



D1 Oils plc

D1 Oils plc is a UK-based global producer of biodiesel. We are building a global supply chain and network that is sustainable and delivers value from earth-to-engine.

Our operations cover agronomy, refining and trading. We are pioneering the science, planting and production of inedible vegetable oils; we design, build, own, operate and market biodiesel refineries; and we source, transport and trade seeds and seedlings, seedcake, crude vegetable oils and biodiesel. Our vision is to be the world's leading biodiesel business.

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Report of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer



Karl Watkin



Elliott Mannis

During 2005 – the first full year of D1 – the fundamental strength of the three operation as a public company – the business units – will enable us to deliver made good progress in establishing the value at each stage from earth to engine foundations on which to build our global biodiesel business. We achieved our key results according to this structure hence planting and refining targets and learnt much about here and how to prioritise activities. Subsequent to the year end management led by a new Chief Executive Officer reaffirmed our intention to be a global leader in biodiesel. We do not strive to take advantage of the growing international push for renewable fuels. Our strategy is firmly set on delivering value from earth to engine through our three core activities of agronomy, refining and trading. We achieved our key overall goals in 2006. As of 18 March 2006 we have planted or obtained the rights to offtake from a total of 37,000 hectares of arthropa planting worldwide and are forecasting to have 42,000 hectares by 31 March. Our D1 20 refinery designs, builds, operates and markets to produce biodiesel from rapeseed oil using our refinery technology. We are exploring options to put in place a trading business for that oil source, transport and trade theory and palm commodities necessary to support our agronomy and refining operations. Our arthropa oil to E 14214 standard activities in each of these business areas. We began construction of our first four high return business units to address of 2005. During February 2006 the both short term profitability and longer term strategic positioning and returns Middlesbrough and is currently being

We have made excellent progress in developing D1's agronomy and refining strengths against the backdrop of growing world wide awareness of the potential of renewable fuels to meet future energy needs. D1's strategy has been built on an earth-to-engine approach. Our agronomy expertise and refining expertise, the latter now proven across a range of crops, have strengthened significantly in the year. We are augmenting this with a third key business driver – the trading of seeds and seedlings, seedcake, crude vegetable oils and biodiesel. Our efforts are now focused on building upon this solid foundation to develop the global business footprint and achieve profitability in 2007.

Karl Watkin Chairman

Our K refining operations are on time and on budget. Subsequent to the year end, we announced the resignation of Philip Wood and the appointment of Elliott Mannis as Chief Executive Officer. On 28 March 2006, we announced that Alec Worrall, a founder Director of the company, is leaving the Board to pursue other business interests. We thank Mark Phillip and Alec for their efforts and support in laying the foundations for D1. Our business overseas is presently focused on three regional markets: India, Southern Africa and South East Asia. We have three target markets, being South Africa, Zambia and Seychelles, and are developing relationships with substantial partners in a number of key markets. During 2005, energy prices and government initiatives worldwide moved the biofuels market further in our favour. We are well positioned to seize the opportunities for market growth that exist globally and we are focused on our strategy to develop agronomy, refining and trading operations. Our combination of these three activities in one global business gives us unique strength in an industry that continues to be fragmented between agricultural businesses, process contractors, refiners and commodity traders. We have made a solid start to 2006. The Board is confident about the prospects for the coming year.

Finances

During the year, we raised additional funding of £24.4m net of expenses. Our net cash at 31 December was £23.4m. The loss for the year was £7.5m and reflects continuing investment for future growth.

Management

There are a number of management changes during the year, including the appointment of Elliott Mannis as Chief Financial Officer and Stephen Douty as Regional Director in July 2005 and the resignation of Mark Phillip as a Director of the Board. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our executive management, our partners and advisors for their hard work and support over the year.

Karl Watkin

Chairman

Elliott Mannis

Chief Executive Officer

Agronomy

During 2005 we initiated a major agronomy programme which is focused on our Field Development Centre in Coimbatore India and our work with leading international breeders and tissue culture specialists in Holland. The objective of this programme is to identify and produce our own high yielding proprietary varieties of cotton. Yield from planting wild seed are expected to be modest however we are making good progress in our agronomy programme to breed high yielding commercial varieties. Up to 18 March 2006 we have planted or obtained the rights to offtake from a total of 37 000 hectares of cotton world wide and are forecasting to have 42 000 hectares by 31 March. The position at 18 March is summarised in the table below.

	Managed plantations	Contract farming	Seed purchase and oil supply agreements	Total
India		10 000	15 000	25 000
Africa	4 000			4 000
South East Asia		6 000	2 000	8 000
Total hectares	4 000	16 000	17 000	37 000

Managed plantations are those farms where the land and labour is directly controlled by D1. In contract farming individual farmers purchase seed and seedlings from and enter into offtake agreements with D1. Trees are planted on the farmers' own land. Yield from planting is supported by bank finance without recourse to D1 but facilitated by D1's offtake arrangements. Seed purchase and oil supply agreements represent offtake contracts over existing cotton planting.

The business anticipates further planting under existing arrangements each year. In instances where existing planting agreements have not been progressed we will continue to enter into new agreements for further planting that will deliver greater value. We have recently concluded agronomy agreements including Williamson Magor in India and the Kachumu Tribal Council in Zambia and Petrotek in Indonesia. We are also exploring new markets including China where we have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a model farm.

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Refining

Central to our refining strategy is our modular biodiesel refinery the D1 20. The D1 20 is a stand alone skid mounted unit capable of producing 8 000 tonnes of biodiesel per year from a range of vegetable oil feedstocks using a continuous process. The D1 20 technology and processes are proprietary and are the result of several years research and development in the UK.

During 2005 we commenced manufacturing of the first four D1 20 production units. We delivered the first of these for commissioning to our new refinery centre in Middlesbrough in February 2006 on time and within budget. We expect to deliver a further three units to Middlesbrough by the end of June 2006. These units are now substantially complete. We are confident that we will produce a further five units to meet our target of nine by December 2006.

The D1 20 biodiesel refinery has a capacity of 8 000 tonnes per annum and the deployment of the first cluster of four units will give our Middlesbrough site a total annual production capacity of 32 000 tonnes. We purchased the site in Middlesbrough in late 2005. The nine acre site is 800m from Harfords on the A166 and is located close to existing rail sidings. The site has significant potential for expanding refinery operations and clustering enables significant cost efficiencies. It will be a show case for our refinery technology housing research and development final assembly and testing facilities refinery units for export and training facilities for refinery crews from D1 20's international operations and overseas partners and customers. The D1 20 refinery previously situated in the North West of England will also be located at the site.

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aving successfully completed 24 7 trials of our D1 20 test refinery in April 2005 to produce biodiesel meeting the European nion s E 14214 standard from rapeseed oil e announced our intention in May to accelerate our refinery development programme to enable the refinery to process a broader range of crude vegetable oils By the end of the year e successfully completed refining tests for soy and palm and on 21 March e announced the successful processing of atropa to E 14214 standard biodiesel these trials have demonstrated that our proprietary refining and pre processing technology is capable of dealing ith a range of potential food and non food grade feedstocks

aving conducted detailed refinery modeling e believe that our D1 20s are best deployed in clusters thereby offering considerable economies of scale over single unit operation We have also embarked on a programme to deliver production efficiencies by combining four or five D1 20s in order to deliver higher production volumes We believe that multiple deployment of the combined units offers greater potential than the development of a D1 200

oing for ard e ill both o n and operate our refineries in our o n right and e ill seek to pro ect finance any such assets We ill also seek to market licence and sell our refinery technology to others



Trading

A world class trading capability will be an important factor in our future growth. Our capabilities in the transport and trade of seeds, seedlings and seedcake will underpin our expanding agronomy business. Similarly our refinery business will not reach its full potential unless we have the mechanisms and skills in place to obtain crude vegetable oil at the most competitive prices and to secure offtake agreements for the sale of biodiesel on the most advantageous terms. We are exploring a number of options to put a trading capability in place.

During 2005 we began to build our experience in logistics and quality control through a pilot toll processing programme with Dozaltermann in Belgium whereby E 1421 biodiesel was produced from rapeseed and sold to German customers. The principal objective for the trading business in 2006 is to create the global supply chain for nurseries, crude vegetable oil feedstocks and biodiesel.

One additional area of focus for the trading business is that of carbon credits. We are working with leading technical advisors to ensure that when D1 refineries operate in developing countries these credits are secured. D1 should qualify for credits by enabling switching from fossil fuel to biodiesel. In addition our afforestation and reforestation programmes have the potential to produce carbon credits through the CO₂ absorbed by the afforestation trees.



Financial review

Key financials	2005	2004
turnover	0 4m	3 1m
Administrative expenses	8 1m	3 0m
Loss before tax	7 5m	3 1m
Loss per share	28 3p	47 5p
Net cash at 31 December	23 4m	9 6m

The significant progress and development arising from the share placing in the business is reflected in the financial results for the year ended 31 December 2005

The financial results have been prepared on a basis consistent with previous periods according to Accepted Accounting Practices. The group has adopted a new accounting policy related to its managed plantations. The direct costs of site preparation and planting are being capitalised into tangible fixed assets and then amortised over the useful life of the trees which is estimated at 30 years. Total group turnover of 0 4m in the year to 31 December 2005 arose from the sale of biodiesel produced by the toll processing trial with Do and by the D1 20 refinery during trials. Sales of biodiesel generated a gross loss of 0 1m reflecting the high costs of trading in very small quantities. Administrative expenses of 8 1m in 2005 (3 0m in 2004) reflect the growth in operational team and efforts on business development. Feedstock and chemicals purchased for refinery testing from which the biodiesel produced as not subsequently sold has been reflected as a development cost within operating expenses. Net cash of 0 7m relates to the monies on deposit

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Directors senior management and advisors

Directors

Karl Watkin MBE

Non-Executive Chairman

Karl Watkin, an entrepreneur, is the founder of D1 Oils plc. He developed the alternative feedstock strategy and built the team behind it. Karl has 28 years of international business experience, particularly in Asia, and received an MBE for services to UK exports in 1993. He led the management buyout, turnaround and flotation of Crabtree, a major international supplier to the can making industry. In 1999 he created and floated the UK's first internet business-to-business exchange, 2C Plc. Karl is a Non-Executive Director of China Goldmines PLC, which he formed in 2005 and floated in February 2006, and of Dermasalve Sciences PLC which he created in 2004 and floated in January this year.

Elliott Mannis

Chief Executive Officer

Elliott Mannis is a chartered accountant with a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. Elliott was the Group Finance Director at AWG Plc, the parent company of Anglian Water, for six years prior to joining D1. He also held senior financial positions, including Group Financial Controller, at Aegis Group plc, where he worked from 1993 to 1998. Before joining Aegis, Elliott spent nearly nine years at Price Waterhouse, initially in Vancouver and subsequently in London. Elliott joined D1 in 2005 as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary and was appointed as Chief Executive Officer in January 2006.

Peter Campbell

Executive Director

Peter Campbell has spent his career in a variety of commercial roles in the oil, chemical and energy sectors. Before joining D1, Peter was Managing Director of Methanex Europe, the global leader in the production and sale of methanol. From 1989 to 2000, Peter held management positions within ICI Petrochemicals, including the commercial management of ICI's methanol business. In addition, Peter has been responsible for a wide range of commercial activities involving commodities and for trading of feedstocks used in ICI's petrochemical business. He previously held senior positions in the oil sector at Total, Phillips Petroleum and Marathon Oil.

Stephen Douty

Executive Director

Steve Douty joined D1 from Reuters where he was head of Reuters Consulting Operations, a global software consulting business. He has significant international business experience in financial management in both the UK and continental Europe. On joining D1 he played a key role in raising the additional funds necessary to enable the Company to grow its business. Steve is currently responsible for D1's agronomy strategy and for developing its business in India and South East Asia.

Dr Clive Morton OBE

Deputy Non-Executive Chairman and Senior Independent Director

Dr. Clive Morton has a 20 year record of achievement in revitalising public and private organisations. He holds a PhD in Industrial Relations from the London School of Economics and is the founder of the Morton Partnership, specialists in organisational transformation. He is Managing Director of Board Performance Limited, Chairman of Peterborough Hospitals NHS Trust and a visiting professor at three UK universities. He is also Chairman of Dermal Science PLC. He is a past member of the DTI Partnership Panel. Clive was formerly Business Development Director at Anglian Water Plc and during his career has held the position of Personnel Director at Northern Electric Plc, Rolls-Royce Industrial Power Group, Anglian Water Services and Komatsu UK Ltd.

Barclay Forrest OBE

Non-Executive Director

Barclay Forrest is a British farmer. Barclay farmed successfully in Berwickshire, Scotland, for 30 years. He created and ran B Forrest Grain Ltd, one of the UK's first drying, storage and haulage businesses for malting barley, wheat and oilseed rape. Barclay was a founding committee member of British Cereal Exports and played a major role in strengthening the reputation of British cereals in continental Europe and opening up new markets in China and North Africa. His experience in farming and other businesses have led to many appointments in public life, including Vice President of the Scottish National Farmers' Union (NFU) 1981, Chairman of British Cereal Exports 1995-2000 and Chairman of the Oxford Farming Conference 2004. He was awarded an OBE for services to exports in 2000. Barclay is currently Vice President of the China Britain Business Council (CBBC).

Alec Worrall

Non-Executive Director

Alec Worrall has been an accountant and industrial manager for over 30 years. Alec began his career at Ford's European headquarters before joining ICI in mergers and acquisitions. Alec joined Tallent Engineering in 1979 and grew the business until its acquisition by ThyssenKrupp UK plc. Alec joined the Board of ThyssenKrupp UK in 1994 and became Chairman in 2003. He is also a Non-Executive Director of China Goldmines PLC. Alec was formerly a Board Member of the Durham Learning and Skills Council and is a former Chairman of the North East Chamber of Commerce.

Peter Davidson

Non-Executive Director

Peter Davidson is a chartered chemical engineer, with wide experience in chemical plant technology, design, commissioning, operations, research and development. In ICI, he has been the Process Engineering Manager of the Engineering function, managed the research and development of a number of ICI businesses including Katalco, Tioxide and West Foods, and has served on the ICI Technology Board for ten years, latterly with responsibility for Bio-Science. He is a Fellow both of the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Institution of Chemical Engineers.

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Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business net of trade discounts VAT and other sales related taxes

Plantation accounting

A major activity of the Group is to prepare previously untreated ground and to plant acacia seeds and seedlings once mature the acacia trees bear seeds that contain crude acacia oil This crude oil can be refined to produce biodiesel The direct costs of site preparation and planting seedlings to the point at which the trees are mature and producing seeds are capitalised and amortised over the useful life of the trees which is on average 15 years

Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value Stock including seeds and seedlings also contains direct labour and appropriate overheads where applicable Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less other costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal Provision is made for obsolete slow moving or defective items as appropriate

Joint ventures

Entities in which the Group holds an interest on a long term basis and which are jointly controlled by the Group with one or more other parties under a contractual agreement are treated as joint ventures and are accounted for using the gross equity method The consolidated profit and loss account includes the Group's share of joint venture profits less losses while the Group's share of both the gross assets and the gross liabilities of the joint venture are shown in the consolidated balance sheet Goodwill arising on the acquisition of associates representing any excess of the fair value of the share of identifiable assets and liabilities acquired is capitalised and written off on a straight line basis over its useful economic life of 15 years Any unamortised balance of goodwill is included in the carrying value of the investment in joint ventures

Employee Benefit Trust

In accordance with IFRS Accounting for ESOP Trusts Options held by the Employee Benefit Trust are treated as a reduction to shareholders' funds These are held at cost until disposed of Any profit or loss on disposal is treated as a movement in reserves

Associates

In the Group financial statements investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method The consolidated profit and loss account includes the Group's share of associates' profits less losses while the Group's share of the net assets of the associates is shown in the consolidated balance sheet Goodwill arising on the acquisition of associates representing any excess of the fair value of the share of identifiable assets and liabilities acquired is capitalised and written off on a straight line basis over its useful economic life of 15 years Any unamortised balance of goodwill is included in the carrying value of the investment in associates

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any impairment

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation on fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost less estimated residual value over their expected useful lives at the following annual rates using the straight line method

and	not depreciated
Buildings	years
Plantations	years
Plant and machinery	years
Motor vehicles	years
Fixtures fittings and equipment	years

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in overseas currencies are translated into Sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Individual transactions are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of transaction. All exchange differences are included in the profit and loss account.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the closing rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and on foreign currency borrowings to the extent that they hedge the Group's investment in such operations are reported in the statement of total recognised gains and losses. All other exchange differences are included in the profit and loss account.

Current tax

Current tax including corporation tax and foreign tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid or recovered using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax or a right to pay less tax at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and laws. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised at their fair value on the inception of the leases and depreciated over the shorter of the period of the lease and the estimated useful economic lives of the assets. The finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease in proportion to the capital amount outstanding and are charged to the profit and loss account. Operating lease rentals are charged to profit and loss in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

Research and development

Research and development expenditure is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Share options

In accordance with the provisions of IFRS, the difference between the exercise price and nominal value of share options granted is credited to the shares to be issued reserve. Charges are made to the profit and loss account in the period in which the options are granted.



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