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Magyar Telekom signs project financing loan granted by European Investment Bank

Budapest – January 12, 2006 – Magyar Telekom (Reuters: NYSE: MTA.N, BÉT: MTEL.BU and Bloomberg: NYSE: MTA US, BÉT: MTELEKOM HB), the leading Hungarian telecommunications service provider today announced the signature of a project financing loan agreement. The loan has been granted by the European Investment Bank through Deutsche Telekom International Finance BV to finance the broadband investments of Magyar Telekom.

Magyar Telekom has been granted a loan in the amount of HUF 47.4 billion by the EIB through DT International Finance BV, as a financial intermediary. The loan matures in January 2013, and will be repaid in five equal instalments with two years grace period. The loan bears a variable interest rate based on the 3-month BUBOR.

Dr. Klaus Hartmann, CFO and Board member commented: "I am pleased that we have arrived at another important milestone in the long-standing relationship with the EIB. Today we have signed an agreement with conditions better than those Magyar Telekom could reach for such an amount on the Hungarian market. By taking out a variable interest rate loan, Magyar Telekom continues to balance the variable and fixed rate elements of its loan portfolio. At the same time, the average maturity of the loan portfolio will increase and due to the repayment structure, the cash-flow of the loan will broadly match the cash-flow of the project."

The loan will be used to finance broadband investments. A key target of Magyar Telekom's strategy is to maintain the continuing growth in broadband penetration and aims to increase its broadband customer base to 600,000 by the end of 2006.

Magyar Telekom currently holds an A-long term credit rating from Standard & Poor's and Baa1 from Moody's.

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Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties. We caution you that a number of important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement. Such factors are described in, among other things, our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2004 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.