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Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP)

On 31 March 2006 Santos will pay a fully franked interim dividend of 20 cents per share to shareholders on record as at 6 March 2006 (Record Date).

Under the terms of the DRP, the average market price is calculated as the arithmetic average of the daily weighted average market price over a period of seven business days commencing on the business day after the Record Date, with no discount to apply.

The last date for shareholders to elect to participate in the DRP, if they have not previously elected to do so, is 5:00pm (Adelaide time) on the Record Date.

Ends

Santos stock symbols: STO (Australian Stock Exchange), STOSY (NASDAQ ADR), Ref #82-34 (Securities Exchange Commission)