592	_	21,049	94,418	_	94,418
Loss for the period Other comprehensive	-	-	-	-	(942)	(942)	-	(942)
loss for the period Total comprehensive	<u>-</u>	-	-	-	(2,679)	(2,679)		(2,679)
loss for the period	_	-	-	-	(3,621)	(3,621)	-	(3,621)
Shares issued in period Shares to be	-	-	=	-	-	-	-	-
issued (net of deferred tax) Capital	-	-	15	-	-	15	-	15
Reduction Transfer Balances as at		(71,272)	-	-	71,272			
30 September 2016	1,402	103	607	-	88,700	90,812		90,812

	ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE OWNERS OF REAL GOOD FOOD PLC							
	Issued Share Capital £'000s	Share Premium Account £'000s	Share Option Reserve £'000s	Foreign Exchange £'000s	Retained Earnings £'000s	Total £'000s	Non Controlling Interest £'000s	Total Equity £'000s
Balance at 1 April 2017 Loss for the	1,411	122	415	(48)	84,818	86,718	-	86,718
period Other comprehensive	-	-	-	-	(7,065)	(7,065)	176	(6,889)
income for the period		-	-	27	91	118		118
comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	27	(6,974)	(6,947)	176	(6,771)
Shares issued in the period Acquisition of non controlling	157	2,599	-	-	-	2,756	-	2,756
interest Balances as at	-	-	-	-	-	<u>-</u>	746	746
30 September 2017	1,568	2,721	415	(21)	77,844	82,527	922	83,449

REAL GOOD FOOD PLC STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2017 (UNAUDITED)

CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	6 months to 30 Sept 2017 £'000	6 months to 30 Sept 2016 £'000
Profit/(loss) before taxation Adjusted for:	(6,658)	(949)
Finance costs	583	193
Other finance cost	82	108
Depreciation of property, plant & equipment	1,502	1,031
Amortisation of intangibles	117	108
Impairment charge	1,724	-
Unrealised currency translation (gains)/losses	27	-
Operating Cash Flow	(2,623)	491
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(2,248)	(2,389)
(Increase)/decrease in receivables	(2,747)	(439)
Pension contributions	(366)	(150)
(Decrease)/increase in payables	1,936	(826)
Cash outflow from operations	(6,048)	(3,313)
Income tax received/(paid)	(100)	-
Interest paid	(583)	(193)
Net cash used in operating activities	(6,731)	(3,506)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of intangible assets	(93)	(362)
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(11,227)	(3,851)
Net cash outflow on acquisition of subsidiaries	(1,782)	
Net cash used in investing activities CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(13,102)	(4,213)
Shares issued	2,756	-
Repayment of loans	(627)	-
Proceeds from borrowings	20,870	-
Repayment of borrowings	(3,658)	-
Net movements on revolving credit facilities	1,585	6,962
Increase in obligations under finance leases	1,816	24
Net cash used in financing activities	22,742	6,986
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH		

EQUIVALENTS	2,909	(733)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	(155)	1,997
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	2,909	(733)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	2,754	1,264
Cash and cash equivalents comprise:		
Cash And Cash Equivalents	1,423	1,460
Cash Held in Escrow	2,000	-
Bank Overdrafts	(669)	(196)
	2,754	1,264

REAL GOOD FOOD PLC NOTES TO THE INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

1. General Information

Real Good Food Pic is a public limited company ("company") incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act (registration number 4666282). The company is domiciled in the United Kingdom and its registered address is International House, 1 St Katharine's Way, London, E1W 1XB. The company's shares are traded on the Alternative Investment Market ("AIM").

The principal activities of the Group are the sourcing, manufacture, marketing and distribution of food and industrial ingredients.

The interim report will be posted on the company's website and will be released via the Stock Exchange. Further copies of the interim report and Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the address above.

2. Basis of preparation

These condensed consolidated financial statements are presented on the basis of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) and have been prepared in accordance with AIM rules and the Companies Act 2006, as applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

The same accounting policies and methods of computation are followed within these interim financial statements as adopted in the most recent annual financial statements.

As part of a re-forecasting exercise we have identified that substantial further funding will be required over the coming twelve months for working capital and investment purposes as the business continues to grow. The Board is currently exploring its options as to how the funding shortfall will be financed, which include inter alia the issuance of new equity. An additional £3m funding agreed to be provided by NB Ingredients Ltd, Omnicane International Investors Ltd and certain funds managed by Downing LLP on 22 December 2017 will ensure that the Group remains a going concern until the end of the first quarter based upon current forecasts and the Board believes this will provide sufficient time to source the additional funding. In the event that the Board is unable to source this additional finance, and in the unlikely event that the major shareholders, whose support has thus far been strong and continuing, decide not to provide further support, then the Directors cannot be certain that the Group will be able to continue as a going concern.

New IFRS standards and interpretations adopted

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations have been issued but are not yet effective and in some cases have not been adopted by the European Union.

The Directors have assessed the potential impact of IFRS 15 and do not expect that the adoption of this standard will have a material impact on the financial statements of the Group in future periods. IFRS 16 may have an impact on the measurement and treatment of operating leases and the related disclosures. As at 30 September 2017 the estimated impact of the transition to IFRS 16 would be to increase tangible fixed assets and liabilities by approximately £1.9m. The impact on the profit and loss account is not expected to be material to the financial statements.

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3. Segment analysis

Business segments

The divisional structure reflects the management teams in place and also ensures all aspects of trading activity have the specific focus that they need in order to achieve our growth plans.

The following table shows the Group's revenue and results for the period under review analysed by operating segment. Segment profit represents the trading profit after depreciation and amortization but before significant items.

Notes	CAKE DECORATION £'000	FOOD INGREDIENTS £'000	PREMIUM BAKERY £'000	UNALLOCATED £'000	TOTAL £'000
TOTAL INCOME	26,604	26,422	17,160	-	70,186
Intercompany Sales	(4,144)	(2,402)	-	-	(6,546)
EXTERNAL REVENUE	22,460	24,020	17,160	-	63,640

OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE HEAD OFFICE AND

SIGNIFICANT COSTS	881	569	(726)	-	724
Head office and unallocated	-	-	-	(3,733)	(3,733)
Significant Items 9	-	(1,724)	(252)	(1,008)	(2,985)
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	881	(1,155)	(978)	(4,741)	(5,993)
Net Finance Costs	(110)	(65)	(112)	(296)	(583)
Pension Finance Costs	-	-	-	(82)	(82)
Profit/(Loss) before tax	771	(1,220)	(1,090)	(5,119)	(6,658)
Tax	(173)	(5)	(23)	(30)	(231)
(Loss)/Profit after tax as per statement of comprehensive income	598	(1,225)	(1,113)	(5,149)	(6,889)

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market rates.

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3. Segment reporting (continued)

	CAKE DECORATION £'000	FOOD INGREDIENTS £'000	PREMIUM BAKERY £'000	UNALLOCATED £'000	TOTAL £'000
SEGMENT ASSETS	92,970	30,301	23,871		147,142
UNALLOCATED ASSETS Other Intangible Assets Property,				241	241
plant and equipment Deferred tax asset Trade and				2,196 3,041	2,196 3,041
other receivables Cash held in				522	522
security Cash and cash equivalents				2,000	2,000
TOTAL ASSETS	92,970	30,301	23,871	8,169	155,311
SEGMENT LIABILITIES	14,976	11,972	11,237		38,185
UNALLOCATED LIABILITIES Trade and					
other payables				3,166	3,166
Borrowings				18,304	18,304
Deferred tax				1,989	1,989
Deferred Consideration Retirement benefit				4,520	4,520
obligations TOTAL				5,698	5,698
LIABILITIES	14,976	11,972	11,237	33,677	71,862
NET OPERATING ASSETS	77,994	18,329	12,634	(25,508)	83,449

 $[\]cdot \quad \text{Corporation tax asset in Head Office which nets off to become a corporation tax liability for the group overall} \\$

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3. Segment reporting (continued) Business segments

Geographical Segments

The Group earns revenue from countries outside the United Kingdom, this amounts to 12.3% of the total revenue of the group, but as no individual country is considered to be material, segmental reporting of a geographical nature is not considered necessary in accordance with the provisions of IFRS 8.

4. Earnings per ordinary share

Earnings per share is calculated on the basis of the profit for the period after tax, divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue for the six-month period of 73,882,759 (2016: 70,066,903).

The number of shares calculated as above is compared with the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the exercise of all outstanding share options. The potential ordinary shares are considered antidilutive as they decrease the loss per share. Therefore diluted EPS is the same as basic EPS.

	6 months to 30 Sept 2017 Significant				hs to 30 Se _l Significant	ot 2016
	Basic	Items	Adjusted	Basic	Items	Adjusted
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE Loss attributable to						
owners of the company	(7,065)	2,985	(4,080)	(942)	694	(248)
Weighted average number of shares in issue	73,883		73,883	70,067		70,067
Basic loss per share	(9.56)p		(5.52)p	(1.34)p		(0.35)p

[·] As the group is loss making in the period under review the diluted earnings per share is the same as basic earnings per share

5. Dividends

The Board is not recommending an interim dividend: (2016: 0.04 pence per share paid in January 2017).

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6. Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the results for the period and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Provision is made in full for taxation deferred in respect of timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except for gains on disposal of fixed assets which will be rolled over into replacement assets. No provision is made for taxation on permanent differences. Deferred tax is not discounted.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is more likely than not that they will be recovered.

7. Pension arrangements

The Group operates a defined benefit pension scheme, the Napier Brown Retirement Benefits Scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The contributions made by the employer over the six month period have been £366,000.

Assumptions

The assets of the scheme have been included at market value and the liabilities have been calculated using the following principal actuarial assumptions:

	30 September 2017 % per annum	31 March 2017 % per annum	30 September 2016 % per annum
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	3.00	3.10	2.90
Discount rate	2.85	2.85	2.55
Inflation assumption	3.10	3.20	3.00
Revaluation rate for deferred pensions	2.10	2.20	2.00

The fair value of the assets in the scheme and the present value of the liabilities in the scheme are:

	30 September 2017 £'000s	31 March 2017 £'000s	30 September 2016 £'000's
Total fair value of assets	13,870	13,946	15,527
Present value of scheme liabilities	(19,568)	(19,840)	(24,873)
(Deficit) in the scheme	(5,698)	(5,894)	(9,346)

The scheme is a closed scheme and therefore under the projected unit method the current service cost would be expected to increase as the members of the scheme approach retirement.

Seasonality

Most of the trading divisions of RGF are seasonal, creating a large proportion of their EBITDA in the October to December period.

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9. Significant Items

During the period the group incurred significant additional costs from; professional advisors as a result of needing to respond to its Corporate Governance and regulatory shortcomings, acquisition costs for Brighter Foods, one time costs of capital projects and impairment of Goodwill in the Food Ingredients division

	6 months ended 30 September
Coodwilliannairmant	2017
Goodwill impairment Capital projects	1,724 253
Brighter Foods acquisition costs Corporate governance & professional advisors	369 639
Total Significant items	2,985

10. Borrowings

During the period, the Company entered into the following arrangements:

- The company secured two £2.0m one year term loan facilities from existing shareholders of the company, Napier Brown Holdings Ltd and
- Omnicane Ltd.
 Lloyds Bank agreed to provide the Company with an overdraft facility of up to £2.0m with two major shareholders (Napier Brown Holdings and Omnicane Limited) each putting £1.0m into an account, as security.

 £4.0m additional short term debt facilities were secured from the Group's major shareholders (NB Ingredients Ltd, Omnicane International Investors Ltd and certain funds managed by Downing LLP). Each of the shareholders participated equally. The facility and the loan notes are secured on unencumbered chattel assets of the company with a 10% coupon. A premium of 10% payable on redemption if not repaid on or before 30 September 2018.

 A new injection of capital was raised by way of the issue of a secured loan note instrument of up to £8.75m from certain funds managed and controlled by Downing LLP. The Loan notes are redeemable after three years.

 The Company continued to secure funds from ABN Amro Lease nv bank against investment assets.

Post period end, the Company entered into the following arrangement:

The three major shareholders, NB Ingredients Ltd, Omnicane International Investors Ltd, and certain funds managed by Downing LLP have executed a term sheet to provide an initial tranche of additional funds in the form of loan notes of £3.0m in aggregate (the "Loan Notes"), with Omnicane and NB Ingredients Ltd each providing £1.285m and certain funds of Downing LLP providing £0.430m.

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11. Acquisitions

Real Good Food plc (AIM: RGD) and Tywyn based Brighter Foods announced on 5 April 2017 a new partnership to build on the success of the Wales based food manufacturing company, with Robin Williams remaining as CEO. Real Good Food plc acquired an 84.33% interest in Brighter Foods for total consideration of up to £9 million, on a cash and debt free basis, to be paid in two equal instalments, 50% on completion and 50% upon finalisation of the Company's 2017/18 audited accounts. The consideration will be satisfied from the Group's existing debt facilities. The acquisition is expected to be immediately earnings enhancing to the Group.

NON CURRENT ASSETS	£'000
Tangible Assets	1,899
Investments	82
	1,981
CURRENT ASSETS	
Inventories	1,048
Trade and Other Receivables	1,127
	2,175
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Trade and Other Payables	(4,076)
Income tax	(361)
Amounts Falling Due After One Year	(377)
Provision of Liabilities	(167)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	(825)

GOODWILL ARISING ON ACQUISITION

Goodwill arising on acquisition	7,872
Add fair value of identifiable net liabilities acquired	825
Non Controlling Interests	746
Contingent Consideration (payable upon completion of 17/18 audited accounts)	4,520
·	1,781
Net cash outflow on acquisition of subsidiaries	
Less cash balances acquired	(5,557)
Cash Paid	7,338

The Directors consider that the value of assets and liabilities is equal to the fair value of these items and that all receivables are fully recoverable. Senior management of Brighter Foods has retained 15.67% stake in the business. The value of this non-controlling stake on completion was £746k. The Group has also entered into a separate shareholder agreement regarding the Management Stake whereby the senior management of Brighter Foods can elect to sell 50 per cent of the Management Stake to the Group after March 2020 and 50 per cent after March 2021. The consideration for the entire Management Stake will be based upon an agreed valuation formula, linked to profit before interest and tax of Brighter Foods in the years ending 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021 respectively, and is capped at £8 million in aggregate. Additionally the Group can elect to acquire the Management Stake after March 2021 based upon the same valuation formula. The deferred consideration is payable after 12 months of trading and will be in range of £Nil to £4.5 million and is based on performance of the company. Costs incurred in acquiring this company amount to £369k which has been included in these accounts as part of significant items (note 9).

12. Goodwill

	Notes	£'000s
Carried forward 31 March 2017		69,416
Additions	11	7,872
Impairment	9	(1,724)
Carried forward 30 September 2017		75,564

Following a reforecast exercise, an impairment review was conducted which indicated an impairment of £1,724k in relation to the Food Ingredients division.

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