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**ESV GROUP PLC**  
**("ESV" or "the Group")**

**Preliminary Results for the Year ended 31 March 2009**

ESV Group Plc, the biofuels, farming and logistics company, is pleased to announce its preliminary results for the year ended 31st March 2009. The figures are in line with management expectations, with a much reduced loss.

**CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

**Biofuels agribusiness**

Following the Jatropha Plantations Update we issued in February 2009, the Group is now at an advanced stage for the sale of its Mozambique jatropha growing operations. We expect to announce further details shortly.

Following the sale of the Mozambique operations, we will have the financial resources, combined with the market knowledge and experience, to develop the many new opportunities we see to produce biofuels from seed oils.

**Grain trading**

In the recent economic environment, grain trading has carried significantly increased risk in volatile market conditions. We see no sign of this changing in the near future. In order to save administrative costs we have therefore ceased operations at our subsidiary, ESV Trading Belgium and given the circumstances we have not activated the purchase agreement with Agri-Ukraine Ltd.

**Tank Terminal Development**

In Terneuzen, the Netherlands, the permitting process is continuing within the timescale we envisaged. Our negotiations with strategic partners are ongoing and we expect to agree and implement the financial and development plans outlined.

**Ukraine agri-logistics**

The grain terminal managed by ESV in Kherson Sea Port, Ukraine, is operating very satisfactorily. During the period under review, it handled a wide variety of agricultural products including cereals (corn, wheat and barley), soybeans and sunflower seed meal. Some 53.5 million tonnes of grain was harvested from the Ukraine's fertile soils in 2008 and Kherson is ideally situated to handle exports to Mediterranean countries and the Middle East.

Due to our management and marketing efforts, we received a significantly higher management fee compared with the contracted amount. We are in discussion with strategic partners to further equip and expand the grain handling and storage facilities at Kherson. The volume has increased sharply and we expect this trend to continue.

World food shortages are forecast as a result of increasing populations and demands for better dietary standards in emerging economies. Our operations are well-positioned to service the traditional grain and seed markets and to take advantage of the world trends towards using biofuels to supplement oil products and reduce vehicle emissions.

We are currently undertaking a strategic review of our operations and have put in place a plan which we believe will return the Group to profit and allow it to grow each of its activities significantly.

However in the current economic environment we continue to monitor Group costs and commitments carefully to operate our businesses within the financial resources available.

#### Results for the year

The Group loss for the year amounts to GBP 319,285 compared with GBP 614,750 for the prior year.

The turnover includes the fee of GBP 548,732 for the management of the grain terminal in Kherson Sea Port, over treble the GBP 156,316 billed in the prior year.

Following a management review of the balance sheet values for the Mozambique property, the amounts attributed to revaluation reserves and deferred tax have been reduced accordingly.

The administrative expenses include the expenses of management of the Group's businesses and one-off costs incurred upon cessation of ESV Trading Belgium.

M A Alikhani

Chairman

#### Notes to editors:

ESV is a broadly based investment business currently involved in farming operations, cargo and port facilities for the export of grains and vegetable oils from the Ukraine and Jatropha farming in Mozambique with specific emphasis on supplying raw biofuels to European biodiesel refineries.

It has an agri-business in Ukraine, involved primarily in cereals and oil seed rape, together with a port management operation at the Kherson terminal, one of the principal logistic centres on the Black Sea.

In the Netherlands it is engaged in the Terneuzen Tank Terminal project to obtain necessary permits and to commence the development of a raw vegetable oil and oilseed tank terminal.

ESV Group has been quoted on PLUS since 21 August 2006 (symbol ESVO).

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#### CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 March 2009

	2009	2008
	GBP	GBP
Continuing operations		
Revenue	632,967	810,583
Cost of sales	-	(603,402)

Gross profit	632,967	207,181
Cost of production - Jatropha	(1,029,747)	(501,353)
Growing stock - Jatropha plant	1,029,747	501,353
Administrative expenses	(952,846)	(810,926)
Operating loss	(319,879)	(603,745)
Finance income	772	2,806
Finance costs	(178)	(13,811)
Loss before taxation	(319,285)	(614,750)
Taxation	-	-
Loss for the period	(319,285)	(614,750)
Loss per share	(0.04)p	(0.11)p

The board is not recommending the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 March 2009.

#### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2009

	2009	2008
	GBP	GBP
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	278,126	1,300,734
Investments	269,362	517,132
	547,488	1,817,866

Current assets		
Inventory	2,016,960	812,072
Trade and other receivables	427,092	449,236
Cash and cash equivalent	8,851	551,287
	2,452,903	1,812,595
Total assets	3,000,391	3,630,461
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	(939,145)	(440,911)
Bank overdraft	(27,689)	-
	(966,834)	(440,911)
Net current assets	1,486,069	1,371,684
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax	-	(314,769)
	-	(314,769)
Total liabilities	(966,834)	(755,680)
Net assets	2,033,557	2,874,781
Equity		
Share capital	164,249	159,465
Share premium	3,330,805	3,127,589
Revaluation reserve	-	739,404

Translation reserve	(19,109)	(28,574)
Accumulated loss	(1,442,388)	(1,123,103)
Total equity	2,033,557	2,874,781

The consolidated results for the year have been extracted from financial statements of the Group for the year and do not constitute full statutory accounts for the Group. The financial information is not audited but has been reviewed by the Company's auditors.

The comparative figures are for the year ended 31 March 2008.

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