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ENTERPRISE INNS plc

PRE-CLOSE PERIOD TRADING UPDATE

Enterprise Inns plc (Enterprise), which will be announcing its interim results for the six months ending 31 March 2006 on 16 May 2006, provides an update on trading.

Since the AGM statement made on 19 January the business has continued to perform well in a market made challenging by relative consumer weakness and continuing cost and legislative pressures on our licensees. The Board expects that both operating profit and profit before tax will be in line with its expectations for the six months to 31 March 2006 and we remain confident that our high quality estate will continue to deliver solid growth in shareholder value.

We have made good progress with the share buy-back programme that was announced last November and have purchased 21.1 million shares at an average price of £9.05 per share, therefore returning £191 million to shareholders. This is ahead of schedule to achieve the minimum target of £200 million we set for the current financial year. We will continue to buy-back shares during the second half of the financial year taking into account the cash flow needs of the business.

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