AMERICAN ISRAELI PAPER MILLS LTD
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FORM 6-K<br>Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934<br>For the Month of November 2003

AMERICAN ISRAELI PAPER MILLS LTD. (Translation of Registrant's Name into English)<br>P.O. Box 142, Hadera, Israel<br>(Address of Principal Corporate Offices)

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Attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference herein is the Registrant's press release dated November 13, 2003.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 2 and incorporated by reference herein is the report of the Registrant's management for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2003.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 3 and incorporated by reference herein are the unaudited financial statements of the Registrant for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2003.

Attached hereto as Exhibit 4 and incorporated by reference herein are the unaudited financial statements of each of Neusiedler Hadera Paper Ltd. and Hogla-Kimberly Ltd.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN ISRAELI PAPER MILLS LTD.
(Registrant)

By:
Name: Lea Katz
Title: Corporate Secretary

Dated: November 13, 2003.

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## EXHIBIT NO.

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## AMERICAN ISRAELI PAPER MILLS LTD. REPORTS THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS RESULTS

Hadera, Israel, November 13, 2003 - American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd. (ASE:AIP) ["AIPM" or the "Company"] today reported financial results for the third quarter and first nine months ended September 30, 2003.

Consolidated sales in the first nine months of this year totaled NIS 354.9 million (NIS - New Israeli Shekels adjusted to changes in the dollar exchange rate), compared with NIS 337.1 million in the corresponding period last year (\$79.9 million, compared with $\$ 75.9$ million). Consolidated sales in the third quarter of the year totaled NIS 119.0 million, compared with NIS 112.6 million in the third quarter last year ( $\$ 26.8$ million, compared with $\$ 25.3$ million).

The increase in consolidated sales in the nine months compared to the corresponding period last year is primarily attributable to the growth of $8 \%$ in volume sales of the packaging paper and recycling division and to a certain increase in selling prices.

Consolidated operating profit in the first nine months of 2003 totaled NIS 35.5 million, compared with NIS 24.3 million in the corresponding period of 2002 ( $\$ 8.0$ million compared with $\$ 5.5 \mathrm{million}$ ). Operating consolidated profit in the third quarter of 2003 totaled NIS 12.1 million, compared with NIS 11.5 million in the third quarter of 2002 ( $\$ 2.7$ million compared with $\$ 2.6$ million).

Since AIPM's share in the profits of associated companies constitutes an essential part of the profit and loss statement of the company, mainly due to its share in the profits of Neusiedler Hadera Paper (NHP) and Hogla-Kimberly ( $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{K}$ ), which were formerly consolidated until the transfer of control to the international strategic partners (Neusiedler AG and Kimberly-Clark) the aggregate data (including the associated companies, whose results are included in the financial statements as "earnings of associated companies", without considering the holding percentage of AIPM in such companies and net of inter-company sales) is presented as follows.

Aggregate group sales in the first nine months of 2003 totaled NIS 1,791.5 million, compared with NIS $1,645.4$ million in the corresponding period last year (\$403.4 million compared with $\$ 370.5$ million). Aggregate sales in the third quarter of 2003 totaled NIS 630.6 million, compared with NIS 538.7 million in the corresponding quarter last year (\$142.0 million, compared with $\$ 121.3$ million).

Aggregate operating profit in the first nine months of 2003 totaled NIS 123.0 million, compared with NIS 99.0 million in the corresponding period last year ( $\$ 27.7$ million, compared with $\$ 22.3 \mathrm{million}$ ). Aggregate operating profit in the third quarter of 2003 totaled NIS 47.1 million, compared with NIS 33.8 million in the corresponding quarter last year (\$10.6 million, compared with $\$ 7.6$ million).

Net profit in the first nine months of 2003 totaled NIS 45.6 million, compared with NIS 28.6 million in the corresponding period last year (\$10.3 million, compared with $\$ 6.4$ million). Net profit in the reported period includes approximately NIS 1.1 million (\$0.2 million) in net capital gains, resulting from the sale of apartments owned by the Company, which had previously been used by the Company's employees. Net profit in the corresponding period last year included approximately NIS 0.4 million (\$0.1 million) in non-recurring income, net, from the realization of assets and from taxes on account of preceding years.

Net profit in the third quarter of the year totaled NIS 13.8 million, as compared with NIS 9.2 million in the corresponding quarter last year (\$3.1 million, as compared with $\$ 2.1$ million).

Earnings per share (EPS) in the first nine months of 2003 totaled NIS 11. 35 (\$ 2.56) compared with NIS 7.25 (\$1.63) for the corresponding period last year. EPS in the third quarter of 2003 totaled NIS 3.43 (\$0.77) compared with NIS 2.34 (\$0.53) for the corresponding quarter last year.

The inflation rate during the reported period this year was negative and amounted to $-1.5 \%$, as compared with an inflation rate of $7.0 \%$ during the corresponding period last year, and as compared with $6.5 \%$ for all of 2002 .

The exchange rate of the NIS was revaluated by approximately 6.2\% against the US dollar during the reported period as compared with a devaluation of $10.3 \%$ in the corresponding period last year and a devaluation of $7.3 \%$ for all of 2002 .

Mr. Avi Patir, General Manager of AIPM, said that the economic recession in Israel is continuing in 2003. The recession has been plaguing the country for three years and is expressed by low demand, a lack of growth and elevated unemployment rates.

Due to the global economic crisis, low-priced imports into Israel are continuing benefiting from the low dollar exchange rate. The low-priced imports intensify competition and contribute to the decrease in selling prices.

Pulp prices recently began to rise. This trend may continue in the following quarters as well. Nevertheless, due to the severe recession in Europe and the existing surplus in output capacity - especially in fine paper - paper selling prices are not rising and are actually even decreasing.

The consolidated gross margin as a percentage of consolidated sales reached $22.3 \%$ during the reported period this year, compared to $19.3 \%$ in the corresponding period last year.

The improved gross margin compared to the corresponding period last year was achieved due to the Company's ongoing improvement and increased efficiency. Such improvement resulted from higher machine output, a reduced work force, and various lower manufacturing expenses.

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The improved net margin was recorded despite a sharp increase in energy prices, following an average increase of $29 \%$ in fuel oil prices in relation to the corresponding period last year and a 20\% increase in water prices. Energy expenses grew by NIS 5.8 million (\$1.3 million), including the effect of the transition to low-sulfur fuel oil, due to compliance with environmental-related demands.

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Since the Company's financial statements are denominated in US dollars and the Company has a surplus of shekel-denominated financial liabilities over NIS-denominated assets, the financial expenses decrease with a devaluation, whereas a revaluation serves to increase the financial expenses.

Consequently, financial expenses were recorded during the reported period this year, as compared with net financial revenues during the corresponding period last year.

The Company's share in the earnings of associated companies amounted to NIS 28.0 million in the first nine months of the year, compared with NIS 13.0 million in the corresponding period last year (\$6.3 million, compared with $\$ 2.9$ million). The companies whose earnings are reported in this item (in proportion to AIPM's share therein), include primarily: $H-K$, NHP, Carmel Containers systems and TMM Integrated Recycling Industries.

The principal changes in AIPM's share in the earnings of associated companies during the reported period this year, compared with the corresponding period last year, are as follows:

- The Company's share in the net profit of NHP grew by NIS 2.2 million (\$0.5 million) as a result of the continuing improvement in NHP's profitability, which resulted primarily from efficiency measures and the reorganization of operations and marketing at NHP. The improved profitability was somewhat adversely affected due to a certain decrease in the net profit in the third quarter of the year, originating from a decrease in the operating income in relation to the previous quarters this year (resulting primarily from the decrease in the gross margin, due to higher pulp prices and lower paper prices, as a result of the economic crisis in Europe), coupled with the effects of the devaluation.
- The Company's share in the net profit of H-K grew by some NIS 13.4 million (\$3.0 million) and resulted from the improvement in the operating profit as compared with the corresponding period last year, coupled with financial revenues that were recorded at $H-K$ during the reported period this year, due to the impact of the revaluation (H-K possesses a surplus of NIS-denominated assets). The devaluation in the third quarter of the year (3\%) nevertheless served to erode H-K's net profit, due to higher financial expenses, despite the significant improvement in the operating profit.

In March 2003, the Company declared a dividend for 2002 , in the aggregate amount of NIS 25.9 million (NIS 6.61 per share). The dividend was paid in April 2003.

In August, the Company declared a special dividend for 2003 , in the aggregate amount of approximately NIS 75 million (NIS 19.04 per share). The dividend was paid in September 2003.

This report may contain various forward-looking statements, based upon the Company's board of directors' present expectations and estimates regarding the operations of the Company and its business environment. The Company does not guarantee that the future results of operations will coincide with the forward-looking statements and these may in fact considerably differ from the present forecasts as a result of factors that may change in the future, such as

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changes in costs and market conditions, failure to achieve projected goals, failure to achieve anticipated efficiencies and other factors which lie outside

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Three months ended September 30,

ADJUSTED NIS

|  | 2003 | 2002 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Net sales | ---- | ---- |
| Net earnings | 118,952 | 112,571 |
| Earnings per share | 13,788 | 9,226 |
|  | 3.43 | 2.34 |

Adjusted New Israeli Shekel amounts have been adjusted to reflect changes in the rate of exchange between the U.S. dollar and the New Israeli Shekel as at the end of September 2003. The representative exchange rate at September 30, 2003 was N.I.S. $4.441=\$ 1.00$.

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EXHIBIT 2

We are honored to present the consolidated financial statements of the American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd. Group ("AIPM" or the "Company") for the first nine months of the year 2003 .
I. A SUMMARIZED DESCRIPTION OF THE GROUP AND ITS BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

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1. 

GENERAL

AIPM is the leading Israeli group in the manufacture of paper and paper products. The Group produces and markets a wide range of paper types, household paper products, hygienic products, disposable baby diapers, absorbent products for the incontinent, office supplies, corrugated board packaging and consumer packaging. The Group is also engaged in recycling operations in the fields of paper and plastics as well as in the treatment of solid waste.
2. THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

The economic recession in Israel has continued during 2003. The recession has been plaguing the country for three years and is expressed by low demand, a lack of growth and increased unemployment rates.

Due to the global economic crisis, low-priced imports into Israel are continuing, benefiting from the low dollar exchange rate. The low-priced imports intensify competition and contribute to the erosion of selling prices.

Pulp prices recently began to rise. This trend may continue in the following quarters as well. Nevertheless, due to the severe recession in Europe and the existing surplus in output capacity - especially in fine paper - paper-selling prices are not rising and are actually even decreasing.

The dollar exchange rate, which fell sharply in the first half of 2003 (revaluation of approximately $9 \%$ ), strengthened in the third quarter of 2003 (approximately 3\%), yet remained low compared to the third quarter of last year (NIS 4.441 per dollar on September 30, 2003, as compared with NIS 4.871 per dollar on September 30, 2002, and as compared with NIS 4.737 per dollar on December 31, 2002).

The exchange rate of the NIS was revaluated by approximately $6.2 \%$ against the US dollar during the reported period (January-September 2003), as compared with a devaluation of $10.3 \%$ in the corresponding period of last year (January-September 2002), and as compared with a devaluation of $7.3 \%$ for all of 2002 .

Inflation during the reported period of this year was negative and amounted to $-1.5 \%$, as compared with an inflation rate of $7.0 \%$ in the corresponding period of last year and $6.5 \%$ in all of 2002 .

The lower inflation rate enabled the Bank of Israel (the central bank) to significantly lower the prime interest rate (approximately $3 \%$ since the beginning of the year). The real-term interest rate nevertheless remains high.
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1. CONSOLIDATED DATA

The information set forth below does not include the results of operations of Neusiedler Hadera Paper("NHP"), Hogla-Kimberly ("H-K"), Carmel and TMM Integrated Recycling Industries ("TMM").

The aggregate sales in the reported period amounted to NIS 354.9 million (NIS - New Israeli Shekels adjusted to changes in the dollar exchange rate), as compared with NIS 337.1 million in the corresponding period last year ( $\$ 79.9$ million, as compared with $\$ 75.9$ million).

The operating profit amounted to NIS 35.5 million during the reported period, as compared with NIS 24.3 million in the corresponding period last year (\$8.0 million, as compared with \$5.5 million).

The sales in the third quarter of the year (July-September 2003) totaled NIS 119.0 million, as compared with NIS 112.6 million in the corresponding quarter last year (July-September 2002) ( $\$ 26.8$ million as compared with $\$ 25.3$ million).

The operating income in the third quarter of the year totaled NIS 12.1 million, as compared with NIS 11.5 million in the corresponding quarter last year (\$2.7 million, as compared with $\$ 2.6$ million).

The financial expenses during the reported period this year amounted to NIS 11.9 million, as compared with financial revenues of NIS 1.0 million in the corresponding period last year ( $\$ 2.7$ million in expenses, as compared with $\$ 0.2$ million in revenues).
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2. AGGREGATE DATA

Since the Company's share in the earnings of associated companies constitutes a material component in the Company's statement of income (primarily on account of its share in the earnings of NHP and Hogla-Kimberly that were consolidated in the past, until the transfer of control over these companies to the Company's international strategic partners), the aggregate data appearing below include the results of all the companies in the AIPM Group (including the associated companies whose results appear in the financial statements under "earnings from associated companies"), without considering the rate of AIPM's holding in such entities and net of inter-company sales .

The aggregate sales amounted to NIS $1,791.5$ million during the reported period, as compared with NIS 1,645.4 million in the corresponding period last year (\$403.4 million, as compared with $\$ 370.5$ million).

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The aggregate operating profit amounted to NIS 123.0 million during the reported period, as compared with NIS 99.0 million in the corresponding period last year (\$27.7 million, as compared with $\$ 22.3$ million).

The aggregate sales in the third quarter of the year amounted to NIS 630.6 million, as compared with NIS 538.7 million in the corresponding quarter last year (\$142.0 million, as compared with $\$ 121.3$ million).

The aggregate operating profit totaled NIS 47.1 million in the third quarter of the year, as compared with NIS 33.8 million in the corresponding quarter last year (\$10.6 million, as compared with $\$ 7.6$ million).

The growth in the aggregate operating profit as compared with the corresponding period last year originates from all of the Group's sectors of operation, following the efforts to improve efficiency, increase output and cut costs.
3. NET PROFIT AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

Net profit, before non-recurring income, amounted to NIS 44.5 million during the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 28.2 million in the corresponding period last year (\$10.0 million, as compared with $\$ 6.3$ million).

Net profit amounted to NIS 45.6 million during the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 28.6 million in the corresponding period last year (\$10.3 million, as compared with $\$ 6.4$ million). Net profit for the reported period this year included approximately NIS 1.1 million ( $\$ 0.2$ million) in net capital gains, resulting from the sale of apartments owned by the Company that had previously served the Company's employees. Net profit in the corresponding period last year included approximately NIS 0.4 million (\$0.1 million) in non-recurring income, net, from the realization of assets and from taxes on account of preceding years.

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Net profit in the third quarter of the year (before non-recurring income) totaled NIS 13.8 million, as compared with NIS 8.8 million in the corresponding quarter last year (\$3.1 million, as compared with \$2.0 million) (NIS 9.2 million, or $\$ 2.1$ million, including non-recurring income in the corresponding quarter last year ).

Earnings per share (EPS) in the reported period this year totaled NIS 1, 135 per NIS 1 par value ( $\$ 2.56$ per share), as compared with NIS 725 per NIS 1 par value ( $\$ 1.63$ per share) in the corresponding period last year.

Earnings per share (EPS) in the third quarter of the year totaled NIS 343 per NIS 1 par value ( $\$ 0.77$ per share), as compared with NIS 234 per NIS 1 par value ( $\$ 0.53$ per share) in the corresponding quarter last year.

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III.

ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONS AND PROFITABILITY

The analysis set forth below is based on the Company's consolidated data.

## 1. SALES

The consolidated sales amounted to NIS 354.9 million during the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 337.1 million in the corresponding period last year (\$79.9 million, as compared with $\$ 75.9$ million).

We note that the sales turnover during the corresponding period last year included approximately NIS 8.0 million (\$1.8 million) in net sales on account of the Shafir operations, which were discontinued in September 2002.

The growth in sales is attributed primarily to the growth in sales of packaging paper and recycling division, originating from a quantitative increase of $8 \%$ and from a certain improvement in selling prices.
2. COST OF SALES

The cost of sales amounted to NIS 275.8 million - or $77.7 \%$ of sales - during the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 272.2 million - or $80.7 \%$ of sales - in the corresponding period last year ( $\$ 62.1$ million, as compared with $\$ 61.3$ million).

The gross profit amounted to NIS 79.1 million during the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 64.9 million in the corresponding period last year (\$17.8 million, as compared with $\$ 14.6$ million).

The gross margin as a percentage of sales reached $22.3 \%$ during the reported period this year, as compared with 19.3\% in the corresponding period last year.

The improved gross margin in relation to the corresponding period last year was achieved due to the Company's ongoing improvement and increased efficiency, expressed by an improved machine output, reduced work force and various lower manufacturing expenses.

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The wage component of the Company's costs increased during the reported period in relation to the corresponding period last year, both due to the CPI increase in 2002, which resulted in the updating of wages in order to prevent their real-term erosion, and the revaluation of the NIS against the dollar during the reported period, which resulted in an increase in expenditures in dollar terms. The said increase was partially offset by personnel cutbacks.

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The improved net margin was achieved despite a sharp increase in energy prices, following an average increase of $29 \%$ in fuel oil prices and a $20 \%$ increase in water prices in relation to the corresponding period last year. Energy expenses increased by NIS 5.8 million (\$1.3 million), including the effect of the transition to low-sulfur fuel oil, due to compliance with environmental-related demands.
3. SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The selling, general and administrative expenses (including wages) amounted to NIS 43.6 million in the reported period this year - or $12.3 \%$ of sales - as compared with NIS 40.6 million - or $12.0 \%$ of sales - in the corresponding period last year (\$9.8 million, as compared with \$9.1 million).

The increase in expenses resulted primarily from the sharp revaluation this year of the NIS compared to the dollar, which resulted in an increase in expenses in dollar terms (since most of such expenses (including wages) are originally denominated in NIS.
4. OPERATING PROFIT
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The operating profit amounted to NIS 35.5 million - or 10.0\% of sales - during the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 24.3 million - or 7.2\% of sales - in the corresponding period last year ( $\$ 8.0$ million, as compared with \$5.5 million).
5. FINANCIAL EXPENSES (REVENUES)

The financial expenses during the reported period this year amounted to NIS 11.9 million, as compared with financial revenues of NIS 1.0 million in the corresponding period last year (\$2.7 million in expenses, as compared with $\$ 0.2$ million in revenues).

The Company's financial statements are denominated in US dollars. Since the Company is exposed to a devaluation on account of its NIS-denominated financial assets, the Company has assumed most of its liabilities (primarily bank credit) in NIS, as a hedge against devaluation.

The Company consequently possesses a surplus of NIS-denominated financial liabilities over NIS-denominated assets and the financial expenses therefore decrease with a devaluation (last year financial revenues were recorded due to the significant devaluation), whereas a revaluation serves to increase the financial expenses.

The difference between the revaluation this year and the devaluation last year is approximately 17\%.

The CPI-linked liability on account of the notes grew in dollar terms in the reported period this year, as a result of the real-term revaluation, leading to real-term financial expenses. A real-term devaluation was recorded in the corresponding period last year, which led to a decrease in liabilities in dollar terms and to the recording of financial revenues, net, thereon.

The average balance of short-term credit increased by approximately NIS 29.8 million (\$6.7 million) during the reported period this year, in relation to the balance during the corresponding period last year. Moreover, the higher average interest rate this year, as compared with the corresponding period last year (prime interest rate of $9.6 \%$, as compared with 7.6\%), coupled along with the revaluation this year of the NIS against the dollar (as compared with the devaluation last year), that resulted in an increase in the short-term credit balances in dollar terms (mostly denominated in NIS), and as a result financial expenses were recorded during the reported period of this year as compared with net financial revenues in the corresponding period last year.

## 6. TAXES ON INCOME

Taxes on income from current operations amounted to NIS 7.1 million in the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 10.2 million in the corresponding period last year (\$1.6 million, as compared with $\$ 2.3$ million).

The principal factor behind the decrease in tax expenses during the reported period this year, as compared with the corresponding period last year, was the difference between the real revaluation of the NIS against the dollar during the reported period this year and the real devaluation of the NIS against the dollar in the corresponding period last year. The real-term devaluation last year resulted in an increase in the tax expenditure in the corresponding period. This devaluation served to decrease the protection (hedging) on shareholders' equity (measured for tax purposes according to the changes in the Consumer Price Index). A high real-term revaluation was recorded in the reported period this year, and contributed to lowering the tax expenditure.
7. COMPANY'S SHARE IN EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

The companies whose earnings are reported under this item (according to AIPM's holdings therein), include primarily:

Hogla-Kimberly ( $H-K$ ), NHP, Carmel and TMM Integrated Recycling Industries.

The Company's share in the earnings of associated companies amounted to NIS 28.0 million in the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 13.0 million in the corresponding period last year ( $\$ 6.3$ million, as compared with $\$ 2.9$ million).

The Company's share in the earnings of associated companies amounted to NIS 7.3 million in the third quarter of the year, as compared with NIS 3.0 million in the corresponding quarter last year and NIS 14.9 million in the second quarter this year ( $\$ 1.6$ million, as compared with $\$ 0.7$ million and $\$ 3.4$ million, respectively).

The following principal changes were recorded in the Company's share in the earnings of associated companies, in relation to the corresponding period last year:

- The Company's share in the net profit of NHP grew by NIS 2.2 million ( $\$ 0.5$ million) as a result of the continuing improvement in NHP's profitability, which was achieved primarily due to efficiency measures and the reorganization of operations and marketing at the division. The improved profitability was somewhat adversely effected due to a certain decrease in net profits in the third quarter of the year, resulting from a decrease in the operating income in relation to the previous quarters this year (resulting primarily from the decrease in gross margins, due to higher pulp prices on one hand and lower paper prices on the other, as a result of the economic crisis in Europe), coupled with the effects of the devaluation of the dollar against the NIS.
- The Company's share in the net profit of $H-K$ increased by NIS 13.4 million ( $\$ 3.0$ million) and resulted from the improvement in the operating profit as compared with the corresponding period last year (totaling NIS 7.1 million, or $\$ 1.6$ million), coupled with financial revenues of $H-K$ this year, due to the impact of the revaluation of the dollar against the NIS (H-K possesses a surplus of NIS-denominated assets). Nevertheless, in the third quarter of the year the devaluation (3\%) resulted in a decrease in H-K's net profit, due to the higher financial expenses, despite the significant improvement in H-K's operating profit.
- The Company's share in the net income of the Carmel Group increased by NIS 2.5 million ( $\$ 0.6$ million) due to efficiency measures initiated by the company and the transition to operating profit in the third quarter of the year.
- The company's share in the net earnings of TMM decreased by NIS 1.6 million ( $\$ 0.4$ million) as a result of higher financial expenses this year in relation to last year (on account of the higher interest rate in relation to last year, coupled with the greater volume of credit that originated primarily from strategic investments made by TMM).

8. NET INCOME

The Company's net profit for the reported period, before extraordinary items, was NIS 44.5 million as compared with NIS 28.2 million in the corresponding period last year (\$10.0 million, as compared with $\$ 6.3$ million).

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The net profit was NIS 45.6 million during the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 28.6 million in the corresponding period last year (\$10.3 million, as compared with $\$ 6.4$ million). The net profit during the reported period this year included approximately NIS 1.1 million (\$0.2 million) in net capital gains, resulting from the sale of apartments owned by the Company in Hadera, Israel that had previously served the Company's employees. The net profit in the corresponding period last year included approximately NIS 0.4 million (\$0.1 million) in non-recurring income, net, resulting from the realization of assets and from taxes on account of preceding years.

The net profit in the third quarter this year, before non-recurring income, was NIS 13.8 million, as compared with NIS 8.8 million in the corresponding quarter last year (\$3.1 million, as compared with $\$ 2.0$ million). (NIS 9.2 million - or \$2.1 million - including non-recurring income in the corresponding quarter last year).

The return on shareholders' equity, in annual terms, was 9.2\% during the reported period this year, as compared with 5.9\% in the corresponding period last year.

The cash flows from operating activities were NIS 15.8 million during the reported period this year - before dividend received from an associated company - as compared with NIS 22.9 million in the corresponding period last year (\$3.6 million, as compared with $\$ 5.2$ million). The difference in the operating cash flows originated from the change in the operating working capital this year, which was partially offset by the increase in the net profit.

The cash flows from operating activities in the reported period, including dividend received from an associated company, were NIS 32.4 million ( $\$ 7.3$ million).
2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - TRADE

Accounts receivable, as at September 30, 2003, were NIS 148.1 million, as compared with NIS 130.4 million at September 30, 2002 and as compared with NIS 133.6 million at December 31, 2002 ( $\$ 33.4$ million, as compared with $\$ 29.4$ million and $\$ 30.1$ million, respectively).

The increase in the accounts receivable balance, as compared with the corresponding period last year, resulted from the growth in the volume of operations, coupled with a slow increase in the days of receivables credit, as a result of the

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economic situation in the market.
3. INVENTORIES
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The inventories as at September 30, 2003, were NIS 89.7 million, as compared with NIS 95.8 million at September 30, 2002 and NIS 91.8 million at December 31, 2002 (\$20.2 million, as compared with $\$ 21.6$ million and $\$ 20.7$ million, respectively).

The inventories decreased despite the growth in the volume of operations. This was achieved as a result of efforts that were initiated with the intention of reaching a minimal operational level of inventories that would serve to lower the working capital balances.
4. INVESTMENTS IN FIXED ASSETS

The investments in fixed assets was NIS 19.5 million during the reported period this year, as compared with NIS 41.5 million in the corresponding period last year (\$4.4 million, as compared with $\$ 9.3$ million) and included primarily investments in equipment renewal and improvements.
5. SHORT-TERM CREDIT
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The short-term credit balance, as at September 30, 2003, amounted to NIS 190.0 million, as compared with NIS 128.0 million at September 30, 2002 and NIS 105.5 million at December 31, 2002 ( $\$ 42.8$ million, as compared with $\$ 28.8$ million and $\$ 23.8$ million, respectively).

The increase in the credit balances at the end of the reported period resulted primarily from the dividend that was paid to the Company's shareholders and from the repayment of loans (primarily to note holders). The increase in the credit balance was partially offset by dividend received from an associated company and the repayment of a loan by an associated company.

Most of the credit that serves to finance the Company's operations is denominated in NIS. Due to the said increase in the Company's liabilities, the surplus financial liabilities denominated in NIS grew from $\$ 24.0$ million on December 31, 2002 to $\$ 38.5$ million on September 30, 2003.

EXPOSURE AND MANAGEMENT OF MARKET RISKS

The following is an update, as at September 30, 2003, to the Management Discussion for the year ended December 31, 2002, which outlined the essence of the exposure and management of market risks, as set forth by the Company's board of directors:

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The maximum exposure determined by the Company's board of directors has not changed and consequently, the maximum exposure of the surplus assets denominated in NIS with respect to which no hedging is made (through the acquisition of NIS/\$ options) remained NIS 53.3 million (\$12 million). This sum also includes balances of NHP and H-K . Due to the fact that as of September 30, 2003, the Group possessed a surplus of NIS liabilities (as opposed to the aforesaid surplus assets), it was not necessary to purchase hedging.

## CREDIT RISKS

The Company possesses CPI-linked long-term loans (notes and loans) in the total sum of NIS 40.7 million ( $\$ 9.2$ million), with the interest thereon being no higher than the market interest rate. In the event that the inflation rate increases and is considerably higher than the rate of devaluation of the NIS against the US dollar, this could lead to a loss being recorded in the Company's financial statements as a result of a surplus of CPI-linked liabilities.

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As at September 30, 2003, the Company was not engaged in any forward transactions or derivatives.

REPORT OF LINKAGE BASES

The following are the balance sheet items, according to linkage bases, on December 31, 2002 and September 30, 2003:
IN FOREIGN
CURRENCY, OR
LINKED THERETO

## IN NIS MILLIONS

UNLINKED
CPI-LINKED
THERETO

## 

ASSETS

| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 3.4 | 2.2 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE | 221.7 | 53.0 |
| INVENTORIES |  |  |
| INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED | 12.2 | 10.2 |
| $\quad$ COMPANIES |  |  |
| FIXED ASSETS, NET |  |  |
| DEFERRED EXPENSES, NET OF |  |  |
| ACCRUED AMORTIZATION |  |  |


| TOTAL ASSETS | 237.3 | 10.2 | 84.1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

LIABILITIES

CREDIT FROM BANKS
190.0

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
155.1
10.6

DEFERRED TAXES ON INCOME
LOANS FROM BANKS
0.8

| NOTES <br> OTHER LIABILITIES <br> SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | 32.8 | 39.9 | 2.2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | 377.9 | 40.7 | 12.8 |
| SURPLUS FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES) AS AT SEPT-30-03 | (140.6) | (30.5) | 71.3 |
| SURPLUS FINANCIAL ASSETS (LIABILITIES) AS AT DEC-31-02 | (70.1) | (36.4) | 66.3 |

## ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

H-K, an associated company, holds a subsidiary operating in Turkey. The impact of the exposure of this subsidiary to the economic situation in Turkey - and especially to fluctuations in the exchange rate of the Turkish lira in relation to the US dollar - might affect the Group's financial statements under the Company's share in earnings of associated companies.
VI. FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains various forward-looking statements, based upon the Company's board of directors' present expectations and estimates regarding the operations of the Company and its business environment. The Company does not guarantee that the future results and operations will coincide with the forward-looking statements and these may in fact differ considerably from the present forecasts as a result of factors
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that may change in the future, such as changes in costs and market conditions, failure to achieve projected goals, failure to achieve anticipated efficiencies and other factors which lie outside the control of the Company. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update such forward-looking statements, regardless of whether these updates originate from new information, future events or any other reason.
VII. GENERAL

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- In March 2003, the Company declared a dividend for 2002 in the amount of approximately NIS 25.9 million (NIS 6.61 per share). The dividend was paid in April 2003.

In August, the Company declared a special dividend for 2003 in the amount of approximately NIS 75 million (NIS 19.04 per share). The dividend was paid in September 2003.

- 27,714 shares were issued during the reported period (0.7\% dilution), pursuant to the exercise of 55,163 options as part of the Company's 1998 senior employee option plan.
- The vesting period on the 2001 Jubilee Employee Stock Option


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Plan ended on November 4, 2003. Subsequent to the balance
sheet date (and until November 10, 2003), an aggregate of
41,885 options were exercised into 14,052 shares (dilution of
$0.4 \%$ ).
/s/ Yaki Yerushalmi
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YAKI YERUSHALMI
Chairman of the Avi Patir
Board of Directors

## EXHIBIT 3

AMERICAN ISRAELI PAPER MILLS LTD.

SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

ADJUSTED NIS IN THOUSANDS

|  | Sept. 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED) | Sept. 30, 2002 <br> (UNAUDITED) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CURRENT ASSETS: |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5,627 | 3,082 |
| Receivables : |  |  |
| Trade | 148,109 | 130,370 |
| Other | 142,477 | 161,181 |
| Inventories | 89,685 | 95,810 |
| Total current assets | 385,898 | 390,443 |
| Investments in associated companies | 386,789 | 374,269 |
| FIXED ASSETS |  |  |
| Cost | 959,144 | 940,075 |
| Less - accumulated depreciation | 631,725 | 608,697 |
|  | 327,419 | 331,378 |
| Deferred charges net of accumulated amortization | 492 | 591 |
|  | 1,100,598 | 1,096,681 |

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

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| Trade | 90,835 | 96,432 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other | 74,872 | 86,592 |
| Total current liabilities | 363,062 | 317,857 |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Deferred income taxes | 62,014 | 59,465 |
| Loans from banks and other liabilities (net of current maturities): |  |  |
| Loans from banks |  | 688 |
| Notes | 33,273 | 36,784 |
| Other liabilities | 35,046 | 32,153 |
| Total long term liabilities | 130,333 | 129,090 |
| Total liabilities | 493,395 | 446,947 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY : |  |  |
| Share capital | 127,029 | 127,029 |
| Capital surplus | 91,335 | 91,335 |
| Currency adjustments in respect of financial statements of associated companies | $(1,550)$ | $(4,539)$ |
| Retained earnings | 390,389 | 435,909 |
|  | 607,203 | 649,734 |
|  | ,100,598 | 1,096,681 |

Adjusted New Israeli Shekel amounts have been adjusted to reflected changes in the rate of exchange between the U.S. dollar and the New Israeli Shekel as at the end of September 2003.

The representative exchange rate at September 30,2003 was N.I.S. $4.441=\$ 1.00$

The accompanying notes are in integral part of the financial statements.

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SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

ADJUSTED NIS IN THOUSANDS

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { NINE-MC } \\ \text { ENDEI } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{align*} & \text { ERIOD } \\ & \text { [. } 30 \\ & 2002 \\ & \text { [ED) } \end{align*}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { THREE- } \\ \text { ENDE } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales | 354,942 | 337,097 | 118,952 |

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Cost of sales
Gross profit

| Selling and marketing, administrative and |
| :---: |
| general expenses: |
| Selling and marketing |
| Administrative and general |

Income from ordinary operations
Financial income (expenses) - net
Discontinued operations and realization
of assets, net
Income before taxes on income

| 275,825 | 272,203 | 92,488 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 79,117 | 64,894 | 26,464 |


| $\begin{aligned} & 23,948 \\ & 19,650 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21,713 \\ & 18,877 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,640 \\ & 5,692 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 43,598 | 40,590 | 14,332 |
| 35,519 | 24,304 | 12,132 |
| $(11,858)$ | 1,019 | 330 |
| 1,629 | $(2,984)$ |  |
| 25,290 | 22,339 | 12,462 |
| 7,673 | 6,816 | 5,993 |
| 17,617 | 15,523 | 6,469 |
| 27,969 | 13,043 | 7,319 |
| 45,586 | 28,566 | 13,788 |

NET INCOME PER NIS 1 PAR VALUE OF SHARES (IN

## ADJUSTED N.I.S)

1,135
725

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SUMMARY OF STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

ADJUSTED NIS IN THOUSANDS

|  | SHARE <br> CAPITAL | CAPITAL SURPLUS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2003 (AUDITED) | 127,029 | 91,335 |
| CHANGES DURING THE NINE MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED) : |  |  |
| NET INCOME |  |  |
| DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTED |  |  |
| EXERCISE OF EMPLOYEES OPTIONS INTO SHARES | * |  |
| ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO THE TRANSLATION RESPECT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ASSOCIATED COMPANIES |  |  |
| BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED) | 127,029 | 91,335 |
| Balance at January 1, 2002 (audited) | 127,029 | 91,335 |
| Changes during the nine month period ended September 30, 2002 (unaudited) : |  |  |
| Net income |  |  |
| Dividend distributed |  |  |
| Adjustments due to the translation respect of financial statements of associated companies |  |  |
| Balance at September 30, 2002 (unaudited) | 127,029 | 91,335 |
| BALANCE AT JULY 1, 2003 (UNAUDITED) | 127,029 | 91,335 |
| CHANGES DURING THE THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED): |  |  |
| NET INCOME |  |  |
| DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTED |  |  |
| EXERCISE OF EMPLOYEES OPTIONS INTO SHARES | * |  |
| ADJUSTMENTS DUE TO THE TRANSLATION RESPECT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ASSOCIATED COMPANIES |  |  |
| BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED) | 127,029 | 91,335 |
| Balance at July 1, 2002 (unaudited) | 127,029 | 91,335 |
| Changes during the three month period ended September 30, 2002 (unaudited): |  |  |

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Net income

Adjustments due to the translation respect of financial statements of associated companies

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Balance at September 30, 2002 (unaudited)
and
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Balance at January 1, 2002 (audited)


Changes during the year ended December 31, 2002 (audited) : Net income

Dividend distributed

Adjustments due to the translation respect of financial statements of associated companies

Balance at December 31, 2002 (audited)


127,029
91,335
$\qquad$

* Represents a sum under 1,000 NIS.

Adjusted New Israeli Shekel amounts have been adjusted to reflect changes in the rate of exchange between the U.S. dollar and the New Israeli Shekel as at the end of September 2003.

The representative exchange rate at September 30, 2003 was N.I.S. $4.441=\$ 1.00$
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SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

ADJUSTED NIS IN THOUSANDS
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| NINE-MONTH | NINE-MONTH | THREE-MONTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PERIOD ENDED | PERIOD ENDED | PERIOD ENDED |
| SEPT. 30, 2003 | SEPT. 30, 2002 | SEPT. 30, 20 |
| (UNAUDITED) | (UNAUDITED) | (UNAUDITED) |

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES :

Net income for the period

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities (*):

Net cash provided by operating activities

| 45,586 | 28,566 | 13,788 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $(13,161)$ | 16,512 | 15,348 |
| ------- | ------- | -------10 |

Purchase of fixed assets
Associated companies :

Investment in associated companies and loans granted
Repayment of loans
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets

Net cash used in investing activities

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES :

Repayment of long-term loans from banks and others
Redemption of Notes
Dividend paid
Short-term bank credit and loans - net
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities

Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents
Balance of cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period

Balance of cash and cash equivalents at end of period
(*) Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

INCOME AND EXPENSES NOT INVOLVING CASH FLOWS:
Associated companies:
Share in profits of associated companies - ne
Dividend received from those companies
Depreciation and amortization
Deferred income taxes - net
Capital (gains) losses -
On sale of fixed assets
On discontinued operations and realization of assets-net
Linkage differences (erosion) of principal of long-term loans from banks and others - net

| $(27,969)$ | $(13,043)$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 16,619 | 22,160 |
| 21,544 | 20,468 |
| 2,497 | 7,270 |
| $(702)$ | $(11)$ |
| $(1,061)$ | 1,364 |

Linkage differences (erosion) and linkage differences on Notes
Erosion (linkage differences) of long-term loans to associated companies
Linkage differences (erosion) on long term capital note to an associated company
CHANGES IN OPERATING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:
Decrease (increase) in receivables
Decrease (increase) in inventories
Increase (decrease) in payables and accrued
$(41,451)$
$(7,828$
$(19,465)$
$(7,896)$
$(2,665)$
15,543
2,780
$(9,038)$
---------
11,00
$(33,113)$
$(13,20$
(702)
$(6,045)$
$(6,865)$
$(100,532)$
84,486
--------
$(20,968)$
15,226
$(23,297)$
$(12,489)$
-------- --------
(524)

3,606
5,537
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3,082
5,627
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$(75,116$
46,21
$(28,89)$

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$(12,968$
18,595

5,627

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liabilities

| 1,694 | 14,013 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $(13,161)$ | 16,512 |

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The representative exchange rate at September 30,2003 was N.I.S. $4.441=\$ 1.00$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

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## NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
(Unaudited)
NOTE 1 - GENERAL
a. The interim financial statements as of September 30, 2003 and for the nine and three month periods then ended (hereafter - the interim financial statements) were drawn up in condensed form, in accordance with Accounting Standard No. 14 of the Israel Accounting Standards Board (hereafter - the IASB) and in accordance with the Securities (Preparation of Periodic and Immediate Financial Statements) Regulations , 1970. Standard 14, which supersedes Opinion 43 of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel, is applicable to financial statements for periods commencing on January 1, 2003 and thereafter; the application of the Standard at the beginning of 2002 would not have affected the comparative figures.
b. The accounting principles applied in preparation of the interim statements are consistent with those applied in the annual financial statements, except for the first implementation of Accounting Standard No. 15 of the IASB, "Impairment of assets", which has no effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Nevertheless, the interim statements do not include all the information and explanations required for the annual financial statements.

Costs unevenly incurred during the year are brought forward or deferred for interim reporting purposes if, and only if, such costs may be brought forward or deferred in the annual reporting.
C. The financial statements have been drawn up in September 2003 adjusted NIS, based on the changes in the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar. As prescribed by Accounting Standards Nos. 12 and 17 of the IASB, the adjustment of financial statements will be discontinued as from January 1, 2004. The adjusted amounts as of December 31, 2003 will be the base for the nominal-historical financial reporting in the following periods. Accounting Standard No. 13, which would come into effect concurrently with the abovementioned standards, will supersede

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Clarifications Nos. 8 and 9 to Opinion 36.

Following are the changes in exchange rate of the dollar and in the Israeli consumer price index (the "CPI"):

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Increase (decrease) in the nine months ended September 30:
    2003
    2002 10.3
Increase (decrease) in the three months ended September 30:
    2003
    2002
Increase in the year ended December 31, 2002
    3.0
    2.1

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
(Unaudited)

NOTE 2 - SEGMENT INFORMATION

Data on segment activity - In NIS in thousands:

For the period of 9 monthes
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Paper and recycling} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Marketing of office supplies} \\
\hline & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Jan-Sept. } \\
2003
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Jan-Sept. } \\
2002
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Jan-Sept. } \\
2003
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Jan-Sept } \\
2002
\end{gathered}
\] \\
\hline Sales - net (1) & 252,711 & 234,942 & 102,231 & 102,155 \\
\hline Income (loss) from operations & 34,928 & 25,673 & 591 & \((1,368)\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}


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NEUSIEDLER HADERA PAPER LTD. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
            AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2003
A S S E T S
CURRENT ASSETS:
Cash and cash equivalents ..... 36,456Accounts receivable:
Trade155,659
        Other 16,504
        Inventories
        Total current assets
    282,904
FIXED ASSETS:
    Cost
    131,462
    Less - accumulated depreciation
GOODWILL, net of accumulated amortization
    Total assets
        4,645
        395,292
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    LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
    CURRENT LIABILITIES:
Short-term bank credit
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:
Banks loans
53,767
Capital notes from shareholders (net of current maturities) 57,733
Deferred income taxes - net 29,311
Liability for employee rights upon retirement 142
Total long- term liabilities
Total liabilities
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:
Share capital 1
Capital surplus 43,965
Retained earnings 36,437
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

* Reclassified
** Adjusted for the changes in the general purchasing power of the Israeli
currency based on the changes in the exchange rate of the U.S dollar at
the end of September 2003. The representative exchange rate at September
30, 2003 was \$1= NIS 4.441.

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                                    /s/ Eliaz Amar
                                    Eliaz Amar
Chief Financial Officer
/s/ Avner So

Avner Sol General Mana

Date of approval of the financial statements: November 12, 2003. The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE NINE AND THREE MONTH PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

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* Reclassified
** Adjusted for the changes in the general purchasing power of the Israeli
currency based on the changes in the exchange rate of the U.S dollar at
the end of September 2003.
The representative exchange rate at September 30, 2003 was \$1= NIS 4.441.
THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONDENSED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS.

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NEUSIEDLER HADERA PAPER LTD.
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY FOR THE NINE AND THREE MONTH PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2003

ADJUSTED NEW ISRAEI
\begin{tabular}{llr}
------------------------------------ \\
SHARE & CAPITAL \\
CAPITAL & SURPLUS \\
\(-------~\) & IN THOUSAN
\end{tabular}

* Adjusted for the changes in the general purchasing power of the Israeli currency based on the changes in the exchange rate of the U.S dollar at the end of September 2003.

The representative exchange rate at September 30, 2003 was \(\$ 1=\) NIS 4.441.

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONDENSED FINANCIAL

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STATEMENTS.

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}

ADJUSTED NEW

NINE MONTHS
ENDED SEPTEMBER 30
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\(2003 \quad 2002\)

IN THOUSANDS

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:
Net income for the period
16,102 11,616 3,
Adjustments to reconcile net income to
net cash provided by (used
in) operating activities (a)
\begin{tabular}{rr}
27,349 & 25,306 \\
---------- \\
43,451 & 36,922
\end{tabular}

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES :
Purchase of fixed assets
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline \((6,270)\) & \((12,786\) \\
\hline 604 & 373 \\
\hline \((5,666)\) & \((12,413)\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Proceeds from sale of fixed assets

Net cash used in investing activities

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES :
Short-term credit from banks - net
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline (18) & \((4,099)\) \\
\hline \((20,008)\) & \((6,163)\) \\
\hline \((31,087)\) & \\
\hline ( 51, 113) & \((10,262)\) \\
\hline \((13,328)\) & 14,247 \\
\hline 49,784 & 28,671 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Discharge of long-term bank loans
Discharge of long-term capital notes from shareholders
Net cash used in financing activities

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

BALANCE OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD
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BALANCE OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD
36,456
42,918
(a) ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET INCOME TO NET CASH
PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Income and expenses not involving cash flows:
Depreciation and amortization
\begin{tabular}{rr}
6,528 & 6,080 \\
9,098 & 9,321 \\
9 & 284 \\
204 & \((864)\) \\
1,270 & ------- \\
------- & 14,821 \\
17,109 & -------
\end{tabular}
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:
Decrease (increase) in receivable :
Trade
\(1,531 \quad(1,136)\)
Other
Decrease in inventories
\((3,148) \quad 8,224\)
6,541 11,320
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accruals : Trade
1,838
(1,781)
American Israeli Paper Mills Limited and its subsidiaries, shareholders - net
7,248
\((5,382)\)
\((3,770)\)
(760)
\begin{tabular}{rr}
------- & ------- \\
10,240 & 10,485 \\
------- & ------- \\
27,349 & 25,306
\end{tabular}
* Adjusted for the changes in the general purchasing power of the Israeli currency based on the changes in the exchange rate of the U.S dollar at the end of September 2003.

The representative exchange rate at September 30, 2003 was \(\$ 1=\mathrm{NIS} 4.441\).

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THESE CONDENSED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS.
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NEUSIEDLER HADERA PAPER LTD. NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS \\ AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 \\ (UNAUDITED)
}

NOTE 1 - GENERAL
A. The interim financial statements as of September 30, 2003 and for the nine and three month periods then ended (hereafter - the interim financial statements) were drawn up in condensed form, in accordance with Accounting Standard No. 14 of the Israel Accounting Standards Board (hereafter - the IASB) and in accordance with the Securities (Preparation of Periodic and Immediate Financial Statements) Regulations, 1970. Standard 14, which supersedes Opinion 43 of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel, is applicable to financial statements for periods commencing on January 1, 2003 and thereafter; the application of the Standard at the beginning of 2002 would not have affected the comparative figures.

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B. The accounting principles applied in preparation of the interim statements are consistent with those applied in the annual financial statements, except for the first implementation of Accounting Standard No. 15 of the IASB, "Impairment of assets", which has no effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. Nevertheless, the interim statements do not include all the information and explanations required for the annual financial statements.

Costs unevenly incurred during the year are brought forward or deferred for interim reporting purposes if, and only if, such costs may be brought forward or deferred in the annual reporting.
C. The financial statements have been drawn up in September 2003 adjusted NIS, based on the changes in the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar. As prescribed by Accounting Standards Nos. 12 and 17 of the IASB, the adjustment of financial statements will be discontinued as from January 1, 2004. The inflation-adjusted amounts as of December 31, 2003 will be the base for the nominal-historical financial reporting in the following periods. Accounting Standard No. 13, which would come into effect concurrently with the abovementioned standards, will supersede Clarifications Nos. 8 and 9 to Opinion 36.

Following are the changes in exchange rate of the dollar and in the Israeli consumer price index (the "CPI"):

Increase (decrease) in the nine months ended September 30: 2003

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The Board of Directors of
Hogla-Kimberly Ltd.

Re: Review of Unaudited Condensed Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for the nine months ended September 30, 2003

Gentlemen:

At your request, we have reviewed the condensed interim consolidated financial statements ("interim financial statements") of Hogla-Kimberly Ltd. ("the Company") and its subsidiaries, as follows:
- Balance sheet as of September 30, 2003.
- Statements of operations for the nine months and three months ended September 30, 2003.
- Statements of changes in shareholders' equity for the nine months and three months ended September 30, 2003.
- Statements of cash flows for the nine months and three months ended September 30, 2003.

Our review was conducted in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel. The procedures included, inter alia, reading the aforementioned interim financial statements, reading the minutes of the shareholders' meetings and meetings of the board of directors and its committees, and making inquiries with the persons responsible for financial and accounting affairs.

Since the review that was performed is substantially less in scope than an examination in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we do not express an opinion on the interim financial statements.

In performing our review, nothing came to our attention which indicates that material modifications should be made to the aforementioned interim financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in Israel and in accordance with the Securities Regulations (Periodic and Immediate Reports), 1970.

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Certified Public Accountants
A Member of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

Tel Aviv, November 7, 2003
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HOGLA-KIMBERLY LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
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(Adjusted for changes in the U.S. dollar vis-a-vis the NIS)

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\section*{CURRENT ASSETS}
(UNAUDITED)
\begin{tabular}{lrr} 
Cash and cash equivalents & 16,500 & 8,712 \\
Current maturities of long-term bank deposits & 7,994 & 13,767 \\
Trade receivables & 229,892 & 166,215 \\
Other receivables & 14,754 & 15,435 \\
Inventories & 87,879 & 83,806 \\
& ------- & ------- \\
& 357,019 & 287,935 \\
& -------------1
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS} \\
\hline Long-term deposits & 71,056 & 79,050 \\
\hline Capital note of shareholder & 32,770 & 29,877 \\
\hline & 103,826 & 108,927 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{FIXED ASSETS} \\
\hline Cost & 478,843 & 455,192 \\
\hline Less - accumulated depreciation & 208,947 & 191,775 \\
\hline & 269,896 & 263,417 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{OTHER ASSETS} \\
\hline Goodwill & 30,186 & 32,984 \\
\hline & 760,927 & 693,263 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{CURRENT LIABILITIES} \\
\hline Short-term bank loans & - & 1,322 \\
\hline Current maturities of long-term bank loans & 19,372 & 20,871 \\
\hline Trade payables & 129,781 & 100,055 \\
\hline Other payables and accrued expenses & 37,372 & 32,998 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline & 186,525 & 155,246 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{LONG-TERM LIABILITIES} \\
\hline Long-term bank loans & 91,041 & 83,491 \\
\hline Deferred taxes & 28,427 & 18,807 \\
\hline & 119,468 & 102,298 \\
\hline MINORITY INTEREST & 48,208 & 43,992 \\
\hline \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY} \\
\hline Share capital & 29,195 & 29,195 \\
\hline Capital reserves & 159,019 & 159,019 \\
\hline Retained earnings & 218,512 & 203,513 \\
\hline Dividend declared after balance sheet date & - & - \\
\hline & 406,726 & 391,727 \\
\hline & 760,927 & 693,263 \\
\hline /s/ T. Davis & A. Magid & \\
\hline T. DAVIS
Chairman of the Board of Directors & MAGID
ial Manag & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Approval date of the interim financial statements: November 7, 2003.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements.
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HOGLA-KIMBERLY LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE U.S. DOLLAR VIS-A-VIS THE NIS)


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CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE U.S. DOLLAR VIS-A-VIS THE NIS)
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NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES

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39,973

CASH FLOWS - INVESTING ACTIVITIES
Withdrawal of short-term bank deposit Withdrawal of long-term bank deposits
Acquisition of fixed assets
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets

NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES

CASH FLOWS - FINANCING ACTIVITIES
Dividend paid
Long-term loans received
Repayment of long-term loans
Short-term bank loans, net

NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND
CASH EQUIVALENTS

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS -
BEGINNING OF PERIOD

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS -END OF PERIOD
16,500
--------
\((5,132)\)

21, 632
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline \((33,308)\) & \((44,410)\) \\
\hline 22,437 & 7,104 \\
\hline \((20,873)\) & - \\
\hline - & 1,322 \\
\hline \((31,744)\) & \((35,984)\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\((18,609)\)

27,321(*)
9,977
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16,500
8,7
(*) Reclassified.
The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements.
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HOGLA-KIMBERLY LTD. AND SUBSIDIARIES APPENDICES TO CONDENSED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (ADJUSTED FOR CHANGES IN THE U.S. DOLLAR VIS-A-VIS THE NIS)


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THREE MONTHS SEPTEMBER
}

\section*{NIS IN THOUSANDS}

\section*{(UNAUDITED)}
A. ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES INCOME AND EXPENSES NOT
involving cash flows:

Minority interest in earnings (losses) of subsidiary
Depreciation and amortization Deferred taxes, net
Loss (gain) from sale of fixed assets
Effect of exchange rate differences, net
\begin{tabular}{rrr}
3,323 & 1,743 & \((79)\) \\
19,967 & 16,452 & 6,800 \\
6,970 & 834 & 2,845 \\
\((431)\) & \((220)\) & \((200)\) \\
& & \\
\((2,004)\) & 3,078 & 1,024
\end{tabular}

CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES:
Decrease (increase) in trade receivables
\((45,195) \quad 3,848\)
Decrease (increase) in other receivables
Decrease (increase) in inventories
\((2,494) \quad(645)\)
\((1,308)\)
(228) (12,750)

14,053
Increase (decrease) in trade payables

9,753
1,652
15,492
Net change in balances with related parties

957
\((2,174)\)
\((14,249)\)
Increase (decrease) in other payables and accrued expenses
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline 4,407 & \((14,041)\) \\
\hline \((4,975)\) & \((2,223)\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
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(4,975) \quad(2,223)
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\begin{array}{ll}
(4,9 / 5) \\
======= & (2,223)
\end{array}
\]
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12,283
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B. NON-CASH ACTIVITIES

Acquisition of fixed assets on credit
5,938
9,548

1,510
\(======\)
\(=======\)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements.
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\section*{NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION}
A. The unaudited condensed interim consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2003 and for the nine months and three months then ended ("interim financial statements") of Hogla-Kimberly Ltd. ("the Company") and subsidiaries should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2002 and for the year then ended, including the notes thereto. In the opinion of management, the interim financial statements include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations as of the dates and for the interim periods presented. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected on a full-year basis.

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The accounting principles applied in the preparation of the condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those principles applied in preparation of the Company's most recent annual audited consolidated financial statements, with the exception of that during the reporting period, the Company applied initially Standard No. 15, "Impairment of Assets" published in January 2003 by the Israeli Accounting Standards Board. Implementation of this Standard had no impact on the Company's interim financial position and results of operations.

The interim financial statements have been prepared in a condensed format in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the preparation of interim period financial statements, including the initial application during the reporting period of the provisions of Standard No. 14, "Interim Financial Reporting" published in August 2002 by the Israeli Accounting Standards Board. The implementation of this Standard had no impact on the Company's interim financial position and results of operations.
B. Following are the changes in the representative exchange rate of the U.S. dollar vis-a-vis the NIS and the Turkish Lira, and in the Israeli Consumer Price Index ("CPI").
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{REPRESENTATIVE TURKISH} \\
\hline & EXCHANGE & EXCHANGE RATE WITH \\
\hline AS OF: & RATE OF THE DOLLAR (NIS PER \$1) & \begin{tabular}{l}
THE U.S. DOLLAR \\
(TL'000 PER \$1)
\end{tabular} \\
\hline September 30, 2003 & 4.441 & 1,384 \\
\hline September 30, 2002 & 4.871 & 1,650 \\
\hline December 31, 2002 & 4.737 & 1,640 \\
\hline & \% & \% \\
\hline INCREASE (DECREASE) DURING THE PERIOD: & & \\
\hline Nine months ended September 30, 2003 & (6.2) & (15.6) \\
\hline Nine months ended September 30, 2002 & 10.3 & 14.1 \\
\hline Three months ended September 30, 2003 & 3.0 & (1.7) \\
\hline Three months ended September 30, 2002 & 2.1 & 5.2 \\
\hline Year ended December 31, 2002 & 7.3 & 13.3 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
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NOTE 2 - OPERATIONS OF NEW FACILITY

During 2002, the Company's program for the establishment of a new facility for manufacturing paper was granted Approved Enterprise status in accordance with the Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 1959 under "alternative benefits" track. The approval program is for total investments of approximately NIS 80 million. According to the terms of the program, income derived from the Approved Enterprise will be tax-exempt for a period of 10 years commencing in the year in which the program is substantially completed. Distribution of dividends from tax exempt profits of the Approved Enterprise will be subject to income tax at a rate equal to the income tax rate of the Approved Enterprise had the Company not elected the alternative benefits track. The Company completed the investments relating to the new facility and commenced its operations during the reporting period.

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NOTE 3 - RECENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS - CESSATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ADJUSTMENT AND EFFECT OF CHANGES IN RATES

In October 2001, the Israeli Accounting Standards Board issued Standard No. 12, Cessation of Financial Statement Adjustment. According to this Standard, as amended by Standard No. 17 in November 2002, the adjustment of financial statements for inflation or exchange rate of foreign currency will cease for reporting periods commencing January 1, 2004 . Through December 31, 2003, the Company will continue to prepare dollar-linked financial statements, in accordance with the pronouncements of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel. The adjusted amounts presented in the December 31, 2003 balance-sheet will serve as the opening, nominal balances as of January 1, 2004. In October 2001, the Israeli Accounting Standards Board issued Standard No. 13, Effect of Changes in Foreign Currency Exchange Rates. This Standard addresses the translation of transactions denominated in foreign currency, as well as the translation of financial statements of a foreign operation, for inclusion in the financial statements of the reporting company. Standard No. 13, as amended by Standard No. 17 in November 2002, will become effective for reporting periods subsequent to December \(31,2003\).

While the Company is currently examining standards No. 12 and 13, it cannot evaluate, at this stage, the impact they will have on its financial position and results of operations.```

