

Tate & Lyle PLC - Trading Update

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Tate & Lyle issues the following routine trading update following annual sales contract pricing rounds at two of its major businesses.

Trading since the announcement of our interim results on 4 November 2004 has continued to go well and the outlook for the year to 31 March 2005 has not altered.

Tate & Lyle Food and Industrial Ingredients Americas (formerly Staley) has substantially completed the negotiation of its calendar 2005 sales contracts. Overall in calendar 2005 in local currency, and despite higher energy costs, we expect at least to maintain sweetener total net margins at calendar 2004 levels. We anticipate achieving higher total net margins on value added food ingredients and other products.

The 2005 calendar sweetener pricing round for Tate & Lyle Food and Industrial Ingredients Europe (formerly Amylum) has been competitive. After higher energy costs we expect total sweetener and starch net margins to be slightly below those achieved in calendar 2004.

Demand for sucralose remains strong and our expansion projects are on track.

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About Tate & Lyle:

Tate & Lyle is a world leader in renewable ingredients. Its core competence is to take corn, wheat or sugar, and add value to these raw materials through technology. As a result of continuous innovation it offers an ever-wider product portfolio of versatile and functional ingredients. These products include Cereal Sweeteners, Starches, Sugars, Citric Acid and SPLENDA® Sucralose. Tate & Lyle products have wide applications in the food, beverage, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, paper, packaging and building industries.

With headquarters in London, Tate & Lyle operates more than 41 plants and 20 additional production facilities in 28 countries, almost all in Europe and the Americas. It employs 6,700 people in its subsidiaries with a further 4,800 employed in joint ventures. Sales in the year to 31 March 2004 totalled £3,167 million. More details are available on this website www.tateandlyle.com.

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