

## Regulatory Announcements

25 May 2006

### John Menzies plc - Director Retirement

John Menzies plc announces that Michael Walker retired as non-executive Director and Senior Independent Director of the Company with effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting held today.

The Board would like to record its thanks to Michael for the valuable contribution he made throughout his ten years' service.

David Coltman, who was appointed to the Board in 2001, has now been appointed Senior Independent Director.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. John Menzies plc, the time-critical logistics company, is one of Scotland's largest companies. The company has two operating divisions, Menzies Distribution and Menzies Aviation. Both divisions operate in distinct B2B sectors where success depends on providing an efficient, high quality, time-critical service to their customers and partners.
2. In the year ended 31 December 2005, John Menzies reported turnover of £1,390.0m (2004 - £1,369.2m) and headline profit before tax of £39.4m (2004 - £33.6m). Turnover at the Distribution division was £1,104.3m (2004 - £1,109.4m) whilst operating profit was £30.7m (2004 - £30.5m). In the Aviation division turnover was £285.7m (2004 - £259.8m) and operating profit was £13.3m against £10.3m in 2004.
3. The company was established in 1833 and its head office is in Edinburgh, Scotland. Today the company is an international operation with businesses in Europe, North and South America, South East Asia, Australasia and Africa.
4. Menzies Distribution is a leading provider of added value distribution and marketing services to the newspaper and magazine supply chain in the UK. The division handles 4.5 million newspapers (6 million on Sundays) and 2.5 million magazines (covering 3,000 magazine titles) each day, with deliveries to more than 21,300 customers.

Its success in 2005 in achieving high standards is evidenced by winning the 'Wholesaler of the Year' award from the National Federation of Retail Newsagents and the Gold award at the Association of Circulation Executives awards. It also won the Orange Award for Bright Business at the National Business Awards for Scotland for its Launch Factory marketing initiative to maximise sales of new titles.

5. Menzies Aviation is one of the world's major independent suppliers of ground handling services to the aviation market providing passenger, ramp and cargo services for many of the world's leading airlines and some of the busiest international airports. The division employs over 12,000 people across the world, at 98 airports in 23 countries servicing more than 500 aviation customers.

The Division won various awards in 2005, including the 'BA Way' award for the handler

which most closely matches the way BA wants its outsourced handling performed and the 'Most Responsive Handler' award also from BA for the way in which it helped restart their operations at Houston after Hurricane Wilma.

6. Further information on John Menzies plc can be found at: [www.johnmenziesplc.com](http://www.johnmenziesplc.com), [www.menziesdistribution.com](http://www.menziesdistribution.com) and [www.menziesaviation.com](http://www.menziesaviation.com).