

# THE **JUST** GROUP

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## **JUST GROUP PROFIT GUIDANCE FOR FIRST HALF TO JAN 06**

Just Group Limited today advised that its Directors expect the Company's half year earnings before interest and tax and amortisation (EBITA) to be between 15% to 20% ahead of the \$46.1 million, based on AIFRS, delivered in the previous corresponding period last year. Each period contains 26 weeks and all numbers remain subject to audit review.

Just Group's Managing Director, Mr Howard McDonald, attributed the better than expected result to strong trading over the Christmas and January periods. He advised that sales for the half year were 7% higher than the previous year.

"At the AGM in November, we indicated that trading for the first 16 weeks of the half was ahead of the previous year, and that Christmas was the critical period in determining our half year result. Pleasingly, our strong result for the half will be a new record performance for the Company," said Mr McDonald.

Just Group will report its full results for the half to 28<sup>th</sup> January 2006 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Just Group is a leading specialty apparel retailer operating over 750 stores in Australia and New Zealand. Founded in 1970, the Company operates leading apparel brands including Just Jeans, Jay Jays, Dotti, Portmans, Jacqui E and Peter Alexander. Just Group was listed on the ASX (JST) on 7 May 2004.

Further information about the Group is at [www.justgroup.com.au](http://www.justgroup.com.au)

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