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HELEX First Quarter 2006 Results

€14.3 mln net after tax profit

The net profits of the Group in the 1st quarter of the 2006 amounted to €14.3 mln vs. €7.8 mln in the corresponding period last year, an increase of 84%.

This increase is due to the large increase by 71% in the Group's income (€29.6 mln in Q1 2006 vs. €17.4 mln in Q1 2005). In particular the increase in operating income is due primarily to the increase in income from trading and clearing in the ATHEX cash market by 87% and secondly to the increase in income from trading and clearing in the ATHEX derivatives market by 39% as well as from the increase in income from listed companies by 36%.

The operating costs of the Group were marginally increased by 1% (€6.6 mln in Q1 2006 vs. €6.5 mln in Q1 2005) mainly due to the increase in salaries and staff related costs.

The operating result (EBIT) of the Group in Q1 2006 amounted to €20.5 mln vs. €9.1 mln in the corresponding period last year, an increase of €126%.

The parent company, in Q1 2006 shows dividend income from its subsidiaries of €50.7 mln vs. €56.8 mln in the corresponding period last year. The profits before taxes of the Company amounted to €49.2 mln vs. €57.6 mln in the corresponding period in 2005. Finally, the net after tax profits amounted to €49.2 mln vs. €57.5 mln in the corresponding period last year.

The financial statements of HELEX are posted on the Company's website (www.helex.gr).