

**EMBARGOED FOR RELEASE - TUESDAY 2 AUGUST 2005 at 7.00AM**

**Numis Corporation Plc (“Numis” or the “Company”)**

**Disposal of interest in Squaregain Limited (formerly called comdirect Limited)**

On 12 May 2005 the Company announced that it had entered into a contingent agreement to sell its 26.3% interest in Squaregain Limited and that it had, together with other shareholders in Execution Services Group Limited (“ESGL”), the holding company of Squaregain Limited, entered into an arrangement of put and call options in respect of their interest in ESGL with Boursorama SA (“Boursorama”), France’s largest online retail broker. Numis announces that yesterday, on 1 August 2005, it disposed of its entire interest in ESGL to Boursorama.

Boursorama SA have exercised their option to purchase the entire issued share capital of ESGL for £51 million, and the exercise of this option has received the requisite approvals from the FSA

Numis will receive approximately £13.7 million in cash, in respect of its holding in ESGL with a current book value of £4.5m, thereby realising an estimated exceptional pretax profit after costs of £8.6 million. All proceeds from the disposal will be used in the development of Numis’ core business.

Numis and Squaregain Limited will continue their mutually profitable trading relationship, with Numis continuing to provide its Retail Service Provider (RSP) facilities to Squaregain Limited.

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