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Pre-Close Trading Update

Genus Plc, the world's leading animal genetics company today issued an update on trading for the year to 30 June 2007.

Group Performance

As predicted in the half-year statement, market conditions continue to be favourable and as a result, underlying trading, as upgraded at the half year, has been in line with expectations across all business sectors. In addition, the company continues to make cost savings in line with its previous revised estimates. This improvement was, however, more than offset by a larger than expected foreign exchange impact and one-off administration fees associated with the residual Dalgety Pension Scheme.

In North America, the dairy industry benefited from an upturn in the milk cycle while the pig market was stable despite higher feed prices. Trading conditions started to improve in Australia, following the drought experienced during the first half year. We increased our market share in the bovine business in our two largest markets, the UK and the USA and prices remained stable.

Pig meat prices across Asia recovered strongly due to shortages in supply but remained low in Europe. Milk prices fell across Europe although they remained above average world prices. In May, we saw the first increase in the European milk price since 2001.

We made further reorganisational changes in the European pig business that added to the profit improvement reported in the first half. We also completed the sale of the French nucleus herd that will deliver savings in this new financial year.

Both the US and Canadian dollars weakened further during the second half to create an approximately Â£3m exchange impact on our results for the year compared with our previous estimate of Â£2m.

We have made progress with the divestment of the non-core businesses of Animal Health and Development Consulting that we expect will both be sold during the first half of the new financial year. We are reviewing strategic options for the remaining shrimp business in Mexico that has been turned around and is currently profitable.

Move from AIM to Official List

As previously announced, the Company intends to move its listing from AIM to the Official List following the publication of the preliminary results. We are aware that a number of small shareholders hold Genus stock for Inheritance Tax purposes and we intend to offer these investors an opportunity to exit from their investment at minimum cost, should they so wish. This will be accomplished

by offering a low cost dealing facility with buyback and placing, as previously offered, which will occur following the preliminary results announcement. In parallel, we will be asking our brokers to help manage the transition for larger IHT motivated shareholders.

2006/07 Pro Forma Results

Last year, Genus changed its financial year-end to 30 June. As a result, the comparative information to be included in the 2007 Annual Report and Financial Statements will be for the fifteen month period to 30 June 2006. To assist with analysis and comparison, summary unaudited pro forma results for the twelve months to 30 June 2006 are provided below:

Â£m	15 months to 30 June 2006*	Pro Forma Restatement*	Unaudited proforma 12 months to 30 June 2006
Group Revenue	201.2	35.5	236.7
Adjusted Operating Profit	19.8	5.5	25.3
Net Finance costs	(6.7)	(2.2)	(8.9)
Adjusted PBT	13.1	3.3	16.4
Basic EPS	17.2p	(0.8p)	16.4p
Basic adjusted EPS (continuing operations)	19.7p	0.9p	20.6p

* The proforma results include a full year for Sygen, whereas the 15 months to 30 June 2006 only included the seven month period post acquisition.

Further proforma information by geography and species will be provided with the preliminary results announcement.

Future Announcements

Genus will announce its Preliminary Results on 18 September 2007.

Commenting on the performance of the company, Richard Wood, Chief Executive said: 'We have achieved the strong trading progress we forecast in generally firm markets. Underlying trading was in line with expectations, as upgraded at the half year, across all business sectors. However the negative impact of currency movements was larger than expected.'

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About Genus:

Genus is a world leader in applying science to animal breeding. The unique

combination of quantitative genetics and biotechnology used by Genus is applicable across all livestock species and enables farmers and producers to produce higher quality and healthier non-GMO food products. Genus' current products and services enable producers and farmers to enhance milk and meat quality and improve efficiency through the application of genetic selection.

Genus' business units, ABS (dairy and beef cattle) and PIC (pigs) sell breeding animals and semen to customers who produce offspring which yield greater production efficiency, milk and meat quality for the global dairy and meat supply chain. Genus' competitive differentiation lies in its ownership and control of its proprietary lines of breeding animals, its biotechnology used to improve them and its global production and distribution network.

Genus' technology and products add value throughout the global supply chain of farmers, breeders, processors, distributors, retailers and consumers. Headquartered in Basingstoke, England, Genus companies operate in 30 countries on five continents, with laboratories located in Madison, USA.

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