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Cranswick plc (“Cranswick” or “the Company”) – third quarter interim management statement

The three months to 31 December 2010 continued the positive trading performance seen in the first half of the year.

Underlying like-for-like sales increased by 5 per cent during the quarter, showing a slight increase on the rate of growth seen in the first half of the year. Volumes were ahead by 10 per cent on the same basis. Total sales for the third quarter were in line with those of the same period last year reflecting business transferred to the Farmers Boy (Deeside) Limited joint venture.

Overall operating margin was in line with management’s expectations.

During the period, the new abattoir at the Company’s primary pork processing site and the extension to the Lazenby’s sausage facility, both in Hull, were completed and commissioning work continues at the Group’s air-dried bacon facility at Sherburn-in-Elmet, near Leeds. These facilities provide the Company with substantial additional capacity and the potential to deliver on-going efficiency improvements.

Following the expected seasonal uplift in working capital and significant capital expenditure, net debt increased from £42 million to £54 million during the quarter, but was comfortably below the previous year’s level of £67 million reflecting the strong cash generative nature of the business.

On 31 January the Company further strengthened its asset base by acquiring, for £7.3 million, the premises at Wombwell, near Barnsley, one of the Group’s cooked meats facilities.

With experienced management throughout the Group and a well invested asset base, the Board, whilst mindful of the challenges facing the consumer this year, remains confident in the continued successful long term development of the business.