

Media Release

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API to lodge Final Accounts on Monday 21 August 2006

Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Limited (API) today advised that it is continuing the work required to finalise its 2006 financial year statutory accounts. Although the Appendix 4E and attached financials were lodged on Monday 14 August, it has taken longer than initially estimated to finalise the Notes to the Accounts and as such API will not be lodging its Final Accounts today as previously anticipated and advised.

API's Chairman, Mr Peter Robinson, apologised to shareholders for this further delay.

"The Board of Directors wants to ensure the accounts are completed with appropriate rigour, and API has today requested a further extension from Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) to lodge its Final Accounts on Monday 21 August 2006. The Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) has advised that API shares will recommence trading the day following the Final Accounts being lodged with ASIC and the ASX," Mr Robinson said.

"While the remaining matter is finalising the Notes to the Accounts and having them verified by the company's auditors KPMG, the Directors are determined to ensure the accounts are properly finalised. The Board and new senior management will review the reporting process that has caused this further delay in the Final Accounts reporting process as the current process is totally unacceptable for our shareholders and the Board."

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