

19 December 2006

Ardent Group Plc  
('Ardent' or 'the Company')

Result of AGM

The Board of Ardent is pleased to announce that, at the Annual General Meeting held earlier today, the Resolutions which were set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting included in the circular dated 27 November 2006 in relation to, amongst other things, the acquisition of the entire share capital of SHIP Property Trading Company (One) Limited and the change of name of the Company to Finance Ireland plc, were duly passed.

The change of name of the Company to Finance Ireland Plc is expected to become effective later today and the trading of the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange under the ticker 'FIRE' is expected to commence on 22 December 2006.

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