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Placing of shares by Noble & Company Limited to raise £1.45 million

Equity Pre-IPO Investments Limited (“Pre-IPO” or “the Company”), the AIM-quoted strategic investment company, today announces that it has issued and placed 3,453,900 new ordinary shares of 1p (“Placing Shares”) at 42p per share (the “Placing”), raising gross proceeds of approximately £1.45 million.

Application for the Placing Shares to be admitted to AIM has been made and it is expected that the Placing Shares will begin trading on AIM on 8 September 2005. The Placing Shares will rank *pari passu* with the existing ordinary shares in issue. Following the Placing, the Company will have a total of 13,237,235 ordinary shares in issue.

Martin Shires, Director of Pre-IPO, commented: “During the relatively short period of time since our Admission to AIM in February 2005, the Company has already enjoyed some success with its portfolio of investments. Importantly, we see a healthy pipeline of potential opportunities in the coming months from which to choose further investments and this placing will enable Pre-IPO to widen its portfolio with the aim of generating higher returns for our shareholders in the future.”

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Pre-IPO is a strategic investment company which aims to achieve long term capital growth for its shareholders through the purchase, holding and sale of minority stakes in other companies. Pre-IPO will invest in companies which are currently unquoted but where the Directors believe that the company will achieve a flotation on Recognised Investment Exchanges and Exchange Regulated Markets in Europe up to eighteen months from the time of investment by Pre-IPO.

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