

e-pay reports 140% earnings growth for Q1 2006

The Directors of e-pay Asia Limited (“the Company”) are pleased to announce that the consolidated entity (“e-pay”) delivered net earnings after minority interests of A\$1.33 million, or fully diluted earnings per share of 0.6 cents for the three months period ending 31 March 2006, an increase of 138% when compared to net earnings (after minority interests) of A\$0.56 million achieved by the same business for the corresponding quarter in 2005.

	3 months ended 31-March-05	3 months ended 31-March-06	Increase
	A\$	A\$	
Revenue	72.7 m	136.6 m	88%
Gross profit	2.24 m	4.60 m	106%
EBITDA	1.15 m	2.95 m	156%
EBIT (Earnings before income tax)	1.03 m	2.59 m	151%
Net profit before minority interests	1.02 m	2.24 m	120%
Net earnings attributable to shareholders	0.56 m	1.33 m	138%
Gross profit margin	3.08%	3.37%	9.42%

Note: The consolidated results shown above do not include Pakistan and Thailand.

Simon Loh, Managing Director of e-pay Asia said,

“I am delighted to report that we are achieving solid growth and increasing market share in all our operating markets. In line with our strategy, we have expanded our distribution channels, increased gross margins, and have also made good progress in developing new services and revenue streams.”

“Base on our current trading performance and growth rate, and provided that nothing unforeseen happens, we expect to achieve full year net earnings after minority interests of A\$6 million instead of \$5 million as initially forecasted in our prospectus.”

During May 2006, e-pay executives will conduct investor meetings to present its first quarter financial results beginning in London between the 2nd and 5th followed by Australia in the week commencing the 15th and ending on the 18th in Sydney where the Company’s Annual General Meeting is being held.

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ABOUT E-PAY ASIA

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