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KIS and AQ Research strengthen strategic partnership

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Today a delegation from Korea Information Service (KIS) met with AQ Research in London to sign a statement strengthening their partnership. This statement lays out how both parties will continue to develop jointly the Korean market for tools that analyse the accuracy of investment research.

The statement agreed on the course of development of the partnership:

- Launching the AQ Online product in Korea early in 2007
- Marketing initiatives to raise awareness of the product
- The possibility of a conference on equity research

Dr Sang Tae Park, the President and CEO of KIS said: *“Analysts at brokerage houses play a critical role in analyzing investment returns of Korean companies as they grow into global players, as well as providing investment information appropriate for investors. It would, therefore, be more important to investors than ever to assess and communicate investment and analysis activity of analysts in the Korean stock market in an objective and accurate manner. I believe that Korea Information Service, Inc’s cooperation with AQ Research, the leading company in analyst performance analysis in the global stock market, will yield a service that will be of benefits to fund managers, brokers and all those with an interest in good investment research.”*

William Russell-Smith, the Commercial Director of AQ Research who was standing in for the indisposed Managing Director Graham Field, commented: *“We have always believed that Korea is an attractive market for us, as it has a well-developed investment research market. KIS is the leading supplier of financial information in Korea, and our partnership will enable us to serve that market in the most effective way.”*



The signing ceremony took place in London



Dr Sang Tae Park, CEO of Korea Information Services (right) and William Russell-Smith, Commercial Director of AQ Research (left)