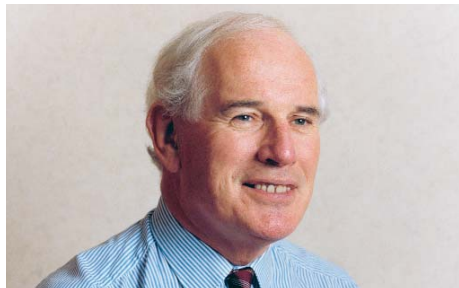


Chairman's and Chief Executive's statement



Dr Jack Rowell
Non-Executive Chairman



Jay LeCoque
Chief Executive Officer

"I am very pleased to announce another strong set of results, with substantial increases in revenues, profits and dividends. Our Product Group continues to expand globally across all market segments while also successfully expanding into new areas such as vaccines. Our Laboratory Group built upon a strong first half with orders increasing across its pharmaceutical and biopharma customer base.

"Looking forward, there are good prospects for further growth in the current year. We operate in expanding markets and have invested significantly in our businesses to be able to supply the products and services our customers require. We are confident of further good progress this year."

Jay LeCoque, Chief Executive Officer