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ANNOUNCEMENT

Ernst & Young (“E&Y”) would like to respond to the press release of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (“ICAC”) on 7th June 2003, concerning Global Trend Intelligent Technologies Limited (“Global Trend”) and the arrest of a partner of E&Y as follows :-

1. E&Y were the auditors and the reporting accountants in the listing of Global Trend but were not involved in the preparation of any accounts nor in the trading of shares of Global Trend. The audited accounts of Global Trend and our reports issued in relation to Global Trend’s listing were subject to E&Y’s normal independent quality control review procedures.
2. It is against E&Y’s stated policy for any partner or staff to solicit or accept advantage from clients. E&Y’s partners and staff have clarified and confirmed that they did not accept any advantage in relation to the aforesaid services rendered and the ICAC has not presented any evidence to show that E&Y partners and/or staff have accepted any advantage.
3. E&Y and its legal advisors both consider that the arrest of the E&Y partner was wholly unreasonable, unjustifiable and misconceived. E&Y is seeking legal advice as to the best course of action to take.
4. E&Y has absolute confidence in the integrity and professionalism of its partners and staff. E&Y will continue to serve its clients with integrity and professionalism.
5. It is the policy of E&Y to cooperate fully with regulatory authorities. The investigation by the ICAC into the affairs of Global Trend will receive our full cooperation.