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**Report Highlights:**

**Post has revised upwards its estimate of 1999/00 production due to excellent 1999 weather conditions. Harvesting has started. Marketing operations, as usual, will begin in the latter part of December or early January. Post has reduced its 1998/99 production estimate in line with the official estimate. Exports fell in 1999 due to fall in supply but are expected to rise in 2000 reflecting a larger crop.**

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## Executive Summary

Post has revised upwards its estimate of 1999/00 coffee production due to the excellent 1999 weather conditions and the fact that the crop falls in the upper side of the two year production cycle. Field travel indicates that crop harvesting has started and farmers interviewed are unanimous about the large size of the current crop.

Crop marketing is expected to start in late December or early January as farmers are currently concentrating on cocoa marketing. Since most farmers produce both coffee and cocoa, they usually delay coffee marketing because of processing and storage problems.

The grain size of coffee in 1999/00 is expected to be good because of the satisfactory weather conditions. However, there is a tendency towards increased black beans because farmers may strip coffee cherries during harvesting instead of picking them in effort to reduce harvesting time, in view of the large size of the crop and shortage of farm labor, thus leading to a large quantity of unripe cherries being harvested.

Post has reduced its 1998/99 production estimate in line with official estimate. The sharp drop is attributed to more than anticipated effect of the 1998 drought.

Exports fell in 1999 due to reduced domestic supply and low world market price. Exports for the first 9 months of 1999 were 3,691,817 bags against 1,857,417 bags. Exports are expected to increase in 1999/00 due to increased supply.

Coffee roasting is small, estimated at 30,000 bags and is being undertaken mainly by five Ivorian companies: Societe Africaine de Torrefaction (SAT), Ivoirienne d'Alimentation (IDAL), Cicafe, Torrefaction Eburneene de Café and Ivoire Torrefaction. Ivoire Torrefaction is the former SICOB owned by JAG, a major local coffee and cocoa exporting company which has merged with SIFCA, the leading cocoa and coffee exporting company, bought by Eurofind Holdings Ltd.

Post has reduced its estimate of 1998/99 ending stocks due to the fall in production and exports.

Exchange Rate: U.S. \$1 = 630 F CFA on November 12, 1999.

PSD Table						
Country	Cote d'Ivoire					
Commodity	Coffee, Green				(1000 HA)(MILLION TREES)(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/1997		10/1998		10/1999
Area Planted	1451	1451	1465	1465	1480	1480
Area Harvested	1225	1225	1245	1245	1285	1285
Bearing Trees	1537	1537	1562	1562	1613	1613
Non-Bearing Trees	289	289	276	276	245	245
TOTAL Tree Population	1826	1826	1838	1838	1858	1858
Beginning Stocks	2915	2915	1885	1885	1693	1410
Arabica Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robusta Production	4080	4080	3300	2123	5000	5300
Other Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Production	4080	4080	3300	2123	5000	5300
Bean Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roast & Ground Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soluble Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	6995	6995	5185	4008	6693	6710
Bean Exports	4651	4651	3000	2127	4500	4700
Roast & Ground Exports	3	3	4	2	4	3
Soluble Exports	401	401	430	411	440	430
TOTAL Exports	5055	5055	3434	2540	4944	5133
Rst,Ground Dom. Consum	27	27	28	28	29	29
Soluble Dom. Consum.	28	28	30	30	31	31
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	55	55	58	58	60	60
Ending Stocks	1885	1885	1693	1410	1689	1517
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	6995	6995	5185	4008	6693	6710

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Cote d'Ivoire		
Commodity	Coffee, Green		
Time period	Jan - Dec	Units:	60 kg bags
Exports for:	1997		1998
U.S.	162067	U.S.	205517
Others		Others	
France	1195783	France	1133600
Italy	757100	Italy	712300
Benelux	633800	Benelux	269600
Poland	362533	Poland	405900
Algeria	284983	Algeria	372483
Portugal	115433	Spain	241550
Spain	239883	Morocco	104800
Germany	77500	Portugal	88733
United Kingdom	54617	United Kingdom	73033
Total for Others	3721633		3402000
Others not Listed	449283		354050
Grand Total	4332983		3961567