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Chairman's update for shareholders – 7 January 2010

Investment performance

The Starvest investment performance since 30 September 2009 has been mixed. Net of debt, the Company net asset value has declined by 4.5% during the three months to 31 December 2009. However:

- the closing share price at 7.0 pence, indicates a discount to net asset value of 34%;
- investment sales have realised £416,525 with a gross profit of £210,326;
- the bank overdraft has been reduced below £300,000;

Starvest uses closing bid prices or the Directors' lower valuation, if deemed appropriate.

Company statistics

	31 December 2009	30 September 2009	30 June 2009	31 December 2008
Trading portfolio value	£4.17m	£4.72m	£4.3m	£3.92m
Company asset value net of debt	£3.84m	£4.02m	£3.62m	£3.23m
Net asset value – fully diluted per share	10.59 pence	11.08 pence	10.01 pence	8.98 pence
Share price - mid	7.0 pence	11.75 pence	9.5 pence	6 pence
Share price discount to fully diluted net asset value	34%	6% premium	5%	33%
Market capitalisation	£2.44m	£4.1m	£3.31m	£2.09m

The next valuation will be as at 31 March 2010, the end of the half year. An interim statement is expected to be released during April 2010.

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