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**George Wimpey Plc
Annual General Meeting**

John Robinson, Chairman of George Wimpey Plc, made the following comments at today's Annual General Meeting.

Current Trading

As we reported at the time of our preliminary results we were encouraged by signs that buyer confidence was returning to the UK housing market. In the weeks since then these trends have continued. Sales rates to date have been well above those experienced in 2005 and we have seen a return to price increases in selected locations, particularly in the South.

In the US, Morrison Homes' markets have, in general, remained at similar levels to those experienced during the first few weeks of 2006, with some variation at a regional level, although below the very strong levels experienced during 2005. Prices have remained at similar levels to those at the beginning of the year with the slower market conditions requiring a return to the use of incentives.

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