

**SYMPHONY PLASTIC TECHNOLOGIES PLC**  
**INTERIM RESULTS**  
**FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2005**

Symphony Plastic Technologies plc (“Symphony” or “the Group”), the degradable plastics company, announces its interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2005.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Sales up 11% to £4.95 million (2004: £4.45 million)
- Gross profits stable at £1.00 million (2004: £1.05 million)
- Loss before tax of £0.30m (2004 loss: £0.08m)
- Fundamental strategy review completed

**Commenting on the results, Nirj Deva, Chairman of Symphony, said:**

“The trading results reflect limited progress in sales and the adverse effects of exceptional raw material price fluctuations. Whilst many exciting and significant prospects continue to develop, the Board is not satisfied with the slow rate at which actual sales and margins have been growing. The conclusion of the Somerfield contract has added to the significance of this. The Board therefore has undertaken a thorough and fundamental review of our strategy and, as a result, some material changes are now being implemented. We remain confident that considerable potential exists in the fast growing environmental polymers market and that the foundations which have been laid to date will provide a solid base on which the Company will be able to build.”

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**Notes to Editors**

Symphony develops and supplies environmentally responsible plastic packaging products and additives which are distributed both in the UK and internationally. The Group's main technology, d2w®, allows plastic to degrade totally and safely, leaving only water, a minimal amount of carbon dioxide and trace amounts of non-toxic biomass. The current d2w® product range now includes additives, carrier bags, refuse and waste sacks, mailing wrap, stretch film, aprons, and packaging films.

Symphony has a diverse customer base in the UK and a growing overseas distribution network. Further information on Symphony can be found at [www.symphonyplastics.com](http://www.symphonyplastics.com) and product information at [www.degradable.net](http://www.degradable.net).

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REVIEW**

The initial six months of 2005 saw continued volatility in raw material prices. In most cases we were successfully able to pass these increases on to our customers albeit on a staggered basis, thus resulting in a reduction of margins. During the period the Group increased its investments in marketing and in sales support personnel with the specific aim of improving sales and operating margins, whilst continuing the process of product and market diversification.

Following our victory in the High Court, the Court of Appeal granted EPI the right to appeal. That Hearing has now been delayed from October to December 2005 with the judgment expected some time early in 2006. A total of £870,000 is now secured in Court against our legal costs for this action. We remain confident that the Appeal Court will uphold the Judgment of the High Court.

In March the Group raised a further £1.8 million to cover the costs of the legal case, strengthen the balance sheet and provide additional working capital.

## **Trading Results**

Sales increased by 11% to £4.95 million. Gross profits were stable at £1.00 million (2004: £1.05 million). Overhead costs increased to £1.13 million from £0.96 million as a result of increased spending on sales and marketing activities. Distribution costs, however, fell as a percentage of total sales due to improvements in our supply chain system. Operating losses increased to £0.26 million from £0.06 million.

Although the losses widened compared to the same period last year, they have reduced significantly from the second half of 2004.

The loss per share increased to 0.52 pence (2004: loss per share of 0.19 pence).

## **Outlook & Current Trading**

The level of interest in degradable plastics is higher than ever but the pace of this being converted into actual sales and profits has been well below the level we would find satisfactory. The significance of this has been accentuated by the conclusion of our contract to supply carrier bags to Somerfield. As a result, the Board has undertaken a very comprehensive review of its strategy.

A number of material changes are now being implemented as a result of this process. In addition to positive strategies directed at specific products and markets, this also includes changes in management responsibilities, reductions where relevant in staff numbers and reductions in all cost categories. As a part of this process, Director's salaries have been reviewed.

We remain confident that the investment and work undertaken to date to establish awareness of degradable plastics will prove profitable. In the meanwhile we are wholly committed to speeding up the conversion of the increasing potential into profits and to develop other compatible markets and activities.

Michael Laurier  
*Chief Executive*

**SYMPHONY PLASTIC TECHNOLOGIES PLC**  
**CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

For the six months ended 30 June 2005

	<b>Six months to 30 June 2005</b>		<b>Year ended 31 December 2004</b>		<b>Six months to 30 June 2004</b>	
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Turnover		<b>4,946</b>		8,855		<b>4,449</b>
Cost of sales		<b>(3,949)</b>		(7,013)		<b>(3,404)</b>
Gross profit		<b>997</b>		1,842		<b>1,045</b>
Distribution costs		<b>(130)</b>		(283)		<b>(139)</b>
Administrative expenses - other	<b>(1,128)</b>		(2,054)		<b>(964)</b>	
Administrative expenses - Exceptional item	<b>-</b>		(100)		<b>-</b>	
Administrative expenses		<b>(1,128)</b>		(2,154)		<b>(964)</b>
<b>Operating loss</b>		<b>(261)</b>		(595)		<b>(58)</b>
Net interest		<b>(39)</b>		(132)		<b>(26)</b>
<b>Loss on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>(300)</b>		(727)		<b>(84)</b>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		<b>-</b>		105		<b>-</b>
<b>Loss for the financial year transferred from reserves</b>		<b>(300)</b>		(622)		<b>(84)</b>
Basic and diluted earnings per share in pence		<b>(0.52)p</b>		(1.31)p		<b>(0.19)p</b>

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the period.

**SYMPHONY PLASTIC TECHNOLOGIES PLC  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

As at 30 June 2005

	<b>30 June 2005</b>	31 December 2004	<b>30 June 2004</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000	<b>£'000</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets	20	15	9
Tangible assets	258	203	196
Investments	16	16	16
	<u>294</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>221</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock	616	380	518
Debtors	3,886	3,397	2,594
Cash at bank and in hand	453	1	226
	<u>4,955</u>	<u>3,778</u>	<u>3,338</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<u>(2,444)</u>	<u>(2,763)</u>	<u>(2,368)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>2,511</u>	<u>1,015</u>	<u>970</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>2,805</b>	1,249	<b>1,191</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<u>(83)</u>	<u>(41)</u>	<u>(28)</u>
	<u><u>2,722</u></u>	<u><u>1,208</u></u>	<u><u>1,163</u></u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	634	513	453
Share premium account	10,809	9,116	8,593
Other reserves	823	823	823
Profit and loss account	(9,544)	(9,244)	(8,706)
	<u><u>2,722</u></u>	<u><u>1,208</u></u>	<u><u>1,163</u></u>

**SYMPHONY PLASTIC TECHNOLOGIES PLC  
CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

For the six months ended 30 June 2005

	Six months to 30 June 2005  £'000	Year ended 31 December 2004  £'000	Six months to 30 June 2004  £'000
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities (see below)</b>	<b>(1,083)</b>	<b>(1,049)</b>	<b>(216)</b>
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>			
Interest received	1	-	-
Interest paid	(37)	(128)	(24)
Finance lease interest paid	(3)	(5)	(2)
<b>Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>	<b>(39)</b>	<b>(133)</b>	<b>(26)</b>
<b>Taxation</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(85)	(15)	(3)
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	(6)	(8)	(8)
Receipts from sale of fixed assets	11	4	4
<b>Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment</b>	<b>(80)</b>	<b>(19)</b>	<b>(7)</b>
<b>Financing</b>			
Issues of equity share capital	121	60	-
Share premium on issue of equity share capital	1,718	565	-
Share issue expenses	(25)	(42)	-
Capital element of finance lease rentals	(13)	(22)	(11)
Inception of finance leases	61	-	-
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>(11)</b>
<b>(Decrease)/increase in cash</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>(535)</b>	<b>(260)</b>
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Operating loss	(262)	(595)	(58)
Depreciation and amortisation	21	49	22
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(1)	7	6
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	(236)	213	75
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(488)	(1,286)	(444)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(117)	563	183
<b>Net cash outflow from operating activities</b>	<b>(1,083)</b>	<b>(1,049)</b>	<b>(216)</b>

## **NOTES TO THE INTERIM ACCOUNTS**

### **1. BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 8 and 9 of the 2004 Annual Report, and are unaudited. The comparative figures for the year ended 31 December 2004 have been extracted from the Group's latest published accounts which contain an unqualified audit report and which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

### **2. LOSS PER SHARE**

The calculation of basic loss per share is based on a loss for the period divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period of 57,481,867 (2004 FY 47,526,432; 2004 H1: 45,282,880).