

Wolters Kluwer nv ("the Company") with its subsidiaries (together "the Group") is a leading global information services and publishing company. The Group's core markets are spread across the health, corporate services, financial services, tax, accounting, law, regulation, and education sectors. The Group maintains operations across Europe, North America, and Asia Pacific. The company is headquartered in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The company's ordinary shares are quoted on Euronext Amsterdam (WKL) and are included in the AEX and Euronext 100 indices. These financial statements were authorized for issue by the Executive Board and Supervisory Board on February 27, 2007.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements of the Company at and for the year ended December 31, 2006, comprise the Group and the Group's interest in associates and jointly controlled entities. The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied by the Group entities to the financial information relating to 2006 and 2005, as presented in these consolidated financial statements.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and its interpretations including International Accounting Standards (IAS) prevailing per December 31, 2006, as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and as endorsed for use in the European Union by the European Commission.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements are presented in millions of euros. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative financial instruments) that are recognized at their fair value. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates, and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of income and expense. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from those estimates.