## **@UK PLC News Announcement**

## **@UK PLC - Pre Close Trading Statement**

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Pre Close Trading Statement - year to 31 December 2005

 $@UK\ PLC\ ('@UK')$ , a leading developer of software solutions to facilitate e-procurement, today provides the following pre-close trading update for the year to 31 December 2005. The Board anticipates that the Group's results for the year will be in line with its expectations.

Since Admission to AIM in December 2005, @UK has made good progress. The key focus over the next few months is to recruit staff and sign up local authorities, NHS authorities and other local government procuring departments. Thereafter @UK will concentrate on enabling the suppliers to interact with the procurement departments of these public sector bodies.

Recruitment of the additional staff required is well under way; employee numbers are now 50, an increase of around 20 in the last two months, with new members of the sales, support and technical teams. With additional staff and infrastructure in place @UK is now about to start the major drive on supplier enablement for its local authority customers.

The Company is making good progress in recruiting public sector organisations to take up it e-commerce trading solutions, with 38 public bodies which have adopted them to date, up from the previously disclosed figure of 23. East Renfrewshire has recently been signed up, the first local authority in Scotland. Two of the leading NHS Trusts in England, The Leeds Teaching Hospitals and University Hospital Birmingham, have also now been secured.

 $@{\tt UK}$  expects to announce its preliminary results for the year to 31 December 2005 in mid April 2006.

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@UK PLC is a leading developer of software solutions to facilitate e-procurement, the trading of products and services between purchasers, such as public sector bodies, and suppliers, such as SMEs as well as larger companies. @UK listed on AIM in December 2005.

The Company's approach is to work with the public sector on seeking the most efficient way to engage suppliers so that they link to an 'e' based market place. In developing its solution, @UK has also worked closely with partners such as Sage, which has a strong position in the SME market place, and Capita Education Services, which has a dominant position in the supply of management information systems to schools in England and Wales. The Company has developed an attractive, low-cost, value for money offer for the suppliers of goods and services to the public sector.

The Company's offering to the public sector purchasing bodies enables them to trade with SME suppliers through a 'closed market place'. A closed market place gives the public sector client the ability to control which of the suppliers that the users within the public body are allowed to trade with and integrates with that organisation's back office systems.

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