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ANSELL RECONFIRMS F'06 GUIDANCE AND CAUTIONS ON F'07 OUTLOOK

As Ansell Limited (ASX:ANN) has previously highlighted, during the fiscal year ended on 30 June, 2006, it has faced sharply higher input costs, for energy, oil based synthetic materials and, most notably, natural rubber latex – where prices have nearly doubled over the last two years.

Notwithstanding these significantly higher input costs, management and the Board are pleased to confirm that Ansell expects to achieve current year (F'06) pre-South Pacific Tyres (SPT) earnings per share (EPS), within the US0.54¢-US0.57¢ guidance range previously announced to the market. These amounts exclude a US\$4.1 million write-down incurred during the year on the now exited SPT investment.

Ansell Chief Executive Officer Doug Tough said “Record second half sales, good results from non-latex product lines, plant efficiencies, savings in overheads and lower interest and tax expenses are expected to enable Ansell to achieve F'06 EPS guidance despite a year on year approximately US\$14 million net EBIT impact from higher latex costs. It is worth noting that within our portfolio Occupational, which accounts for about 50% of Ansell's total sales, is essentially a non-latex business. Even within our Professional and Consumer product lines, latex primarily impacts examination and household gloves, while its effect on surgical gloves and condoms is much less significant”.

Ansell also expects to end F'06 with a strong balance sheet and low gearing notwithstanding substantial share buybacks and higher dividends payments.

Looking forward, the Board considers that the current analysts' consensus for F'07 EPS is too high. “We think the market has yet to fully factor in the impact of higher latex, or the constraints upon our ability to pass these higher costs on to customers” said Doug Tough.

Based on Ansell's current expectations, the net adverse impact of higher latex costs on EBIT in F'07 (after selling price increases and manufacturing initiatives) is likely to be approximately US\$10 million. In addition, the Board has authorised an increase in other expenses to support growth initiatives, especially as they relate to new product development, growing market share in current countries and establishing a strong presence in new channels and emerging markets. Ansell also plans to further invest in Jissbon, its newly acquired branded condom business in China.

Additionally, Ansell advises that it is preparing to initiate a tender offer valued at approximately US\$34 million for a European publicly traded company within the next 24 hours. This acquisition would give Ansell a leading market position in a new geography. Further details will be provided shortly.

Further details regarding the F'07 outlook will be provided with the August full year results release.

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Ansell Ltd is a global leader in healthcare barrier protective products and in 2005 celebrated 100 years in its field. With operations in the Americas, Europe and Asia, Ansell employs more than 11,000 people worldwide and holds leading positions in the natural latex and synthetic polymer glove and condom markets. Ansell operates in three main business segments: Occupational Healthcare, supplying hand protection to the industrial market; Professional Healthcare, supplying surgical and examination gloves to healthcare professionals; and Consumer Healthcare, supplying sexual health products and consumer hand protection. Information on Ansell and its products can be found at <http://www.ansell.com>.