26th April 1999

DARYA-VARIA'S FIRST QTR OPERATING PROFIT UP 57%, SALES UP 34%

First Pacific's Indonesian pharmaceuticals subsidiary, PT Darya-Varia Laboratoria announced today that its operating profit grew 57 per cent to 20.4 billion rupiah in the first quarter from a year earlier, helped by firm margins and tight control over operating expenses.

Sales increased 34 per cent to 82.0 billion rupiah and gross profit margins remained unchanged at 48 per cent, despite significant increases in the cost of imported raw materials which are an important component in Darya-Varia's manufacturing activities. Operating expenses increased by only 15 per cent to 19.1 billion rupiah.

However, the continued volatility of the rupiah led to unrealized foreign exchange losses of 9.9 billion rupiah. As a result, the company recorded a net loss of 1.3 billion rupiah, compared with a loss of 78.1 billion rupiah a year earlier.

Trade receivables remained under good control, and inventories fell by 28 per cent to 68.6 billion rupiah.

Darya-Varia's Chief Executive Officer Philip Townsend said: "Our new management team is making excellent progress in moving the company back to healthy profitability. Had it not been for unrealized foreign exchange losses, this would already have been achieved in the first quarter.

"The measures we are taking to restructure the company and its business are clearly already being reflected in our bottom line. We believe the company is well on its way to establishing a solid base on which our future growth plans can be built," he concluded.

Financial data

PT DARYA-VARIA LABORATORIA Tbk AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS MARCH 31, 1999 AND 1998 (In Thousands)

ASSETS

	1999 (Unaudited)	1998 (Unaudited)	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	Rp 35,682,685	Rp 161,587,753	
Accounts receivable			
Trade - net	44,586,300	35,734,463	
Others	10,207	1,173,519	
Inventories - net	68,597,914	94,654,542	
Prepaid expenses	10,336,306	4,684,851	
Advances	3,426,636	1,142,093	
Total Current Assets	162,640,049	298,977,221	
PLANT, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT			
Carrying value	112,155,852	112,615,236	
Accumulated depreciation	(39,783,044)	(36,013,797)	
Net Book Value	72,372,807	76,601,439	
GOODWILL - Net	74,596,609	82,570,016	
OTHER ASSETS			
Claims for tax refund	2,148,925	7,109,492	
Receivable from third party	6,534,588	-	
Deferred stock issuance cost	7,198,108	3,001,175	
Advances to directors and employees	5,406,118	16,879,053	
Security deposits	116,428	204,024	
Others	-	215,000	
Total Other Assets	21,404,167	27,408,744	
TOTAL ASSETS	Rr 331,013,633	<u>Rp 485,557,420</u>	

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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

	1999	1998	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank loans	Rp 8,960,000	Rp 14,050,000	
Accounts payable	•	•	
Trade	34,522,175	42,487,135	
Related party	127,155,000	-	
Others	-	587,413	
Accrued expenses	12,419,149	30,970,381	
Taxes payable	2,743,874	1,632,696	
Current maturities of long-term debts:			
Bank loans	-	66,305,250	
Obligations under capital lease	305,357	807,262	
Total Current Liabilities	186,105,556	156,840,137	
LONG-TERM DEBTS			
Net of Current Maturities			
Bank loans	-	318,444,750	
Obligations under capital lease	105,634	398,622	
	105,634	318,843,372	
MINORITY INTEREST IN NET ASSETS OF			
SUBSIDIARY COMPANY	-	(
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Capital stock - Rp 500 par value			
Authorized - 560,000,000 shares in 1999			
and 200,000,000 shares in 1998			
Issued and fully paid - 560,000,000 shares in 1999			
and 140,000,000 shares in 1998	280,000,000	70,000,000	
Additional paid-in capital	90,500,000	90,500,000	
Fixed assets revaluation reserve	304,417	304,417	
Retained earnings (accumulated losses)	(226,001,974		
Total Stockholders' Equity	144,802,443	11,031,631	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS'			
EQUITY	R _F 331,013,633	Rp 485,557,420	
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PT DARYA-VARIA LABORATORIA Tbk AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME FOR THE THREE MONTHS PERIOD ENDED ON MARCH 31, 1999 AND 1998 (In Thousands)

		1999		1998	
		(Unaudited)		(Unaudited)	
NET SALES	Rŗ	82,009,000	R	p 61,295,895	
COST OF GOODS SOLD		42,570,495		31,702,673	
GROSS PROFIT		39,438,505		29,593,221	
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Selling		11,004,751		11,630,344	
General and administrative		8,056,403		4,981,598	
Total Operating Expenses		19,061,154		16,611,942	
OPERATING INCOME		20,377,351		12,981,279	
OTHER INCOME (CHARGES)					
Foreign exchage loss - net	(9,930,779)	(76,589,724)	
Interest expenses - net	(7,782,384)	·	13,788,715)	
Amortization of goodwill	(1,261,948)		1,189,800)	
Amortization of deferred issuance cost	(632,743)	(317,373)	
Management fee income		194,470		34,268	
Others - net	(254,376)	(374,486)	
Other Charges - Net	(19,667,760)	(92,225,830)	
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE PROVISION					
FOR INCOME TAX		709,591	(79,244,551)	
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX		1,967,539		41,644	
NET LOSS BEFORE MINORITY INTEREST					
IN SUBSIDIARY'S LOSS	(1,257,948)	(79,286,195)	
MINORITY INTEREST IN SUBSIDIARY'S LOSS		<u> </u>	(1,210,331)	
NET LOSS	(<u>R</u> p	1,257,948)	(<u>R</u>	<u>p 78,075,864</u>)	