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1. ECONOMIC INDICATORS

UK

- GDP rose by 0.6% in Q1 2006, the same growth rate as in Q4 2005.
- Manufacturing output increased by 0.4 % in the three months to February 2006 compared with the three months to November 2005.
- Services output rose by 0.8% in the three months to February 2006 compared with the three months to November 2005.
- Distribution output rose by 0.8% in the three months to February 2006 compared with the three months to November 2005.
- In March 2006, output price annual inflation for all manufactured products fell to 2.5%. Input price annual inflation fell from 14.9% in February 2006 to 13.1% in March.
- Consumer Prices Index (CPI) annual inflation fell to 1.8% in March 2006. Retail Prices Index (RPI) inflation was unchanged in March 2006, remaining at 2.4%.
- Employment rate stays at 74.5% for the three months ending in February 2006. This is unchanged over the quarter but down 0.4% over the year. The number of people in employment for the three months ending in February 2006 was 28.84 million. Employment increased by 76,000 over the quarter and by 147,000 over the year. The unemployment rate was 5.1%, up 0.1% over the quarter and 0.4% over the year.
- Average earnings (excluding bonuses) rose by 3.8% in the year to February 2006. This is unchanged from January. Including bonuses, average earnings rose by 4.2% in the year to February 2006, up from 3.6% in January. In the year to February 2006, pay growth (excluding bonuses) in the private sector was 3.8%, compared with 4% for the public sector. Including bonus payments, private sector growth stood at 4.2% compared with 4.3% for the public sector.
- The volume of retail sales in the three months January 2006 to March 2006 was 0.7% lower than in the previous three months, This follows growth of 0.4% in the three months to February 2006 and compares with an

increase of 0.3% at the same time in 2005.

- Total car production in the three months to March 2006 fell by 2% compared with the previous three months.
- Visits abroad by UK residents rose by 3% during the 12 months ending February 2006 from 64.6 million to 66.6 million. Over the same 12 month period, visits by overseas residents to the UK rose by 6%, from 28.2 million to 30 million.
- During December 2005 to February 2006, the number of visits overseas by UK residents increased 1% to 16.9 million, while the associated spending remained the same at £8.1 billion. Over the same period, there were 7.6 million visits to the UK by overseas residents. Spending increased by 9% to £3.7 billion.
- In March 2006 the public sector showed a deficit on current budget of £3.5 billion, compared with a deficit of £5.8 billion in March 2005.
- The UK's deficit on trade in goods and services was £4.8 billion in February 2006. The surplus on trade in services was £1.7 billion in February. The UK's deficit on trade in goods in February was £6.5 billion. The deficit on trade in goods with the EU in February was £3.1 billion. The deficit with non-EU countries narrowed to £3.4 billion in February from a deficit of £3.7 billion in January.

For previously released UK economic indicators visit National Statistics <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/>

LONDON

- In the most recent 28-day period, (From 5 February to 4 March 2006) London's public transport had 220.2 million passenger journeys; 142.6 million by bus and 77.6 million by underground.
- The moving average annual rate of growth in passenger journeys decreased slightly to 0.5% from 0.7% in the previous period.
- The Footfall Index of shoppers in London was 96.3 in the second week of April. It reached its peak so far this year of 106.8 in the first week of April.
- The rate of claimant count unemployment in London was 3.4% in March 2006. There were 170,300 unemployed claimants in London in March 2006, compared with 164,200 in March 2005.
- London's annual growth in output was 2.1% in Q3 2005, up from 1.7% in Q2 2005.
- London's year-on-year employment growth increased to 1.6% in Q3 2005 compared to 0.9% in Q2.
- London firms continue to increase their level of employment. The PMI for the level of employment was 54 in March 2006, above the 53 recorded in February.
- London's firms continued to expand their output of goods and services in March 2006. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of business activity recorded 58.6 in March compared to 60.8 in February.
- Annual house price growth in London increased to 5.1% in Q1 2006 from 2.4% in Q4 2005. .
- New orders for London firms continued to rise in March 2006. The PMI for new orders recorded 58.3 in March 2006, a decrease from 59.5 in February.
- 9.96 million passengers traveled through London's airports in March 2006. The number of passengers using London's airports decreased by 1.8% from March 2005 to March 2006.
- The annual growth rate of overseas visitors to the UK was -4.7% in February 2006, down from 5.4% in January. The year-on-year growth in expenditure by overseas visitors in the UK was -8.6% in February 2006, a decrease from -0.8% in January.

US

- GDP grew at an annual rate of 4.8% in Q1 2006. This follows a growth rate of 1.7% in Q4 2005.
- Personal income rose 0.8% in March 2006 after rising 0.3% in February. Over the past twelve months, personal income has risen 6%. Real consumer spending increased 0.2% in March 2006, the same increase as in February.
- The US monthly goods & services deficit narrowed in February 2006. The deficit decreased from \$68.6 billion (revised) in January, to \$65.7 billion in February as imports decreased more than exports. Exports of goods and services decreased \$1.3 billion in February to \$113 billion and imports of goods and services decreased \$4.2 billion in February to \$178.7 billion.

For previously released US economic indicators visit US Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

<http://www.bea.gov/beahome.html>

NY

- Private employment increased by 2,700 jobs in February 2006, after an increase of 25,900 jobs in January. (Source: New York State Dept. of Labor)
- The unemployment rate decreased to 5.3% in February 2006 from 5.5% in January. (Source: New York State Dept. of Labor)
- The NYC hotel occupancy rate in February 2006 was 77%, compared to 81% in February 2005. (Source: New York State Dept. of Labor)
- The Direct Class A office vacancy rate was 6.6 % in March 2006, while the average asking rent was \$52 per SF. (Source: New York State Dept. of Labor)
- Air traffic in NYC's airports was 7.6 million in January 2006. (Source: New York State Dept. of Labor)
- In March 2006, decreases in direct Class A office vacancy in both Midtown South and Downtown areas were offset by increases in Midtown areas, thus causing Manhattan totals to remain unchanged from February 2006. (Source: Cushman & Wakefield)
- From February 2006 to March 2006 direct average rents in Manhattan rose to \$52 PSF, the highest rate since April 2003. The rise was primarily due to Midtown rents increasing to \$57 PSF from \$55 PSF a month earlier. (Source: Cushman & Wakefield)
- From February 2006 to March 2006, Midtown South sublease vacancy rates increased while average sublease rents in the area rose 9%, to \$37 PSF. (Source: Cushman & Wakefield)
- In January 2006, 7.6 million passengers flew in and out of the region's airports, a 5% increase from January 2005 passenger levels. (Source: Port Authority of New York and New Jersey)
- In February 2006, the average daily hotel room rate was \$220, a 10% increase from February 2005. (Source: PKF Consulting)
- Hotel occupancy was 77% in February 2006, compared with 81% in February 2005. (Source: PKF Consulting)
- Total Broadway attendance was approximately 1 million during the five weeks ending April 2, 2006, a 9% decrease from the same period last year. Broadway revenue during this period was roughly \$81 million, unchanged from last year. (Source: The League of American Theatres and Producers)
- Total ridership on MTA subways, trains and buses, and bridge and tunnel use in January 2006 was roughly 217 million, an increase of 3% from January 2005. In January 2006, subway ridership was roughly 119 million, a 3% increase from that of January 2005. (Source: Metropolitan Transportation Authority)
- For the four months ending February 2006: There were 2,539 building projects (including new, additions and alterations) that started construction in NYC, a 4% increase from the four months ending February 2005. There were 125 infrastructure (non-building) projects, an increase of 9% from last year. (Source: Dodge Analytics)
- Planned space for building projects is approximately 17 million square feet, a 15% increase from the same period ending 2005. (Source: Dodge Analytics)

2. INVESTMENT INDICATORS

UK

UK Investment Position 2005

Over 2005 as a whole, earnings on both investments abroad and investments in the UK grew strongly. The surplus on direct investment income in 2005 rose to £43.3 billion, compared with £36.3 billion in 2004 and £33.1 billion in 2003. UK earnings on direct investment abroad increased £14.1 billion to £78.3 billion in 2005 from £64.2 billion in 2004. Foreign earnings on direct investment in the UK in 2005 were £34.9 billion

Portfolio investment income recorded a surplus of £1.1 billion in 2005, 0.6 billion higher than the 2004 figure. The UK earnings on portfolio investment rose by £1.7 billion and foreign earnings on portfolio investment in the UK rose by £7.9 billion.

The deficit from earnings on other investment rose from £11.1 billion in 2004 to £17.8 billion in 2005. UK earnings on other investment abroad rose by nearly 50% from 2004 to £59.1 billion in 2005 while earnings on other investment in the UK rose by over 50% to £76.9 billion.

In 2005, there was a net inflow (Inward investment) of £24.8 billion, compared with a net inflow of £15.5 billion in 2004. UK investment abroad in 2005 was £720.5 billion, compared with £527.2 billion in 2004. Foreign investment in the UK was £745.3 billion in 2005, compared with £542.7 billion in the 2004.

Direct investment abroad showed net investment of £55.6 billion in 2005, compared to investment of £52.6 billion in 2004. Direct investment in the UK was £90.5 billion in 2005, compared with £42.4 billion in 2004.

Portfolio investment abroad showed net investment of £161.2 billion in 2005, following investment of £140.9 billion in 2004. Portfolio investment in the UK showed investment of £131.1 billion compared with £86.5 billion in 2004.

Other investment abroad showed net investment of £500.5 billion in 2005, compared with £325.8 billion in 2004. Other investment in the UK showed net investment of £523.7 billion in 2005, compared with investment of £413.8 billion in 2004.

US

US Investment Position 2005

In 2005, income receipts on US owned assets abroad increased to \$465.6 billion from \$376.5 billion in 2004. Income payments on foreign owned assets in the US increased to \$458.2 billion from \$340.3 billion in 2004.

Net recorded financial inflows- net acquisitions by foreign residents of assets in the US less net acquisitions by US residents of assets abroad- were \$801 billion in 2005, up from \$584.6 billion in 2004. Financial inflows for foreign-owned assets in the US slowed less than financial outflows for US owned assets abroad.

US owned assets abroad increased \$491.7 billion in 2005, compared with an increase of \$855.5 billion in 2004. Foreign owned assets in the US increased £1,292.7 billion in 2005, compared with an increase of \$1,440.1 billion in 2004.

Net financial outflows for US direct investment abroad were \$21.5 billion in 2005, down substantially from \$252 billion in 2004. Net financial inflows for foreign direct investment in the US were \$128.6 billion in 2005, up from \$106.8 billion in 2004.

Other

Capital Flows to the Emerging market Economies

In 2006, direct investment in the emerging market countries is projected to rise to \$170 billion from \$158 billion in 2005. Industries expected to be at the forefront of direct investment growth are computing and internet technology, public utilities, transportation and tourism related services, electrical products, machinery & metals, mining & petroleum.

On the regional basis, the only significant increase in direct investment is expected to take place in emerging Europe where countries like Poland and Romania are likely to see pickup in direct investment flows. Russia is projected to experience a sharp positive reversal in flows this year but the \$5.6 billion in flows forecast will fall short of those received by half the countries in the region. China will continue to receive the vast majority of direct investment in the Asia/Pacific Region. Net inflows could increase to \$51 billion this year from \$50 billion in 2005. In Latin America, only Mexico is expected to see increase in net direct investment this year, accounting for one-third of such flows to the region.

After reaching a record high of almost \$62 billion in 2005, emerging market portfolio equity investment is projected to accelerate further this year to nearly \$71 billion. The Asia/pacific region is expected to amount for 60% of total net equity portfolio flows to emerging market countries this year. In emerging Europe, net portfolio equity investment is expected to increase to more than \$19 billion in 2006 from \$9.2 billion in 2005. In Latin America, net inflows of portfolio equity investment in 2006 are projected to be cut in half from last year's \$5.5 billion.

3. NEW INVESTMENTS

US Investments into the UK & Ireland

Tamale Launches New Office in London

Tamale Software Inc, the industry leader in Research Management Solutions (RMS) has opened a London office to address the increasing demand by London based investment firms seeking to adopt Tamale's RMS product.

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Tamale Software, Suite 290, 176 Finchley Road, London NW3 6BT. Tel: +44 20 7096 0573

Server Technology Opens UK Office

Server Technology Inc, the leader in Remote Power management solutions, has opened a UK office. The UK office will service customers throughout the EU community. Server technology, Inc. designs and manufactures intelligent power distribution products for the enterprise data center market, service providers and branch office locations.

Server Technology Inc, Headquarters, 1040 Sandhill Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521, Tel: +1 775 284 2000 Fax: +1 775 284 2065, Graham Leonard, Senior Sales & Marketing VP, Email: sales@servertech.com

Website: www.servertech.com

Server Technology UK Ltd, 3 Eghams Court, Boston Drive, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire SL8 5YS. Tel: +44 16 2852 5511 Fax: +44 16 2853 1296, UK Contact, Ray Moore, Email: sales@servertech.co.uk

3M Digital Signage Launches in UK

3M Digital Signage has opened a UK office with a mission to bring its portfolio of software and display hardware solutions to a European customer base in retails, entertainment, leisure, corporate, education and other key markets. 3M Digital Signage software provides advanced content and network management functionality to any configuration of a digital signage network. 3M will use this UK office to support a rapid expansion across Europe.

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www.3m.com/digitalsignage

Intel Capital & PIPEX create broadband wireless company in UK

Intel Capital, Intel's venture capital investment organization, and PIPEX Communications plc, a major UK based telecommunications provider, announced that they have jointly formed PIPEX Wireless, a wireless operator which will provide broadband services in major metropolitan areas. These services are designed to meet the needs of consumers, enterprises and governments for wireless broadband, including citywide "hotspot" wireless access. Intel Capital is investing \$25 million in the new company.

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intelcapital@intel.com Website: www.intel.com

PIPEX Communications plc, Carlton House, 27A Carlton Drive, London SW15 2BS. Tel: +44 80 0031 7317, Fax: 020 8957 1226, Peter Dubens, Executive Chairman. Website: www.pipex.net

Morgan Stanley to Expand in Scotland

Financial services firm Morgan Stanley is to expand its operations in Scotland with another 300 jobs at its Glasgow base. The news of the expansion follows Morgan Stanley's recent acquisition of the Goldfish credit card operation. Morgan Stanley, 1585 Broadway, New York, NY 10036. Tel: +1 212 761 4000 Fax: +1 212 762 0575. John J.

Mack, Chairman & CEO Website: www.morganstanley.com

Morgan Stanley, Cerium Building, 55 Douglas Street, Glasgow, Scotland G2 7NP Tel: +44 14 1245 8000 Website: www.morganstanley.co.uk

Gist Communications, Inc. Opens London Office

Gist Communications opens a new sales office in London. Gist Communications provides electronic program guides and digital services for managing TV entertainment. Gist has delivered cutting-edge solutions for data and applications broadcast over the TV signal and IP networks (internet, IPTV) as well as matching client-side applications for consumer electronics devices, Media Center PCs, and mobile phones. Gist has deployed TV solutions in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Gist Communications Inc, 84 Wooster Street – 602, New York, NY 10012. Tel: +1 212 201 4253, Jim Cantalini, CEO, Email: jcantalini@gist.com Website: www.gist.com

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Agile software Leader Launches Global Operations

Command Information Subsidiary Digital Focus Opens Office in the UK to address growing global demand for software development and integration. Digital Focus provides IT consulting services, software development, and agile coaching to Fortune 1000 and medium-sized businesses.

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Website: www.digitalfocus.com

Digital Focus UK Ltd, Churchill House, Ockford Road, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1QY

Lithium Technologies Opens UK Office

Lithium Technologies Inc, the leading provider of on-demand customer community solutions opens UK office. Lithium Technologies provides market-leading solutions for building successful online communities.

Lithium Technologies, Corporate Headquarters, 5980 Horton Street, Suite 370, Emeryville, CA 94608. Tel: +1 510 653 6800 Fax: +1 510 653 6801, Michael G. Thouati, CEO, Website: www.lithium.com

Lithium Technologies UK, Unit 3, The Business Village, Wexham Road, Slough, Berkshire SL2 5HF

Tel: +44 17 5320 1245 Fax: +44 17 5386 0672, Brian Quinn, Sales Director, Email: brian.quinn@lithium.com

Skila Expands European Operations

Skila, a leading provider of marketing and brand effectiveness solutions for the pharmaceutical industry, announced the expansion of its London office.

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Skila, Flat 511 Peninsula Apartments, 4 Praed Street, London W2 1JE. Tel: +44 20 7087 4050 Fax: +44 20 7569 8680

Cardiocre Opens European Headquarters

Cardiocre Lab Inc, a premier provider of centralized cardiac safety monitoring and analysis announced the launch of Cardiocre Limited. The company's European operation, located in Central London, provides project management, customer support and site provisioning services for Cardiocre's European customers.

Cardiocre Lab Inc, 6901 Rockledge Drive, Suite 220, Bethesda, MD 20817 Tel: +1 301 214 7600 Fax: +1 301 214 7601 website: www.cardiocrelab.com

Cardiocre Lab Ltd, Carmelite, 50 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0DX.

UK Investments into the US

Zopa to Expand Operations into California

UK based Zopa Ltd, an online lending and borrowing exchange has announced it will expand its operations into California, through a locally based subsidiary.

Zopa Ltd, 3rd Floor, 36-38 Mortimer Street, London W1W 7RG. Website: www.zopa.com

Hiscox Launches New US Operation

Hiscox plc, a leading provider of specialty insurance based in the UK, has opened Hiscox USA, a new US-based

underwriting operation offering cover for small and mid-size US professional service businesses outside the Fortune 1000.

Hiscox plc, 1 Great St. Helen's, London EC3A 6HX. Tel: +44 20 7448 6000 Fax: +20 7448 6900, Robert Hiscox, Chairman, Email: enquiry@hiscox.com Website: www.hiscox.com

Hiscox Inc, 357 Main Street, Armonk, New York, NY 10504. Tel: +1 914 273 2804, Ed Donnelly, President. Website: www.hiscoxusa.com

[ClinPhone Opens West Coast Office to Support Local Customers](#)

ClinPhone, the global leader in clinical technology solutions, has established a new facility near San Francisco in response to company's growing success in the region.

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ClinPhone Inc, 1001 Bayhill Drive, 2nd Floor, San Bruno, CA 94066. Tel: +1 650 616 4381, Rob McGrady, West Coast Operations Manager

[FINEOS Expands Presence in North America](#)

Dublin-based FINEOS, an expert in the development of packaged software solutions for the insurance and banking industries, has announced the opening of a new regional headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts.

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[Innovative Interface Links Computers to Control Systems](#)

For those involved in the design of test, instrumentation and control systems, a versatile range of new USB interface products has been developed by a British company so that computers can be linked to control and monitoring systems. All products are available with a range of software driver options.

The new modules from EasyDAQ allow test rigs, teaching aids and prototype control systems to be driven by the software in existing computers, which can also monitor the results. When work is finished, the modules can be dismantled while the software and data remains in the host computer, ready for use on other applications. The company would welcome inquiries from potential distributors.

Chris Harden, Director, EasyDAQ Ltd, 14 Brook Lane, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3RD, Tel: +44 12 0260 0747 Email: info@easydaq.biz Website: www.easydaq.biz

[Woodie's Capo Gives Guitarists a Boost](#)

When guitarist Colin "Woodie" Woodland wanted a single-string capo – a device used on guitars to hold down the top E string at G, in order to get a banjo sound – he searched guitar stores in Britain and on the Internet, without success. So he set about making his own capo with friends. They came up with a new clip-on device that could be used on the top or bottom strings and anywhere on the fretboard, providing a key to exploring new chords and "licks". Made from spring steel and coated with bonded silicon rubber, the Woodies G-Band clips on quickly and securely to the neck of an acoustic or electric guitar and can be removed just as easily. The Woodies G-Band is now a must-have accessory across the UK guitar market. Further information can be found at www.woodiesgband.com

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Email: jim@woodiesgband.com Website: www.woodiesgband.com

[Cable Dispensers for easier, Safer, Cost-Effective Installation](#)

Installation of cable for electrical, communications and security applications is made easier and more cost-effective by a range of cable-dispensing equipment newly available from British company Kablemate. With health and safety in mind, the Kablemate range has a design and color scheme that helps eliminate the trips and falls associated with working with cables. The company would welcome inquires from potential agents, distributors or licensees.

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Website: www.kablemate.com

Crops Sciences to Reap Benefits of safer Metering Device

A micro-granule metering cartridge, designed by research agronomists in the UK, could bring big gains for crop science companies, farm machinery distributors and growers. The cartridge system, to be launched in the US by Apcal, enables crop science companies the ability to improve stewardship of their products and to win farmer loyalty. Manufacturers supply the devices to growers for metering Mocap, Temik, and other pesticides using Horstine Farmery Microband machinery. They replace the metering parts in existing Microband application equipment and improve safety and reliability. Calibration is straightforward, with on-line assistance available.. The company would welcome inquiries from potential agents or distributors.

Graham Basil, Apcal, 29 Central Avenue, Beverley, East Yorkshire HU17 8LL. Tel: +44 14 8286 0501 Email: info@apcal.com Website: www.apcal.com

Customized Kits Put the Craft into Cross-Stitch

Everything required to produce charming and unique counted cross-stitch name sampler designs, portraying children and adults in situations evocative of more innocent times, is now available in the form of kits and charts supplied by a specialist British company. Cottage Needlecrafts offers a variety of products, focusing on the personalized market. It will design names to order but there are also set kits available. Each kit contains all necessary materials, an easy to use color chart, instructions and and a color print of the finished design. Individual customers can create their own name sampler and on the company's web site (www.cottageneedlecrafts.com) it is possible to see a chosen name being created. Cottage Needlecrafts will work closely with customers to create a unique and personalized finished product. The company would welcome inquiries from potential agents or distributors.

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Luxury Linens Recreate the Age of Elegance

Over the last two decades, British company Heirlooms has built an international reputation for manufacturing high-quality linens for bedrooms, bathrooms and dining tables. These linen products, to be found in private homes, hotels, palaces and on luxury yachts, are selected by interior designers and individuals who can afford, the very best. The company, which was recently awarded a royal warrant in the UK, offers ready-made ranges as well as a customized service. The company is looking to expand sales to the US through leading retailers and interior designers. Further information is available at the company's website www.heirlooms-linens.com. Heirlooms would welcome inquiries from potential agents or distributors.

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Portable System Put DJs on the Road to Digital Future

Modern DJs can now carry tens of thousands of music tracks from job to job in a digital module housed in an aluminum lightweight case. The 00DJ portable MP3 module, is an all-in-one package for professional DJs, from Computer DJ, a British company that is attracting international interest with its digital music systems. Users benefit from having all their music conveniently in one place, easily accessible at the touch of a finger and free from the worry of connecting and powering external soundcards. Connections are minimal and designed to meet the needs of the professional DJ. The universal switch-mode power supply allows operation in any country. Computer DJ can customize the 00DJ to meet specific needs, and its design engineers are preparing a special Mac version.

Shaun Minns, Computer DJ Ltd, Unit 5, Shine Knowledge and Innovation Park, St Mark's Street Hull HU8 7FB. Tel: +1 482 319700 E-mail: info@computerdj.net Website: www.computerdj.net

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4. TRADE SHOWS

UK

May 16-18 2006 – ITEC 2006 Conference & Exhibition, ExCel London

International defense training, educational and simulation exhibition.

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May 16-18 2006 – et2006/ICU/Nemex, NEC Birmingham

UK's largest ever environment, energy & contaminated land event.

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US

Upcoming trade shows for May 2006 that have been selected to participate in the US Commercial Service's International Buyer Program.

May 20-23 2006 - The National Restaurant – Motel Show, McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois

NRA is the global marketplace that brings together the entire foodservice and hospitality industries. More than 2000 companies exhibited last year.

For more details contact Marcella Marcheso, Tel: +44 20 7408 8019 Email: Marchella.Marcheso@mail.doc.gov

OTHER

The US Commercial Service – EBRD invites US firms based in the UK to the following events:

2006 EBRD Annual Meeting/Business Forum – May 21-22 2006

Hilton London Metropole, London

The 2006 EBRD Annual Meeting and Business Forum offers US companies a valuable opportunity to meet with the Bank's global network of partners, clients and contacts and to learn about new opportunities in the Bank's 27 countries of operation. If you would like to take part in this event, please contact EBRD organizers on +44 20 7338 6625, or email aminvitations@ebrd.com or register directly on line at www.ebrd.com/am

Annual American Business Breakfast for US companies - Monday, May 22 2006

On Monday morning, May 22, US participants in the 2006 Business Forum will have an opportunity to meet up with EBRD bankers in the Annual American Business Breakfast for US companies. This breakfast is organized by the Advocacy Center, US Commercial Liaison Office to the EBRD and by the Office of the US Executive Director. Key speakers will include Acting First VP and VP Finance Steven Kaempfer and US Executive Director Mark Sullivan, as well as senior Department of Treasury Officials/Head of US Delegation. At this Breakfast, US firms will have an opportunity to hear from and interact with senior EBRD officials and members of the official US delegation. This Breakfast, for executive and representatives of US firms only, will end in time to allow guests to attend Annual Meeting events.

Reservations for this event are on a strictly first come basis, please RSVP by email: Gurjit.Bassi@mail.doc.gov

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