

AEA Technology plc

Pre-close trading update

AEA Technology plc, the environment and energy consultancy, is today providing an update on trading prior to entering its closed period ahead of its preliminary results announcement scheduled for 14th June 2007.

The results for the year to 31st March 2007 will be in line with market expectations. AEA has had a good year. New orders show growth of 26%, strong double-digit sales growth has been achieved and cash performance has been good. Closing net debt is forecast to be in line with market expectations and the Group's cost reduction plan has also been achieved.

AEA continues to operate in a strong market.

In the UK, demand is growing from Central Government, the Scottish Executive and the Welsh Assembly. A number of significant orders have been won which reinforce AEA's position in the market.

Good progress has also been made in Europe. AEA has doubled its work for the EU during the year, with projects covering energy security, energy, environmental best practice and air quality. In Romania, the first small orders have been secured and the subsidiary has enhanced AEA's competitive position on important projects in Russia. The Group remains confident that Europe will be a strong area of operation in the years ahead.

AEA continues to look actively at the US market which, it believes, will provide significant opportunities for the Group in the future.

Andrew McCree, CEO of AEA Technology plc, said:

"AEA's progress continues and the performance is much improved in 2006/07. The new management team is substantially in place and a number of changes are being effected to improve customer focus and streamline business processes, with the goal of accelerating organic growth. We are looking forward to the next financial year with confidence."

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