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Expressed in thousands of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts	Three Months ended December 31, 2005	Three Months ended December 31, 2004	Year ended December 31, 2005	Year ended December 31, 2004
Unaudited				
REVENUE	$185,309	$172,307	$679,746	$655,140
EXPENSES	$170,094	$157,822	$638,057	$619,232
PROFIT BEFORE TAXES	$15,215	$14,485	$41,689	$35,908
NET PROFIT	$7,738	$8,419	$22,916	$21,077
PROFIT PER SHARE:				
- BASIC	$0.59	$0.63	$1.76	$1.58
- DILUTED	$0.44	$0.48	$1.36	$1.24
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF CLASS A NON-VOTING AND CLASS B SHARES OUTSTANDING	13,063,122	13,356,831	13,020,341	13,365,453
BOOK VALUE PER SHARE	$24.46	$22.91		
TOTAL CLASS A NON-VOTING AND CLASS B SHARES OUTSTANDING	12,595,821	13,396,556		

Oppenheimer Holdings Inc. reported net profit of $7,738,000 or $0.59 per share for the fourth quarter of 2005, a decrease of 8% in net profit when compared to net profit of $8,419,000 or $0.63 per share in the fourth quarter of 2004. Revenue for the fourth quarter of 2005 was $185,309,000, an increase of 8% compared to revenue of $172,307,000 in the fourth quarter of 2004. At December 31, 2005, book value per share was $24.46 compared to restated book value per share of $22.91 at December 31, 2004, an increase of 7%.

Net profit for the year ended December 31, 2005 was $22,916,000 or $1.76 per share compared to net profit of $21,077,000 or $1.58 per share in the comparable period of

2004, an increase of 9% in net profit. Revenue for the year ended December 31, 2005 was. $679,746,000 compared to $655,140,000 in the comparable period of 2004, an increase of 4%**.**

Economic conditions continued to improve in the fourth quarter of 2005 with markets being mixed as investors focused on volatile oil prices, changes in inflationary expectations, and a flattening yield curve with rising short-term rates and falling long-term rates. Expectations for corporate earnings pushed most markets into positive territory for the year.

Revenue increases in the fourth quarter of 2005 by the Company reflect a better environment and the results of organic growth by the Company as well as the impact of higher interest rates compared to the comparable period of 2004. The Company’s expenses in the fourth quarter of 2005 were higher than in the comparable period of 2004. The Company’s non-compensation expense showed a marked increase due to the resolution of certain regulatory matters settled during the quarter (previously reported) and an increase in reserves for matters still open. These settlements also impacted the Company’s effective tax rate for the period and full year, as some payments were not deductible for income tax purposes. Compensation and related expenses, clearing and exchange fees and interest expense were higher, reflecting increased commission revenue, increased transaction levels and higher interest rates in the fourth quarter of 2005 compared to the same period in 2004.

The Company has experienced a material increase in expenses relating to regulatory matters as it continues to try to resolve matters that arose during a period (primarily 2003 and early 2004) when the Company was undergoing substantial internal change due to acquisition activity, at the same time as the securities industry was the subject of increased rule-making and requests for information from regulators. Regulatory expenses will continue to be at elevated levels and the Company anticipates the expenditure of increased time and effort to meet current and future requirements. However, it is unlikely that such future expenses will be comparable to those sustained during 2005.

The Company's focus continues to be the expansion of its business, as we see significant opportunities to grow our franchise through continued improvement in an integrated set of products and services which should lead to the attraction of new clients, and experienced professionals throughout the Company.

The weighted average number of Class A non-voting and Class B shares outstanding for the quarter ended December 31, 2005 was 13,063,122 compared to 13,356,831 outstanding for the quarter ended December 31, 2004, a net decrease of 2% due to the repurchase of shares pursuant to a normal course issuer bid and partially offset by the exercise of employee stock options. During the fourth quarter of 2005, the Company repurchased and cancelled 137,700 Class A Shares at an average cost of $19.51 per share. For the year ended December 31, 2005, the Company repurchased and cancelled 916,268 Class A Shares at an average cost of $21.43 per share.

The Company is announcing an 11% increase in its annual dividend rate to $0.40 ($0.10 per quarter). A quarterly dividend in the amount of U.S. $0.10 per share is payable on February 24, 2006 to holders of Class A non-voting and Class B shares of record on February 10, 2006.

The Company, through its principal subsidiary, Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., is a U.S. financial services company offering a full range of financial products and services from 83 offices in 22 states and 2 foreign jurisdictions. In addition, through its subsidiary, Freedom Investments, Inc. and the BUYandHOLD division of Freedom, the Company offers online discount brokerage and dollar-based investing services.

Certain statements in this release may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, as discussed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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