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**XP Power plc  
("XP" or "the Group")**

**Trading Update**

XP, one of the world's leading providers of power supply solutions to the electronics industry, is today issuing an update on trading for the first quarter of 2006.

As we expected, market conditions in the first quarter of the year have been more robust than in the same period a year ago. During March and April we have made some marginal changes to our business to exit some of the declining third party product lines and have trimmed our costs accordingly. We do not expect these changes to have any material effect on our earnings in 2006. We therefore confirm the guidance given at the time of our preliminary results statement for 2005; that we expect to grow our earnings in 2006 over 2005.

Our manufacturing joint venture with Fortron Source is progressing according to plan and pilot production began in March. We expect that this facility will be producing full production units in the second quarter. This is another step that takes the Group closer to the manufacturing end of the supply chain.

XP expects to release interim results for the year ending 31 December 2006 on Tuesday, 1 August 2006.

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Notes to editors:

XP Power plc provides power supply solutions to the electronics industry.

All electronic equipment needs a power supply. Power supplies convert the incoming AC supply into various levels of DC voltages to drive electronic components and sub-assemblies within the end user's equipment. XP Power segments its business into Communications, Defence and Avionics, Industrial and Medical. By servicing these markets XP Power provides investors with access to technology and industrial sectors of the North American and European electronics market.

The market is highly fragmented and made up of a large number of small to medium sized Original Equipment Manufacturers who source standard and modified standard power supplies from several hundred power supply companies.

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