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## Sal. Oppenheim helps private equity share on to the Prime Standard

*With effect from today, shares in Princess Private Equity Holding Limited can be traded on the official market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange for the first time.*

Frankfurt/Cologne, 13 December 2006 – Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie., Cologne, supported listing of Princess Private Equity Holding Limited shares on the Prime Standard as sole lead manager. The move will give private and institutional investors access to private equity investments in the form of a balanced and broadly diversified international portfolio. Starting today, shares of the Guernsey-based company can be traded on the official market (Prime Standard) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange as co-ownership interests in a global bearer certificate from Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt am Main.

Princess Private Equity Holding Limited was formed in 1999 as an investment company specialising in direct and indirect private equity and private debt investment. As at the end of November 2006, the company's portfolio contained investments in over 100 funds, which were invested in more than 1,800 companies. This portfolio is broadly diversified according to geographical regions (focus on North America and Europe), industrial sectors, financing stages and vintage years, and includes investments in

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funds from the most recognised private equity companies, including: Apax Partners, Apollo, Blackstone, Bridgepoint, Permira or Texas Pacific Group.

As at 30 November 2006, the net asset value of Princess Private Equity Holding Limited was roughly 806 million US dollars, after rising by approximately 15% p.a. over the past nearly three calendar years.

The Swiss-based Partners Group is investment advisor to Princess Private Equity Holding Limited, giving it access to the expertise and network of one of the world's leading independent private equity managers. The Partners Group has a network of more than 150 leading private equity managers and assets under management of 13.8 billion Swiss francs.

Princess Private Equity Holding Limited was originally financed by means of a convertible bond that was recently converted into shares as part of a successful restructuring backed by the majority of the bondholders. 7,010,000 shares, i.e. the full issued share capital, are now listed and admitted to trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

**Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Cie.**

With regulatory capital of €1.9 billion and total assets of €32 billion, Cologne-based Sal. Oppenheim is Europe's largest independent private bank. The Bank has been family-owned since its foundation in 1789. The focus of Sal. Oppenheim's activities lies in Asset Management and Investment Banking. The Asset Management division serves both private and institutional investors. Corporate finance and financial markets represent the core competencies in Investment Banking.

Together with BHF-BANK, which it acquired at the beginning of 2005, Sal. Oppenheim manages assets totalling approximately €136 billion and employs roughly 3,200 people in Germany and Europe.

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