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JB Foods achieves US\$8.4 million profit after tax for half year, on the back of USD271.2million in revenue

- Profit after tax grew by 15.5% to US\$8.4 million due to resilience of cocoa products consumptions despite challenging operating environment
- Interim dividend of 0.20 Singapore cents

Financial Highlights

	1H2023 (USD'000)	1H2022 (USD'000)	+ / (-) %
Revenue	271,200	249,474	8.7
Gross profit	30,492	18,336	66.3
Profit after tax	8,381	7,258	15.5

Singapore, 10 August 2023 – JB Foods Limited (“JB Foods” or the “Company”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “Group”) is pleased to announce that the Group has registered a revenue of US\$271.2 million for the first half of financial year ended on 30 June 2023 (“1H2023”), fuelled by growth in demand for cocoa ingredients, which saw a marked increase in the higher shipment volume. The gross profits increased by USD12.2million or 66.3% from USD18.3million in 1H2022 to USD20.5million mainly due to normalisation of the processing margin post Pandemic and improvement in global supply chain situation.

However, the high inflation, high interest rate business environment has escalated the higher operating, overhead and financing expenses in 1H2023. Accordingly, the Group recorded a profit after tax growth of 15.5% or USD1.1 million from USD7.3 million in 1H2022 to USD8.4 million in 1H2023.

JB Foods Chief Executive Officer Mr Tey How Keong remarked, “Despite the challenging and uncertain business environment, the Group continue to grow and expand our customers base in all region. We are making good progress in executing on our ongoing strategy, and expand gradually through our existing capabilities and facilities, and building our in-house sustainability resources, and formalizing our sustainability roadmap.

He continued, “I am pleased to inform that an interim dividend of 0.20 Singapore cents per share would be paid out in September 2023”

Outlook

The Group sees an improvement in the overall cocoa consumptions in first half of 2023 after the easing and reopening of borders around the world in year 2023.

The Group expects the rest of the year 2023 to remain volatile, and will continue to closely monitor the developments in the industry and will respond accordingly in its pricing and growth strategy. The higher interest rates and higher inflation environment coupled with higher cocoa bean prices continue to pose uncertainties in the global economic environment and potential headwinds to the Group.

Nonetheless, the Group remains optimistic that cocoa consumption growth will continue to be supported by the recovery of economic activities post COVID-19 pandemic and the growing middle-income class over the long term.

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About JB Foods Limited

Established since the 2000s, JB Foods Limited is a major cocoa ingredients producer with operations spanning Asia Pacific, Europe, North America and West Africa, and a cocoa bean processing capacity of 180,000 tonnes per year. The JB Cocoa brand of cocoa ingredient products, namely cocoa mass, cocoa butter and cocoa powder, which are used to produce chocolate, chocolate confectionary as well as cocoa-related food and beverages, are produced and sold by JB Foods to worldwide customers ranging from international trade houses to end users.

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