

LUXOTTICA GROUP SPA
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PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

April 7, 2006

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LUXOTTICA GROUP S.p.A.

VIA CANTÙ 2, MILAN, 20123 ITALY

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Set forth below is the text of a press release issued on April 4, 2006.

Luxottica Group first quarter of 2006 consolidated sales up by approximately 20%

Milan, Italy, April 4, 2006 - This evening in Milan Andrea Guerra, chief executive officer of **Luxottica Group S.p.A.** (NYSE: LUX; MTA: LUX), while attending the launch event of the Persol INCOGNITO Exhibition at Milan's La Triennale, commented: Our results for the first quarter of 2006 were particularly encouraging, with consolidated sales up by approximately 20% year-over-year. This performance resulted from strong results from both wholesale and retail across all markets where the Group operates. In particular, wholesale sales to third parties for the quarter were up significantly by approximately 30%, reflecting the continued strength of our business.

About Luxottica Group S.p.A.

Luxottica Group is a global leader in eyewear, with nearly 5,500 optical and sun retail stores mainly in North America, Asia-Pacific and China and a well-balanced portfolio that comprises leading premium house and licensed brands, including Ray-Ban, the best selling sun and prescription eyewear brand in the world. Among others, the Group's brand portfolio includes house brands Vogue, Persol, Arnette and REVO and license brands Bvlgari, Burberry, Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Donna Karan, Prada, Versace and Polo Ralph Lauren, from January 2007. Luxottica Group's global wholesale network touches 120 countries, with a direct presence in the key 28 eyewear markets worldwide. The Group's products are designed and manufactured at its six Italy-based high-quality manufacturing plants and at the only China-based plant wholly-owned by a premium eyewear manufacturer. For fiscal year 2005, Luxottica Group posted consolidated net sales and net income of 4.3 billion and 342.3 million, respectively. Additional information on the Group is available at <http://www.luxottica.com>.

Safe Harbor Statement

Certain statements in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements involve risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those which are anticipated. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, fluctuations in exchange rates, economic and weather factors affecting consumer spending, the ability to successfully introduce and market new products, the availability of correction alternatives to prescription eyeglasses, the ability to successfully launch initiatives to increase sales and reduce costs, the ability to effectively integrate recently acquired businesses, including Cole National, risks that expected synergies from the acquisition of Cole National will not be realized as planned and that the combination of Luxottica Group's managed vision care business with Cole

National will not be as successful as planned, the impact of the application of APB 25 (Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees) and, as of January 1, 2006, the adoption of SFAS 123 (R) as well as other political, economic and technological factors and other risks referred to in Luxottica Group's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date hereof and Luxottica Group does not assume any obligation to update them.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

LUXOTTICA GROUP S.p.A.

DATE: April 7, 2006

By: /s/ Enrico Cavatorta
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