

**RBC DEXIA INVESTOR SERVICES RANKED #1 IN THE WORLD  
FOR GLOBAL CUSTODY SERVICES**

**Retains top spot in prestigious R&M Consultants Survey for second consecutive year**

**LONDON, U.K. March 1, 2006** — RBC Dexia Investor Services today announced that it has been ranked #1 overall in the 2006 R&M Consultants Global Custody Survey. This is the second consecutive year that it has received the #1 ranking in the survey.

“RBC Dexia Investor Services is very pleased to have been ranked #1 overall in the R&M Survey for the second year in a row,” said Rob Wright, Chief Operating Officer of RBC Dexia Investor Services. “Our top ranking in this very competitive survey reflects our employees’ continuing commitment to providing excellent service to our clients. We are extremely grateful and appreciative for this recognition from the institutions we do business with around the world.”

In addition to its top overall ranking, RBC Dexia Investor Services was also named:

- #1 provider of global custody services in the U.K.,
- #1 provider of global custody services in Canada,
- #1 provider of global custody services to asset owners,
- #2 provider of global custody services in North America,
- #2 provider of global custody services in Continental Europe, and
- #2 provider of global custody services to asset managers.

“RBC Dexia Investor Services has proved too good for its competitors for the second year in a row,” said Richard Hogsflesh, managing director of R&M Surveys. “RBC Dexia Investor Services’ impressive results in the 2006 R&M Survey demonstrate their commitment to the areas of client service and relationship management.”

Based on responses from investment managers, pension funds, charities and other financial institutions around the world, the U.K.-based survey measures client satisfaction with the services performed by global custodians.

The 2006 R&M Survey is just one of the recent surveys in which RBC Dexia Investor Services has achieved outstanding results. RBC Dexia Investor Services was also ranked #1 in the world in the 2005 R&M Survey, and #1 in the world in the 2005 and 2004 *Global Investor Global Custody Surveys*.

### **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](http://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).