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**NUMIS CORPORATION PLC**

**TRADING UPDATE**

Numis Corporation Plc ("Numis"), a leading British independent investment banking and broking group, today issued a trading update relating to the year ended 30 September 2009.

After a challenging start to the year, Numis' core business performance strengthened during the second half as markets gained momentum and liquidity.

Combined commission and trading revenues reached record levels for the six months to 30 September 2009 reflecting improved market conditions and Numis' increased market share. Despite the virtual cessation of IPO activity and the impact of this on primary fee generation, Numis has been and remains active in raising capital for UK companies reflecting our growing client list and quality of service.

Numis continues to build on its strong franchise in the UK and now has 15 FTSE 250 corporate clients, up from 9 at the same stage last year. The total number of corporate clients advised by Numis now stands at 121 which is up from 111 a year ago.

Numis continues to generate cash, has no external debt and as at 30 September 2009 cash and cash collateral balances amounted to £70.0m (31 March 2009 £64.9m).

Oliver Hemsley, Chief Executive, said:

"We are encouraged by the improvement in market conditions over the course of the year and have taken full advantage of the opportunity to grow our secondary market business. Our focus on maintaining a strong balance sheet has allowed us to continue to build our franchise even during difficult market conditions. We have won new corporate clients and have attracted high calibre employees whilst placing great emphasis on cost control.

Our focus on client service and facilitation has been recognised once again as Numis was voted Leading Brokerage Firm for UK companies (up to £1bn market capitalisation) in the 2009 Thompson Reuters Extel Survey. In addition, for the second year running Numis was ranked Number 1 for FTSE 250 Best Recommendations by StarMine.

We remain optimistic about the future of our business and confident in our ability to deliver an exceptional quality of service to both corporate and institutional clients alike."

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