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Alm. Brand A/S – Interim report for the third quarter of 2009

The quarter at a glance

- **Highly unsatisfactory loss of DKK 220 million due to writedowns in the bank of DKK 337 million**
- **New strategy implemented for the bank involving significantly changed cost and activity levels**
- **High claims ratio as a result of a high number of claims. Premium increases and measures to limit claims expected to reverse the current trend**
- **Life insurance activities reported highly satisfactory performance**
- **Sustained improvement of expense ratio throughout the group**
- **Revenue impacted by lower level of economic activity**
- **Guidance downgrade by DKK 25 million to full-year profit of DKK 375 million before impairment writedowns.**

- *Our performance was definitely not satisfactory and we are still exposed to repercussions of the economic crisis, says Søren Boe Mortensen, Chief Executive. But we've allocated the funds and shaped the course required to generate a satisfactory performance, both for the individual business areas and for the group as a whole.*

Other highlights

- The 9M consolidated loss was DKK 967 million, including impairment writedowns of DKK 1,400 million. Excluding writedowns, the consolidated profit was DKK 433 million.
- Non-life operations recorded a profit of DKK 231 million. The Q3 profit was DKK 42 million.

  The Q3 performance was favourably affected by a declining expense ratio and run-off gains. The performance was adversely affected by a high number of claims in all customer segments.

The initiated premium increases totalling DKK 200 million will be fully implemented during 2010 and will take full financial effect in 2011.

- The bank posted a 9M profit of DKK 91 million before losses and writedowns. Including losses and writedowns, the performance was a highly unsatisfactory loss of DKK 1,309 million. The Q3 profit amounted to DKK 25 million, excluding losses and writedowns.

- The highly unsatisfactory quarterly performance was attributable to continued impairment writedowns on loans for mortgage deeds and a single property development project. Moreover, as a result of the growing loss in Finansiel Stabilitet A/S, the bank's provisions for the guarantee provided increased during the period.

  As previously announced, the bank has implemented a new strategy which significantly changes its future expense and activity levels as well as risk.

- The group's life insurance operations generated a 9M profit of DKK 107 million and a Q3 profit of DKK 70 million. This brought the shadow account to DKK 80 million.

  The performance was favourably affected by an extremely strong return on the investment portfolio. Accordingly, the transfer and surrender charge was cancelled and the collective bonus potential amounted to DKK 120 million.

- Consolidated revenue totalled DKK 5.7 billion for the year to date.

Please direct any questions regarding this announcement to Søren Boe Mortensen, Chief Executive, on tel. +45 35 47 79 07 or Susanne Biltoft, Head of Information and Investor Relations, on tel. +45 35 47 76 61.

Alm. Brand A/S will host a webcast and teleconference on Thursday, 19 November 2009 at 10.00 a.m. To follow the webcast, go to:

http://webcast.zoomvision.se/denmark/clients/almbrand/091118/

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Yours sincerely,

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The interim report is attached in pdf-format.