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**REGUS GROUP PLC**  
**("Regus" or "the Group")**

**FULL YEAR PRE-CLOSE UPDATE**

Regus Group plc, the world's largest provider of outsourced workplaces, gives the following pre-close update ahead of its year-end on 31st December 2006. Regus will announce its preliminary results on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

Regus has continued to deliver a strong performance across all regions in the second half of 2006, increasing revenues and cash generation. Revenues for the eleven months to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2006 (at actual exchange rates) have increased 47% to £616.5 million compared with £418.8 million for the equivalent period last year. Average available workstations for the 11 months to 30<sup>th</sup> November have increased by 36% to 106,089 compared with 78,230 for the same period last year.

Given this the Board believes that the performance for the full year will be in line with current expectations.

The improving performance is driven both by like for like sales increases as well as capacity growth. In the 11 months to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 201 new centres have been added worldwide including new centres in the fast-growing markets of India and China. In the UK, the integration of the Regus UK business acquired in April continues in line with plan. In addition, subsequent to acquisition, a further 26 centres have been added bringing the total UK sites up to 116 including our managed centres. The Group has also seen strong growth in its mobile and home-working business resulting from growth in like for like sales as well as from acquisitions.

Given the robust financial performance in the first eleven months of the year and the future prospects for the Group, the Board has decided to commence paying a dividend. It is currently anticipated a dividend of 0.6 pence per share will be paid for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 with a policy of progressive dividend growth in future years. Further details will be provided with the full year results.

Commenting on today's announcement, Mark Dixon, Chief Executive, said:

"We have maintained the excellent progress seen in the first half resulting in the fourth year of financial improvement. As we approach the end of 2006 with strong profitability and cash generation I am pleased to announce that Regus will become a dividend paying company.

We have a robust business model and the outlook remains positive with worldwide enquiries running at all time highs. The Group is in a sound position to generate further profitable growth".

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The Regus Group is the world's leading provider of pioneering workplace solutions, with products and services ranging from fully equipped offices to professional meeting rooms, business lounges and the largest network of videoconference studios. The Regus Group delivers a new way to work whether it's from home, on the road or from an office.

Clients such as Google, GlaxoSmithKline, IBM, Nokia and Accenture join thousands of growing small and medium businesses that benefit from outsourcing their office and workplace needs to The Regus Group and allowing them to focus on their core business.

Over 100,000 clients a day benefit from Regus Group facilities spread across a global footprint of 750 locations, in 350 cities and 60 countries which allows individuals and companies to work wherever, however and whenever they want to.

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