



Press Release from The Alta Group

London – 28th April 2006 - The Alta Group has great pleasure in announcing that Paul Reilly is to join the team as an Associate, further cementing the company's position as the premier global leasing consultancy. Until recently Paul was the Group Managing Director of AssetCo and brings extensive experience in managing assets "from the cradle to the grave".

AssetCo's business was built around the management and funding of specialist emergency vehicles, healthcare equipment and managed IT solutions. AssetCo was recognised in the market for its comprehensive capabilities in the field of equipment lifecycle management, incorporating full 24/7 maintenance and user support, consumables provisioning and the supply of replacement equipment at short notice, an essential requirement for clients working in the emergency services. AssetCo's clients included London Fire Brigade, Centrica, Metropolitan Police, University Hospitals of Leicester, Scottish Water, National Grid, St John's Ambulance and many more public and private sector services providers.



Prior to joining AssetCo, Paul was with Newcourt Credit (formerly known as AT&T Capital) where he was responsible for building a mid-market operating lease sales division, a full re-design and re-structure of its Motor Finance Division, and delivering integration support to acquired businesses across Europe.

Derek Soper, a Principal and Chairman of The Alta Group, Europe, said, "Paul is a wonderful addition to our team. His excellent man management skills, his unique experience across a wide range of highly specialised assets, and his ability to add value across all aspects of management will be of great benefit to our Group, enhancing the spectrum of support we can offer our clients".

ABOUT THE ALTA GROUP

The Alta Group, established in 1992, provides a broad array of strategic consulting and advisory services, education and training programmes, merger and acquisition and dispute resolution services for companies in the global equipment leasing and asset finance industries. Its clients include manufacturers, banks, independent lessors of various sizes and others in the industry. The Alta team is made up of more than 35 international professionals committed to the asset finance business, including former CEOs, company founders and industry thought leaders who are active in their areas of expertise. They collaborate and share their in-depth knowledge and insights with today's business leaders who face a range of challenges, both old and new. The firm has built a reputation on creative thinking, trust and professionalism. The Alta Group supports clients in North America, Latin America, Western, Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Australia. For more information, visit www.thealtagroup.eu.com