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**EKSONS CORPORATION BERHAD**

- *Eksons' 2Q net profit surges 76% y-o-y*

**Kuala Lumpur, 22 November 2006** – Eksons Corporation Bhd (“Eksons”) today released its unaudited second quarter financial results for the period ended 30 September 2006.

The Company posted a sterling set of results for the second quarter with net profit of RM10.78 million, a 76% surge from the corresponding quarter of last year. Second quarter revenue was RM82.66 million, up 25% compared to RM66.38 million achieved in the previous corresponding quarter last year.

For the six months, Eksons’ net profit was RM18.59 million on the back of RM172.05 million in revenue. The six-month net profit and revenue was up 36% year-on-year (y-o-y) and 46% y-o-y respectively.

In a statement to Bursa Malaysia today, the company attributed the impressive results to higher plywood prices and increased sales volume. Margins expanded as a result of higher plywood prices as well stringent cost control measures undertaken by the Company.

Eksons said that the region’s timber industry has experienced a major structural change following reduced illegal logging in Indonesia which has led to approximately 40% lower plywood output from that country. The Company also quoted recent reports from the International Tropical Timber Organisation, which indicated that lower output from Indonesian producers has resulted in approximately 18% year-to-date hike in 3mm thick plywood prices to US\$470 per cubic meter.

Whilst supply is tighter, global demand for tropical hardwood products from major buying countries such as Japan and the USA has remained healthy.

A spokesperson from Eksons said that the Company “expects to perform well going forward, amidst this favorable backdrop of rising plywood prices and buoyant demand.”

During an EGM held on 28 Sept 2006, the Company's shareholders had approved a capital repayment of 20 sen per ordinary share in Eksons. The capital repayment, amounting to RM32.84 million, will be paid with internally generated cash. The capital repayment is pending approval from relevant authorities and the High Court and is expected to be completed by the first half of 2007.

“This proposed capital repayment is in line with the Company's intention to reward shareholders as our financial position strengthens,” said the spokesperson. The Company did not declare any dividends for this quarter.

***About Eksons Corporation Bhd (EKSONS)***

EKSONS is involved in the manufacture and trading of plywood and related products. The Company is one of the largest manufacturer of thin plywood of < 3mm thickness. Productions are carried out via two plants in Sibu, Sarawak, and Tawau Sabah with a combined capacity of approximately 285,000 cubic metre per annum. Over 90% of its products are exported, mainly to the US, Middle East and Africa.

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