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ORD MINNETT APPOINTS RBC DEXIA INVESTOR SERVICES AS CUSTODIAN AND INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE ORD MINNETT ENHANCED INCOME FUND

SYDNEY, March 2, 2006 — RBC Dexia Investor Services today announced that it has been selected to provide custody and investment administration services for Ord Minnett's newly-launched Enhanced Income Fund. Ord Minnett is a leading Australian asset management, full service stockbroking and financial planning firm.

"We were impressed by RBC Dexia Investor Services' capabilities, as well as their reputation for flexibility and excellent client service," said Walter Lewin, Managing Director, Ord Minnett Asset Management. "After surveying the marketplace, we decided they were the best partner to help us execute our operating model and maximize the efficiencies of our new fund."

On February 13, 2006, Ord Minnett Management Limited launched the Enhanced Income Fund, one of several additional managed investment schemes planned by the company. The fund is S&P 'A+' rated and provides strong income returns with a low risk profile.

"We believe RBC Dexia Investor Services has the track record and the capabilities to support not only this fund, but also Ord Minnett's plans for future funds, which will cater to our clients' requirements," said Mr. Lewin.

"We are delighted to have been chosen by Ord Minnett to provide custody and investment administration services for their new product suite," said Alex Muto, Managing Director, RBC Dexia Investor Services, Australia. "We are very proud to be able to play a role in Ord Minnett's future growth and we are looking forward to a long-lasting partnership."

RBC Dexia Investor Services was recently ranked as the best global custodian in both the 2005 and 2004 *Global Investor* Global Custody Survey and the 2006 and 2005 R&M Consultants Global Custody Survey.

About Ord Minnett

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Ord Minnett is a full service stockbroking, investment planning and financial services group. With a history spanning over 150 years, Ord Minnett is one of the best known and most highly respected names in the Australian financial services industry. Ord Minnett employs over 350 dedicated financial services professionals in 15 offices located in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Adelaide, Gold Coast, Buderim, Caloundra, Coffs Harbour, Dubbo, Mackay, Newcastle, Tamworth, Tuncurry and Wollongong. Products and services include funds management, full service retail stockbroking, financial planning, Private Investment Management, research services, margin lending and corporate finance. The Ord Minnett Group is approximately 70% owned by directors and employees and 30% owned by J.P. Morgan. Funds under management are approximately \$500 million as at January, 2006.

About RBC Dexia Investor Services

RBC Dexia Investor Services offers institutional investors worldwide an integrated suite of products, including global custody, fund and pension administration, securities lending, shareholder services, analytics and other related services. With approximately US\$2.0 trillion (€1.7 trillion) in client assets under custody*, RBC Dexia Investor Services ranks among the world's top 10 global custodians. Headquartered in London, the company has 3,800 employees who serve clients from offices in 15 countries on four continents. RBC Dexia Investor Services is a joint venture equally owned by Royal Bank of Canada and Dexia. Visit the RBC Dexia Investor Services website at www.rbcdexia-is.com.

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*Includes in-house assets of Royal Bank of Canada (as of October 31, 2005) and Dexia (as of September 30, 2005).