

DIAGEO PLC
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FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

14 October 2010
Commission File Number 001-10691

DIAGEO plc
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Lakeside Drive, Park Royal, London NW10 7HQ
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Diageo plc

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Interim management statement for the three months ended 30 September 2010

Diageo reports Q1 organic net sales growth of 5% and reiterates that organic operating profit growth in FY 11 will improve on fiscal 2010

In the three months ended 30 September 2010 net sales were £2,063 million up 5% on an organic basis from £1,946 million in the quarter ended 30 September 2009. Net assets were £5,113 million at 30 September 2010, having been £4,786 million at 30 June 2010 mainly as a result of the net profit for the period. Net borrowings were £7,456 million at 30 September 2010 having been £6,954 million at 30 June 2010 principally reflecting movements in working capital.

Paul Walsh, Chief Executive of Diageo, commented:

‘Our first quarter performance is in line with our expectations with good volume growth and a modest improvement in the level of price/mix. The continued strong performance of all three hubs in International together with further improvement in our performance in Asia Pacific remain the key drivers of organic net sales growth in the quarter. Diageo North America also posted stronger growth in this quarter than in the prior year. As expected we face a challenging trading environment in Greece and in Spain net sales were down markedly in comparison to the first quarter last year when there was a buy in ahead of duty increases. Northern Europe again delivered good net sales growth and Diageo’s business in Russia continues to grow strongly. Overall, however the consumer environment in Europe is slightly weaker than we experienced in the prior year. We continue to increase marketing spend behind our brands globally and build our capabilities and our sales force in the developing markets.

‘The year has started as we thought it would with a fragile economic and consumer environment in the developed markets and stronger consumer demand in the developing markets. Following our first quarter’s trading we are reiterating our guidance for improved organic growth in operating profit in fiscal 2011 compared to fiscal 2010.’

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SIGNATURES

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 authorised.

Diageo plc
(Registrant)

Date: 14 October 2010

By: /s/ J Nicholls
Name: John Nicholls
Title: Deputy Company Secretary
