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Press Release

Ben Haasdijk to retire
Michael Steinbach appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of Equens

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Interpay Nederland B.V.
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für Zahlungsverkehrsdienstleistungen AG

Utrecht, 9 January 2007 – On 1 May 2007, Ben Haasdijk (1943) will step down as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Equens. His successor will be Michael Steinbach, currently Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr Haasdijk joined Interpay's Board of Directors in 1999 and has held the position of Chairman since 2004. He will retire on 1 May. The Supervisory Board has nominated Mr Jan Sonneveld for membership of the Board of Directors of Equens as from 1 May 2007. Mr Sonneveld is currently General Manager Risk Management.

Michael Steinbach (1961) is currently Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors and is responsible for Marketing & Sales, as well as Payments Operations. He has been spokesman for the Board of Directors of Transaktionsinstitut für Zahlungsverkehrsdienstleistungen AG (TAI) since July 2003. Prior to his employment at TAI in 2003 he was a director of DZ BANK AG (Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank), where he headed the Payments department.

During his career Steinbach has gained extensive experience in payments. In 1985 he became the head of the electronic payments department at the then "Genossenschaftliche Zentralbank" or GZB-Bank (cooperative central bank) in Stuttgart. Since then he has headed increasingly large and complex payment divisions formed by mergers in the German banking world. Steinbach is a member of many significant national and international payment committees.

Jan Sonneveld (1961) entered the employment of Equens' legal predecessor(s) in 1989. He currently holds the position of General Manager Risk Management and is a member of Equens' Management Team. He is also a member of the Global Fraud Advisory Committee MasterCard International.

Board of Directors as from 1 May 2007

- Michael Steinbach (Chairman)
- Drs. Antoon Kuijpers, MBT
- Dr. Götz Möller
- Jan Sonneveld

Note for the editorial staff

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Equens is the first truly pan-European full-service payment service provider. As one of the largest and most innovative payment service providers in Europe, we lead the market for future-proof giro and debit card processing solutions. We offer a complete and highly competitive portfolio, which we can align seamlessly with the requirements of our clients, thanks to our flexible and client-oriented approach.

At Equens, the payment traffic is in good hands. We continue to build on over 40 years of experience and the excellent reputation of our founders: Interpay Nederland and Transaktionsinstitut. With a combined annual volume of approximately 7 billion transactions, our market share within the euro zone is over 10%. Our current leading position makes us the obvious payment service provider within SEPA. Our integrated, high-performance processing platform is SEPA-ready at this very moment. This means that clients will be able to purchase SEPA services from us from day one. Furthermore we will provide them with extensive support to ensure a smooth transition to SEPA. It is clear that together with our clients we are facing a challenging future.

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