

GRUPO CASA SABA SA DE CV

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Quarterly Earnings Report
3Q12

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Financial Highlights:

(All figures are expressed in millions of Mexican pesos. Comparisons are made with the same period of 2011, unless otherwise stated. Figures may vary slightly due to rounding).

- The Group's net sales for the quarter reached \$11,023.9 million pesos
- Gross income for the period was \$1,988.0 million; the gross margin for the quarter was 18.03%.
- Operating expenses reached \$1,695.0 million pesos and represented 15.38% of the Company's total sales.
- Quarterly operating income was \$292.9 million, resulting in an operating margin of 2.66% for the period.
- Third quarter EBITDA was \$394.8 million, or 3.58% of total sales.
- As of September 30, 2012, GCS's net debt totaled \$9,042.4 million.
- GCS closed the quarter with 24 Distribution Centers and over 1,360 pharmacies in operation across Latin America

Mexico City, Mexico, October 27, 2012. Grupo Casa Saba (SAB) ("Saba", "GCS", "the Company" or "the Group"), one of the leading Mexican distributors of pharmaceutical products as well as health, beauty aids and consumer goods and publications and one of the most important pharmacy chains in Latin America, announced its consolidated financial and operating results for the second quarter of 2012.

QUARTERLY EARNINGS

In the third quarter of 2012, Saba faced close competition in the distribution and marketing of pharmaceutical products, health and beauty aids, and consumer goods in Mexico as well as in the other Latin America countries in which we operate. Our operating strategy has been to maintain emphasis on improving efficiency levels and controlling logistic costs and expenses, as well as offering competitive prices, generating positive results in practically all our divisions. At the sales level, we are continue to focusing on improving the availability of the most in-demand products for our clients in wholesale and in our pharma network, as well as improving the care and service of our stock sales. In regards to growth, opening new pharmacies in Latin America and in Mexico allowed us to strengthen our presence in the markets in which we already operate, as well as to improve the knowledge of the brands with which we operate.

NET SALES

Net sales for the quarter totaled \$11,023.9 million, a decrease of 11.4% compared to \$12,446.2 million in 3Q2011. This decrement resulted mainly due to the disincorporation of Peru's operations from Casa Saba.

SALES BY DIVISION

DISTRIBUTION DIVISION***PHARMA, HEALTH, BEAUTY AND CONSUMER GOODS***

Sales from our Pharma, Health, Beauty and Consumer Goods division increased 0.4% versus the 3Q2011, totaling \$5,163.0 million. In terms of total sales, this division's percentage went from 41.3% in 3Q2011 to 46.8% in the 3Q2012.

GOVERNMENT PHARMA

Quarterly sales in our Government Pharma division grew 10.5% compared to the third quarter of 2011. This growth was due to our increased participation in the bidding processes of various State and Federal health institutions. In terms of total sales, this division represented 2.5% in 3Q2011 and 3.1% in the 3Q2012.

PUBLICATIONS

Sales from our Publications Distribution division declined 32.5% compared to the third quarter of 2011, as a result of the business disincorporation in August of the current year. In terms of total sales, this division's percentage represented 1.5% in 3Q2011.

RETAIL PHARMACY

During the third quarter of the year, sales from our Retail Pharmacy division decreased by \$1,415.0 million pesos, or 20.8%, due the disincorporation of Peru, the Brazilian restructuring and lower institutional sales in our Farmacias ABC chain. A portion of this effect was offset by the positive performance of Farmacias Ahumada.

This division's percentage of the Group's overall sales rose to 48.9% vs. 48.8% % in the 3Q2011.

As a result, the sales mix for the second quarter of 2012 was as follows:

Division	% of Sales
Retail Pharmacy	48.9%
Total Distribution	51.1%
Pharma, Health & Beauty	46.8%
Government Pharma	3.1%
Publications	1.2%
TOTAL	100.0%

GROSS INCOME

During the third quarter of 2012, gross income reached \$1,988.0 million pesos, amount 15% lower than the gross income reached in the third quarter of 2011. This resulted mainly from the disincorporation of Peru's operations from Casa Saba.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating expenses in the third quarter of 2012 declined by \$373.3 million pesos, or 18.5%, compared to the same period of the previous year. This decrease was the result of the disincorporation of Peru's operations, reducing management and sales expenses.

As a percentage of total sales, operating expenses represented 15.38% during the third quarter of 2012 compared to 16.62% during the same period of 2011.

OPERATING INCOME

Quarterly operating income for 3Q2012 was \$292.9 million, a higher amount than the \$270.5 million reported in 3Q2011. This increase in operating income was the result of an operating expenses reduction.

Operating income margin for the 3Q2012 was 2.66%, versus 2.17% in 3Q2011.

OPERATING INCOME PLUS DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION (EBITDA)

EBITDA for 3Q2012 was \$394.8 million, an amount slightly inferior compared to the \$395.6 million reported in the third quarter of 2011.

EBITDA margin for the third quarter of 2012 was 3.58%.

COMPREHENSIVE COST OF FINANCING (CCF)

The Group's CCF reached \$274.4 million in 3Q2012, 7.97% lower than the CCF reported during 3Q2011.

This decrease was primarily due to minor interest payments.

NET DEBT

The Company's net debt at the end of 3Q2012 was \$9,042.4 million pesos.

OTHER EXPENSES (INCOME)

During the third quarter of the year, other expenses totaled \$1.5 million.

It is important to mention that the results listed in this line item are derived from activities outside of the company's normal business operations and, as a result, they are not necessarily recurrent.

TAX PROVISIONS

Tax provisions for the third quarter of 2012 were \$124.8 million, an amount higher than the \$3.27 million reported in 3Q2011.

NET INCOME (LOSS)

In the third quarter 2012 GCS recorded a net loss of \$107.8 million, while in the same period last year a net income of \$15.53 million was registered.

Analysis Coverage: We do not currently have analyst coverage from a brokerage firm or from a credit institution.

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The 265.4 million shares issued by Grupo Casa Saba are listed on the Mexican Stock Exchange, and its ADRs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, both under the symbol "SAB". One ADR equals 10 ordinary shares.

Grupo Casa Saba was founded in 1892 and is one of the leading distributors of pharmaceutical products, beauty, personal care and consumer goods, general merchandise, publications and other goods in Mexico. With more than 115 years of experience, the Company distributes to the majority of pharmacies, chains, self-service and convenience stores, as well as other specialized national chains. With the acquisition of FASA in October of 2010 the company now has retail pharmacy outlets located in Mexico, Chile and Brazil.

As a precautionary note to investors, except for the historic information contained herein, certain topics discussed in this document constitute forward-looking statements. Such topics imply risks and uncertainties, including the economic conditions in Mexico and those countries in which Grupo Casa Saba operates, directly or indirectly, including the United States of America, Brazil and Chile, as well as variations in the value of the Mexican peso as compared with the currencies of the previously-mentioned countries.

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GRUPO CASA SABA, S.A.B. DE C.V. in thousands of Mexican Pesos as of September 2011

	Jan-Sept
	Jan-Sept Variation July-Sept July-Sept Variation
Income Statement	
	2011
	% of sales
	2012
	% of sales
	\$
	%
	2011
	% of sales
	2012
	% of sales
	\$
	%
NET SALES	
	37,312,791
	100.00%
	35,312,479
	100.00%
	(2,000,312)
	(5.36%)
	12,446,198
	100.00%
	11,023,991
	100.00%
	(1,422,207)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	

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	(11.43%)	
COST OF SALES	30,626,537	
	82.08%	
	28,937,559	
	81.95%	
	(1,688,978)	
	(5.51%)	
	10,107,288	
	81.21%	
	9,035,991	
	81.97%	
	(1,071,297)	
	(10.60%)	
	6,686,254	Gross Profit
	17.92%	
	6,374,920	
	18.05%	
	(311,334)	
	(4.66%)	
	2,338,910	
	18.79%	
	1,988,000	
	18.03%	
	(350,909)	
	(15.00%)	
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Sales Expenses		
	803,017	
	2.15%	
	858,079	
	2.43%	
	55,062	
	6.86%	
	302,803	
	2.43%	
	195,828	
	1.78%	
	(106,975)	
	(35.33%)	
Administrative Expenses		
	4,738,300	
	12.70%	
	4,614,010	
	13.07%	
	(124,290)	
	(2.62%)	
	1,765,574	
	14.19%	
	1,499,205	
	13.60%	
	(266,369)	
	(15.09%)	
	5,541,317	Operating Expenses
	14.85%	
	5,472,089	
	15.50%	
	(69,228)	
	(1.25%)	
	2,068,377	

NET INCOME (LOSS)

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	16.62%	
	1,695,033	
	15.38%	
	(373,344)	
	(18.05%)	
		Operating Income
	1,144,937	
	3.07%	
	902,831	
	2.56%	
	(242,106)	
	(21.15%)	
	270,533	
	2.17%	
	292,967	
	2.66%	
	22,434	
	8.29%	
COMPREHENSIVE COST OF FINANCING		
Interest Paid		
	779,537	
	2.09%	
	790,899	
	2.24%	
	11,362	
	1.46%	
	289,719	
	2.33%	
	325,491	
	2.95%	
	35,772	
	12.35%	
Interest (Earned)		
	(57,079)	
	(0.15%)	
	(106,407)	
	(0.30%)	
	(49,328)	
	86.42%	
	(22,512)	
	(0.18%)	
	(63,767)	
	(0.58%)	
	(41,256)	
	183.26%	
Exchange Loss (Gain)		
	59,316	
	0.16%	
	(31,424)	
	(0.09%)	
	(90,740)	
	NC	
	31,008	
	0.25%	
	12,716	
	0.12%	
	(18,292)	
NET INCOME (LOSS)		

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	(58.99%)	
Monetary Position (gain)	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
	781,774	Comprehensive Cost of Financing
	2.10%	
	653,068	
	1.85%	
	(128,706)	
	(16.46%)	
	298,216	
	2.40%	
	274,440	
	2.49%	
	(23,776)	
	(7.97%)	
OTHER EXPENSES (INCOME), net		
	(67,244)	
	(0.18%)	
	(592,126)	
	(1.68%)	
	(524,882)	
	780.56%	
	(46,936)	
	(0.38%)	
	1,523	
	0.01%	
	48,459	
	NC	
		NET INCOME BEFORE TAXES
	430,407	
	1.15%	
	841,890	
	2.38%	
	411,482	
	95.60%	
	19,253	
	0.15%	
	17,004	
	0.15%	
	(2,249)	
	(11.68%)	
PROVISIONS FOR:		
Income Tax		
	275,324	
	0.74%	
NET INCOME (LOSS)		

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	298,517
	0.85%
	23,192
	8.42%
	32,079
	0.26%
	94,652
	0.86%
	62,573
	195.06%
Asset Tax	
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
Deferred Income Tax	
	(160,933)
	(0.43%)
	30,171
	0.09%
	191,104
	NC
	(28,352)
	(0.23%)
	30,171
	0.27%
	58,523
	NC
Profit sharing due	
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
Deferred Profit sharing due	
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%
	0
	0.00%

NET INCOME (LOSS)

		Total taxes
	114,391	
	0.31%	
	328,688	
	0.93%	
	214,296	
	187.34%	
	3,727	
	0.03%	
	124,823	
	1.13%	
	121,096	
	3249.26%	
		Net Income Before Extraordinary Items
	316,016	
	0.85%	
	513,202	
	1.45%	
	197,186	
	62.40%	
	15,526	
	0.12%	
	(107,819)	
	(0.98%)	
	(123,345)	
	NC	
		Extraordinary Items (Income)
	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
	0	
	0.00%	
		Net Income
	316,016	
	0.85%	
	513,202	
	1.45%	
	197,186	
	62.40%	
	15,526	
	0.12%	
	(107,819)	
	(0.98%)	
	(123,345)	
	NC	
		Depreciation and Amortization
	347,448	
	0.93%	
	321,427	
	0.91%	
	(26,021)	

NET INCOME (LOSS)

(7.49%)
125,144
1.01%
101,901
0.92%
(23,243)
(18.57%)

Operating Income plus Depreciation and Amortization

1,492,385
4.00%
1,224,258
3.47%
(268,127)
(17.97%)
395,677
3.18%
394,868
3.58%
(809)
(0.20%)

Net Income corresponding to Minority Interest

GRUPO CASA SABA, S.A.B. DE C.V. BALANCE SHEET

Figures are expressed in Mexican pesos as of September 2012

ACCOUNT / SUBACCOUNT	QUARTER CURRENT YEAR		
	CLOSE	PRIOR YEAR	START PRIOR YEAR
	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
TOTAL ASSETS	32,755,131	31,702,343	32,313,878
CURRENT ASSETS	20,190,608	19,183,127	19,199,379
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,254,978	2,279,258	1,290,466
CLIENTS	7,733,946	5,778,009	6,758,242
CLIENTS (NET)	9,130,185	7,174,200	7,816,040
ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS			(1,396,239)
NET INCOME (LOSS)			

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	(1,396,191)
	(1,057,798)
OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES (NET)	3,194,756
	2,183,831
	2,005,460
INVENTORIES	6,866,251
	8,814,926
	9,075,998
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	140,676
	127,103
	69,213
LONG TERM	37,418
	55,180
	51,177
INVESTMENTS IN SHARES OF SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES	0
	37,418
	55,180
	51,177
PROPERTY MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT NET	3,199,250
	3,018,897
	2,144,197
PROPERTY	2,485,342
	2,355,389
	2,341,262
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	2,838,287
	2,276,943
	362,730
OTHER EQUIPMENT	1,579,045
	1,994,938
	3,869,497
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(3,732,853)
	(3,608,905)
	(4,433,178)
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	29,429
	532
	3,886
DEFERRED ASSETS (NET)	8,136,332
	8,212,510
	6,775,784
GOODWILL	2,809,808
	3,995,236
	3,943,617
BRANDS	2,613,883
	2,650,393
	0
RIGHTS AND LICENSING	
NET INCOME (LOSS)	

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	2,693,677
	1,562,791
	2,813,067
OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS	
	18,964
	4,090
	19,100
OTHER NON CURRENT ASSETS	
	1,191,523
	1,232,629
	4,143,341
ADVANCE PAYMENTS	
	46,841
	33,512
	26,163
DEFERRED CHARGES (NET)	
	341,333
OTHERS	
	1,144,682
	1,199,117
	3,775,845
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
	24,701,572
	24,385,166
	25,083,830
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	13,457,642
	12,693,307
	19,729,843
BANK CREDITS	
	2,861,756
	2,839,489
	9,220,381
SUPPLIERS	
	9,968,601
	9,153,175
	9,840,772
TAXES PAYABLE	
	627,285
	700,643
	668,690
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	2,888,470
	2,270,094
	2,518,347
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
	174,593
	161,417
	(79,472)
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	2,713,877
	2,108,677
	2,597,819
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	
	8,435,682
	9,505,715
	2,289,346
BANK CREDITS	
	8,435,682
	9,505,715

NET INCOME (LOSS)

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	2,289,346
OTHER LIABILITIES	
	(80,221)
	(83,950)
	546,294
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	
	8,053,559
	7,317,177
	7,230,048
CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL	
	2,503,875
	1,993,875
	1,993,548
CAPITAL STOCK	
	677,903
	167,903
	167,903
PREMIUM ON STOCK SOLD	
	869,878
	869,878
	869,551
CAPITAL INCREASE (DECREASE)	
	5,549,684
	5,323,302
	5,236,500
LEGAL RESERVE	
	3,974,282
	4,231,001
	3,904,134
OTHER RESERVES	
PRIOR YEAR PROFIT	
	1,062,200
	1,062,200
	1,062,296
PROFIT	
	513,202
	30,101
	270,070

NET INCOME (LOSS)