

PRE-CLOSE TRADING UPDATE

Lavendon Group plc issues the following trading update for the six months ended 30 June 2006:-

"The Group's revenues for the first half of 2006 have increased by 17% over the same period last year, through a combination of organic growth and the acquisitions completed in the period.

In the UK, revenues have increased by 25% over 2005, and operating margins have improved. The revenue growth was achieved through a combination of the underlying business growing by 2% and by the addition of Panther Work Platforms Limited, Kestrel Powered Access Limited and AMP Access Limited to the Group's operations during the first half.

Germany's revenues declined by 3% in the first six months of the year, although year on year revenue growth was achieved towards the end of the second quarter enabling further progress to be made in reducing operating losses. Both France and Spain have grown revenues by 10% and have improved operating margins.

Revenues in the Middle East have increased by 20%, with margins remaining robust.

Net debt levels have increased following the recent acquisitions, but these are well supported by the Group's strong operational cash flows and improved trading performance.

Overall, the Group's performance is in line with expectations and the Board remains confident that further progress will be made in the remainder of the year."

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