

AEA Technology plc

Trading Update

AEA Technology plc (AEA), a leading climate change and energy consultancy, is pleased to provide the following trading update ahead of its preliminary results, which will be announced in mid-June 2008.

Trading has remained strong through to the end of the financial year ending 31 March 2008. As a consequence, normalised PBT will be slightly ahead of market expectations. In addition, strong cash management means that AEA's net debt position at the end of the year is also expected to be slightly better than market expectations.

The Group has continued to retain and develop important projects as well as win new work from the public sector. This includes the recently announced five-year extension to Defra's air quality monitoring programme, worth £5.0 million and the six-month extension as Managing Agent to the Knowledge Transfer Programme on behalf of the Technology Strategy Board, worth £4.6 million.

Aside from Central Government, the Group has continued to make good progress with the Scottish and Welsh administrations and international opportunities are increasing. Revenue growth in private sector consulting for 2007/8 is expected to be comfortably into double digits. Overall, the secured forward order book for 2008/9 and 2009/10 is healthy and AEA begins the new financial year with secured sales well over 50% in line with previous years.

Looking forward, trading conditions remain positive overall and the Group's strategy to move more aggressively into the private sector appears well timed. The Group continues to see significant opportunities in the US, EU and China.

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