



Alliance UniChem

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Posting of Merger Documents

The Boards of Alliance UniChem and Boots announce that the documentation in relation to the proposed Merger of Boots and Alliance UniChem has been posted today to shareholders of both companies. The Merger is being effected by means of a scheme of arrangement between Alliance UniChem and its shareholders pursuant to section 425 of the Companies Act (the "Scheme"). Boots Shareholders will receive, amongst other documents, the Boots circular in relation to the Merger (the "Circular") and the prospectus in connection with the New Boots Shares to be issued pursuant to the Merger (the "Prospectus"). Alliance UniChem Shareholders will receive, amongst other documents, the scheme document published by Alliance UniChem in connection with the Scheme (the "Scheme Document") and the Prospectus.

As set out in the documentation, the Boots Extraordinary General Meeting will be held to allow Boots Shareholders to vote on the resolutions required to approve and implement the Merger, and two shareholder meetings, namely the Court Meeting and the Alliance UniChem Extraordinary General Meeting, will be held to allow Alliance UniChem Shareholders to vote on the proposed resolutions required to approve the Scheme and the Merger. The key dates for these meetings are as follows:

Latest time for receipt of proxy forms for the Boots Extraordinary General Meeting	10.00 a.m. on 2 July 2006
Latest time for receipt of proxy forms for the Court Meeting	10.30 a.m. on 2 July 2006
Latest time for receipt of proxy forms for the Alliance UniChem Extraordinary General Meeting	10.45 a.m. on 2 July 2006
Boots Extraordinary General Meeting	10.00 a.m. on 4 July 2006
Court Meeting in respect of the Scheme	10.30 a.m. on 4 July 2006
Alliance UniChem Extraordinary General Meeting	10.45 a.m. on 4 July 2006

Copies of the Prospectus, Circular and Scheme Document will be submitted to the UK Listing Authority and will shortly be available for inspection at the Document Viewing Facility, which is situated at The Financial Services Authority, 25 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London E14 5HS (telephone number +44 (0)20 7066 1000), during normal business hours on any weekday (public holidays excepted).

Terms defined in this announcement have the same meanings as set out in the Prospectus dated 5 June 2006.

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