

ESPRIT ANNOUNCES DOUBLE-DIGIT % INTERIM TURNOVER & PROFIT GROWTH

- Group turnover rose 13.1% to around HK\$11.8 billion
- Net profit increased 15.7% to about HK\$1.9 billion
- Interim dividend: HK\$0.5 per share, payable on April 7, 2006

HONG KONG, February 22, 2006 – Esprit Holdings Limited (SEHK: 330; LSE: EPT LI) today announced interim results for the six months ended December 31, 2005.

“Esprit has once again demonstrated its ability to deliver sustainable growth,” commented Heinz Krogner, Deputy Chairman and Group CEO.

“Key performance indicators are in line with company’s targets,” said John Poon, Deputy Chairman and Group CFO, “notwithstanding around 5% drop in the Euro to HKD translation rate, and HK\$70 million of share option expense from first adoption of IFRS 2, the Group achieved 18% turnover growth in local currency terms, an operating profit margin of 20.4% and a net profit margin of 15.8%.”

“New space and comp-store growth are both on track,” said Mr. Krogner, “while the growth of our core markets continues, newer markets such as Italy, U.K. and France have demonstrated high growth potentials, each recorded a turnover increase of 59%, 36% and 29% respectively,”

Mr. Poon added, “as at December 31, 2005, the Group has net cash in excess of HK\$1.5 billion and the Board has declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.5 per share to be paid on April 7, 2006, an 11.1% increase over last year.”

“Global brand expansion will continue,” Thomas Grote, President of ESPRIT brand stated. “In addition to wholesale order booking to June 2006 which shows a local currency high-teens year-on-year growth, we will further open over 500 wholesale point-of-sales and around 40 directly managed retail stores worldwide.”

“With our commitment to profitability and market share expansion, we are confident that Esprit will continue its growth story,” concluded Esprit Chairman Michael Ying.

ESPRIT HOLDINGS LIMITED
UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA
(in HK\$ millions, except per share data)

	For the six months ended 31 December 2005	Year-on-year Growth*
Turnover	11,826	13.1%
Profit attributable to Shareholders	1,873	15.7%
Interim Dividend	HK\$0.50	11.1%

* On the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standard 2, Share-based Payment, certain comparative figures have been restated. For details of the effect on the consolidated income statement for the period ended December 31, 2005, please refer to result announcement on www.espritholdings.com

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