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3i Group plc announces full year results to 31 March 2017

An excellent year

- Total return of **£1,592m** or **36%** and NAV per share of **604 pence** (31 March 2016: 463 pence)
- Very strong Private Equity gross investment return of **£1,624m** or **43%**, driven by Action, Scandlines, and more recent investments, such as ATESTEO. The gross investment return from our investments completed between 2013 and 2016 was **29%**
- Disposals and refinancings in Private Equity generated **£982m** of proceeds
- **£409m** invested in three new portfolio companies, BoConcept, Ponroy Santé and Schlemmer as well as a further investment of **£62m** in Q Holding to support its acquisition of Degania
- Good progress in Infrastructure; advised 3i Infrastructure plc (“3iN”) on **£479m** of investment in six companies and announced the launch of three Infrastructure fund platforms to complement our mandate as investment adviser to 3iN
- A **16%** total shareholder return from 3iN
- Successful sale of our Debt Management business to Investcorp for **£270m**
- Proposed final dividend of **18.5** pence per share, bringing the total dividend for FY2017 to **26.5** pence per share, subject to shareholder approval

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

“FY2017 was another important year for 3i. Our Private Equity and Infrastructure businesses performed well and we simplified the Group by selling our Debt Management platform. Our efforts over the last few years in reshaping the portfolio mean we are now able to focus on active asset management and origination. We have made a good start to FY2018 with c.€500m of new investments signed and strong value growth potential in our current portfolio.”

Financial highlights

	Year to/as at 31 March 2017	Year to/as at 31 March 2016
Group		
Total return including discontinued operations	£1,592m	£824m
Total return ¹	£1,501m	£797m
Operating expenses including discontinued operations	£130m	£134m
Operating expenses ¹	£117m	£107m
Operating cash profit including discontinued operations	£33m	£37m
Operating cash profit/(loss) ¹	£5m	£(9)m
Realisation proceeds	£1,005m	£794m
- Uplift over opening book value ²	£38m/5%	£70m/13%
- Money multiple ³	3.7x	2.4x
Proceeds from the sale of Debt Management	£270m	nil
Gross investment return	£1,755m	£1,051m
- As a percentage of opening 3i portfolio value	40%	28%
Cash investment	£638m	£433m
3i portfolio value	£5,675m	£4,497m
Gross debt	£575m	£837m
Net cash	£419m	£165m
Gearing ⁴	nil	nil
Liquidity	£1,323m	£1,352m
Net asset value	£5,836m	£4,455m
Diluted net asset value per ordinary share	604p	463p

1 The sale of our Debt Management business completed on 3 March 2017. The FY2017 total return attributed to the business sold to Investcorp has been classified as discontinued operations and the prior period results have been represented. Unless stated, all balances are on continuing operations.

2 Uplift over opening book value excludes refinancings.

3 The money multiple is calculated as cash proceeds over cash investment. As the total calculation includes the proceeds from partial disposals and refinancings, the valuations of the remaining investments are included in the multiple.

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 2017, 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 and Infrastructure. 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 2017 and have not yet been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The statutory accounts for the year to 31 March 2016 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 2017 will be distributed to shareholders on or soon after 31 May 2017.

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 21 July 2017 to holders of ordinary shares on the register on 16 June 2017.