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Press Release

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Members Supervisory Board en Board of Directors appointed
Establishment Equens officially completed

Equens was founded by
Interpay Nederland and
Transaktionsinstitut für
Zahlungsverkehrsdienstleistungen

Utrecht, 12 December - On 30 November 2006 the legal formalities between the Dutch company Interpay Nederland B.V. and Germany's Transaktionsinstitut für Zahlungsverkehrsdienstleistungen AG (Transaktionsinstitut) were settled. Consequently, the merger now has a finalised official status. The company comprises Equens N.V., Equens Nederland B.V. and Equens Deutschland AG.

The Supervisory Board and the Board of Directors were officially appointed upon settlement of the legal formalities.

Supervisory Board

- D. Voigtländer, DZ BANK AG (Chairman)
- E. Dralans, ING Groep N.V. (Deputy Chairman)
- Dr. J.J. Bos, Rabobank Nederland
- Dr. U. Brixner, DZ BANK Foundation
- M.C.A. Buitenhek, ING Groep N.V.
- C. Defrancq, KBC Group
- Dr. J.J. Kamp, ABN AMRO Bank
- H. Op den Brouw, Rabobank Nederland
- R. Teerlink, ABN AMRO Bank

The setting of this top management Supervisory Board by banks expresses the strong believe and support of major (international) banks in Equens' strategy and European ambition. Ambition to become Europe's number one payment service provider by a clear growth strategy in both payments and debit-card processing.

Board of Directors

- B.J. Haasdijk (Chairman)
- M. Steinbach (Deputy Chairman)
- A. Kuijpers
- Dr. G. Möller

Through this international merger, Equens has become the first pan-European provider of payment services with a comprehensive solution portfolio for the execution of domestic, pan-European and international payment transactions, including clearing and card transactions. With a transaction volume exceeding 7 billion transactions per annum, the company's market share within the euro zone is above 11%. In a European payments market characterised by ever-increasing consolidation, the clustering of transaction volumes, attainment of economies of scale and optimisation of quality are becoming critical factors in competition. Equens is already realising these synergies today and is, by virtue of its size, equipped to meet the challenges of the future.

Equens: SEPA-ready. From January 2008, all SEPA payments will be processed via a single common platform, which is highly efficient, scalable and economical and has already proven its value in the execution of EUR payments, both within and beyond national borders. Market players such as credit institutions and banks regard Equens as a reliable, market-orientated and efficient

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