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3i Group plc announces full year results to 31 March 2016

Another year of strong performance

- Total return of **£824m / 22%** (FY2015: £659m / 20%) and NAV per share of **463 pence** (FY2015: 396 pence)
- Private Equity gross investment return of **£1,011m**, or **32%**, underpinned by a strong performance from a number of our key investments such as Action, Scandlines, Basic-Fit and ATESTEO (formerly GIF)
- Momentum in Private Equity realisations continues with proceeds of **£743m** and a further **c.£224m** announced in April 2016. Maintained a disciplined approach to investment and invested **£365m** in three new portfolio companies; Audley Travel, Weener Plastic and Euro-Diesel
- Good progress in Infrastructure with a **13%** total shareholder return from 3i Infrastructure plc ("3iN") and a significant increase in origination activity. 3i will support 3iN's fundraising to maintain its 34% investment in 3iN
- Debt Management delivered a solid performance, raising **£1.5bn** of AUM from 4 CLOs and launching the Global Income Fund
- Robust balance sheet with net cash of **£165m** and nil gearing at 31 March 2016
- Proposed final dividend of **16.0** pence per share, bringing the total dividend for FY2016 to **22.0** pence per share, subject to shareholder approval

Simon Borrows, 3i's Chief Executive, commented:

"These strong FY2016 results demonstrate 3i's continued momentum in the face of challenging macro-economic conditions. We enter FY2017 firmly focused on delivering our clear and consistent strategy and generating good returns and distributions for our shareholders."

Financial highlights

	Year to/as at 31 March 2016	Year to/as at 31 March 2015
Group		
Total return	£824m	£659m
- Total return on opening shareholders' funds	21.7%	19.9%
Dividend per ordinary share	22.0p	20.0p
Operating expenses	£134m	£131m
- As a percentage of assets under management	1.0%	1.0%
Operating cash profit	£37m	£28m
Proprietary Capital		
Realisation proceeds	£796m	£841m
- Uplift over opening book value ¹	£70m/13%	£145m/27%
- Money multiple	2.4x	2.0x
Gross investment return	£1,069m	£805m
- As a percentage of opening 3i portfolio value	27.6%	22.6%
Operating profit ²	£920m	£721m
Cash investment ³	£453m	£474m
3i portfolio value	£4,497m	£3,877m
Gross debt	£837m	£815m
Net cash	£165m	£49m
Gearing ⁴	nil	nil
Liquidity	£1,352m	£1,214m
Net asset value	£4,455m	£3,806m
Diluted net asset value per ordinary share	463p	396p
Fund Management		
Total assets under management	£13,999m	£13,474m
- Third party capital	£10,703m	£10,140m
- Proportion of third party capital	76%	75%

1 Uplift over opening book value excludes refinancings.

2 Operating profit for the Proprietary Capital and Fund Management activities excludes carried interest and performance fees payable/receivable, which is not allocated between these activities.

3 Cash investment includes £4 million of Debt Management investment awaiting settlement at 31 March 2016 (31 March 2015: nil).

4 Gearing is net debt as a percentage of net assets.

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For further information regarding the announcement of 3i's annual results to 31 March 2016, including a live videocast of the results presentation at 10.00am, please visit www.3i.com.

Notes to editors

3i is a leading international investment manager focused on mid-market Private Equity, Infrastructure and Debt Management. Our core investment markets are northern Europe and North America. For further information, please visit: www.3i.com.

Notes to the announcement of the results

Note 1

All of the financial data in this announcement is taken from the Investment basis financial statements. The statutory accounts are prepared under IFRS for the year to 31 March 2016 and have not yet been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The statutory accounts for the year to 31 March 2015 have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The auditors' reports on the statutory accounts for these years are unqualified and do not contain any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis or any statements under section 498(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006. This announcement does not constitute statutory accounts.

Note 2

Copies of the Report and accounts 2016 will be distributed to shareholders on or soon after 31 May 2016.

Note 3

This announcement may contain statements about the future including certain statements about the future outlook for 3i Group plc and its subsidiaries ("3i"). These are not guarantees of future performance and will not be updated. Although we believe our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, any statements about the future outlook may be influenced by factors that could cause actual outcomes and results to be materially different.

Note 4

Subject to shareholder approval, the proposed final dividend is expected to be paid on 22 July 2016 to holders of ordinary shares on the register on 17 June 2016.