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SFI reports PATMI growth of 5% for third quarter and 23% for 9 months

	3Q2008	3Q2007	Δ %	9M2008	9M2007	Δ %
Turnover (\$'m)	158.0	162.0	(2.4)	500.7	493.4	1.5
Profit Before Tax (PBT) (\$'m)	6.7	7.4	(9.9)	33.1	30.7	7.8
Profit After Tax and Minority Interest (PATMI) (\$'m)	5.8	5.5	4.9	24.0	19.6	22.6
Earnings Per Share (cents)	1.1	1.1	4.8	4.7	3.8	22.4

All currencies in SGD

Key Highlights

3Q2008

- Sales and PBT compared to 3Q2007 were affected by the weaker Sterling Pound and as a result, sales and PBT were down by 2.4 per cent at S\$158.1 million and 9.9 per cent at S\$6.7 million.

9M2008

- SFI's profit before tax ("PBT") for 9M 2008 increased 7.8 per cent to \$33.1 million.
- 9M 2008 Group turnover increased 1.5 per cent over 9M 2007 to \$500.7 million.
- SFI Group results were adversely affected by a 10.4 per cent weakening of the Sterling Pound against Singapore Dollars compared with 9M 2007.

Singapore Operations

3Q2008

- Singapore operations showed growth. Sales grew 5.4 per cent over 3Q2007 and PBT grew 13.8 per cent.
- Food Catering sales in 3Q 2008 were higher as a result of price adjustment relative to the same period last year.

- Abattoir and Hog Auction registered increased revenues due to higher pig numbers.

9M2008

- Sales grew 13.0 per cent compared with same period last year, with all three business sectors reporting higher turnover.
- Distribution reported sales growth of 11.6 per cent, revenue for Food Catering grew 13.6 per cent while revenue for Abattoir and Auction increased by 19.9 per cent.
- Despite food cost inflation, gross margins maintained at 22.0 per cent. PBT grew 14.3 per cent, driven by revenue growth.

UK/Ireland Operations

3Q2008

- The combined UK/Ireland sales for 3Q2008 were 7.2 per cent lower than 3Q2007.
- Removing the impact of the weaker Sterling Pound, sales would have been \$91.7 million and would have shown a 5.4 per cent increase.
- UK/Ireland reported a loss of \$2.5 million for 3Q2008 compared to a loss of \$0.6 million in 3Q2007.

9M2008

- In Sterling Pound terms, the UK operations reported 5.3 per cent growth in turnover for the nine months period.
- The 10.4 per cent weaker Sterling Pound had a negative impact of \$30.1 million on translated sales from the UK, while PBT was negatively impacted by \$1.6 million.
- Cresset reported YTD loss of \$5.2 million, \$0.9 million lower than previous nine months period (which included \$0.9 million restructuring costs).
- PBT from UK/Ireland at \$6.8 million was consequently 20.4 per cent lower.
- Removing the impact of foreign exchange, PBT from UK/Ireland was down \$0.1 million or 1.9 per cent for the nine months period due to lower margins from ICL and margin decline in Farmhouse Fare.

“Despite challenging business conditions, our PBT growth on a YTD basis demonstrates the stability of our combined UK and Singapore businesses,” said Roger Yeo, CEO.

Outlook

Although we expect FY 2008 earnings to be better than FY 2007 at the Group level, continued deterioration in economic conditions and the outcome of Cresset consultations may adversely affect earnings for the full year.

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About Singapore Food Industries Limited

Singapore Food Industries Limited is the only fully integrated food logistics and catering supplier in Singapore. It has significant operations in the United Kingdom which together contribute over 50.0 per cent to Group turnover. Headquartered in Singapore, SFI's three core businesses are Food Distribution, Food Preparation, Manufacturing and Processing, and Abattoir and Hog Auction. In FY2007, SFI achieved profit before tax of \$48.6 million on turnover of \$714.9 million. For more information, please visit www.sfi.com.sg.

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