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Dear Sirs

Jardine Matheson Holdings Limited

We enclose for your information a copy of an announcement issued by Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc, an associate of the above Company.

Yours faithfully
JARDINE MATHESON LIMITED

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Group Corporate Secretary

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Press Release

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For immediate release

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc Sale of US Businesses

The following announcement was issued on 8th September 2006 by the Company's 30%-owned associate, Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc.

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SALE OF US BUSINESSES

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc (JLT) today announces that it has reached agreement with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for the sale of its US based Property and Casualty Insurance and Employee Benefits businesses.

Dominic Burke, CEO of JLT said: "The sale of the retail part of our US based operations is an important step forward in implementing the results of the operational review that we initiated earlier this year. The disposal is consistent with JLT's strategy of concentrating on areas of proven business strength."

Tom Corbett, CEO of Alliant Insurance said: "The JLT US retail operations are quite specialised and truly complement our existing business. This acquisition increases not only our geographic span but more importantly, enhances our position as the premier specialty broker in the US."

The consideration is US\$100m (£53.2m) including US\$5m (£2.7m) of deferred consideration payable by instalments at the end of 2008 and 2009, subject to the profitability of the businesses being sold. The net consideration on completion after transaction costs, including retention bonuses, is approximately US\$85m (£45.2m), payable in cash. The proceeds will be used to further enhance the Group's financial position including debt reduction. The loss on sale before tax will be approximately £16.5m, subject to completion adjustments. This loss includes the write off of goodwill and transaction costs and will be treated as an exceptional item.

JLT will continue to operate specialist US-based aviation and wind power insurance businesses and reinsurance operations and will build on its position as a leading provider of access to the London and Bermudian insurance markets for US brokers and their clients.

The sale comprises gross assets of US\$102.4m (£54.5m). The assets are predominantly goodwill with attributable turnover of US\$54.2m (£29.8m) and profit before tax of US\$6.8m (£3.7m) in 2005. The annualised net impact on earnings per share excluding the loss on sale is anticipated to be broadly neutral.

It is expected that the sale, which is subject to a number of conditions including regulatory approval, will be completed before 31st October 2006.

Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin, an international investment bank, served as exclusive financial advisor to JLT in this transaction.

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Notes to Editors

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc

The Jardine Lloyd Thompson group of companies is a leading risk management adviser and insurance and reinsurance broker. JLT is also a major provider of employee benefits administration services and related consultancy advice.

JLT is quoted on the London Stock Exchange and is the largest European-headquartered company providing these services and is one of the largest firms of its type in the world. JLT operates out of more than 100 offices in over 30 countries and employs more than 5,000 staff.

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