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For the month April 1999

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REUTERS GROUP PLC  
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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

85 FLEET STREET, LONDON EC4P 4AJ, ENGLAND  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

REUTERS GROUP PLC  
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(Registrant)

Dated: May 7, 1999

By: /s/ Nancy C. Gardner  
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E\*TRADE AND REUTERS ANNOUNCE GLOBAL AGREEMENT FOR  
DELIVERY OF FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET DATA

PALO ALTO, CA and NEW YORK, April 6, 1999 - E\*TRADE(R) Group Inc. (NASDAQ: EGRP) and Reuters (NASDAQ: RTRSY) today announced that Reuters will be the primary provider of financial news and market data to E\*TRADE-branded investment services web sites worldwide. This is the first such global agreement Reuters has signed with an online financial services company. The multi-year agreement furthers E\*TRADE's global strategy to provide investors with superior financial content, tools and services for managing their investments. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Under the agreement, Reuters - through its Reuters Investor service - will provide customers and members of E\*TRADE-branded web sites with domestic and international equities news, company news by country and delayed and/or real-time quotes on stocks, indexes and derivatives. Overviews of the foreign exchange, money and commodities markets are also provided.

"This agreement brings together two leaders in the online financial services markets," said Christos M. Cotsakos, chairman and chief executive officer of E\*TRADE. "By collaborating with Reuters, we not only maintain our strategy of providing individual investors worldwide with up-to-date, accurate financial market information, but also ensure the continuity of that information regardless of location or time of day. We believe Reuters is an ideal complement to our global expansion strategy and we look forward to a long, successful alliance."

Reuters Chief Executive Peter Job said, "The rapidly growing international market of people who are managing their own investments represents a significant opportunity for our information and software products. We welcome this agreement because it complements Reuters global strategy and allows us the opportunity to work with a dynamic and well-branded e-commerce success story. Our high quality news in 22 languages and financial information from all the major markets will be a valuable asset for E\*TRADE in their international growth strategy."

E\*TRADE intends to make the Reuters Investor service available on the Destination E\*TRADE web site in the United States and its international sites, including E\*TRADE Canada, E\*TRADE Australia and CPR-E\*TRADE (France), during calendar year 1999. New international E\*TRADE web sites are expected to receive the service as they come online.

Under its current international expansion plan, E\*TRADE has signed licensing and joint venture agreements which, when and if fully implemented, will cover the top 20 markets around the world. Reuters will provide each country's E\*TRADE customers with domestic and international financial data in the country's primary language, as available.

Reuters is a leading provider of news, financial information and software solutions for the online investing industry. Its Reuters Investor service offers a series of online news and data packages to banks and brokerages. Reuters markets these services through Reality Online Inc., a subsidiary based in Norristown, Pa.

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#### EDITORS NOTE

##### E\*TRADE

A leading branded provider of online investing services, E\*TRADE has established a popular destination Web site for self-directed investors. The Company offers independent investors the convenience and control of automated stock, options and mutual funds order placement at low commission rates.

In addition, E\*TRADE has a suite of value-added products and services that can be personalized, including portfolio tracking, real-time stock quotes, Smart Alerts, market commentary and analysis, news, investor community areas and other information services. E\*TRADE was the first securities and financial services company to be awarded the CPA WebTrust seal of assurance by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). E\*TRADE also was ranked the number one overall online brokerage service in two consecutive quarterly reviews conducted by Gomez Advisors, a leading independent authority devoted to online financial services (Q3/Q4 1998).

In October 1998, the E\*TRADE Web site was named the number one online investing site in an international survey of the industry's top 20 Internet brokerage firms by Lafferty Information and Research Group, a global provider of high-value and business information research.

Investors can access E\*TRADE at [www.etrade.com](http://www.etrade.com) on the Internet and through many other electronic channels and online services, including AOL (Keyword: E\*TRADE) and via the TELE\*MASTER interactive telephone system. E\*TRADE Securities Inc. (Member NASD/SIPC), and its parent company, E\*TRADE Group Inc., are headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif.

#### REUTERS

Reuters supplies the global financial markets and the news media with the widest range of information and news products including real-time financial data, collective investment data, numerical, textual, historical and graphical databases plus news, graphics, news video, and news pictures, reaching over 485,000 users in 57,900 locations. Reuters designs and installs enterprise-wide information management and risk management systems for the financial markets as well as providing equity and foreign exchange transaction systems. It extensively uses Internet technologies for wider distribution of information and news. The Group employed 16,938 staff in 218 cities in 96 countries at December 31, 1998. Reuters is the world's largest news and television agency with 2,072 journalists, photographers and camera operators in 182 bureaus serving 157 countries. News is published in 22 languages. For more details see [www.reuters.com/aboutreuters](http://www.reuters.com/aboutreuters).

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REUTERS FIRST QUARTER TRADING STATEMENT

London - Reuters revenue for the first quarter of 1999 rose by 8%, assisted by a slightly weaker pound, to (pound)771 million (US\$1,241 million) compared to (pound)715 million (US\$1,151 million) in the first quarter of 1998. (Dollar equivalents are at US\$1.61.) Revenue at comparable exchange rates grew by 5%.

Revenue for the Information Division, which incorporates Reuters Information (RI) and the Corporate and Media business, rose by 7% (5% at comparable rates). The Reuters 3000 Xtra service, the new premium information product, was launched in March. Off Trading Floor products, which address a broader market throughout our client base, continue to show strong growth. Local products have performed well including ReutersPlus in the United States where several large new orders have been announced.

Reuters Trading Systems (RTS) revenue grew marginally at actual rates. At comparable rates revenue fell by 3%. Dealing 2000 foreign exchange products were impacted by market contraction reflecting the introduction of the euro and the weakness in emerging markets in the second half of 1998. Growth in risk management products continues at a brisk rate.

Instinet's revenue grew by 23% (21% at comparable rates) resulting from the buoyant activity of the US markets. Instinet's international business, especially in Europe, continued to grow reflecting the changing dynamics of the European securities sector. Against this background, Instinet announced the development of a new product for the fixed income market.

The Millennium Programme is well advanced with most of the Group's efforts now focused on testing and continuity planning. Costs for the project are expected to decline in the second half of the year.

PETER JOB, chief executive, said: "1999 is a year of change for the Group as we implement our reorganisation, designed to focus on the profitability of the new Divisions. Whilst we remain cautious about revenue growth for the rest of this year, we believe that the reorganisation is going well and we should start to see some of the cost benefits later in the second half. The lower revenue growth, which is in line with our earlier statements, reflects weaknesses in emerging markets and continuing dull conditions in foreign exchange. We see no early recovery in the emerging markets area but the continued expansion of the securities markets in the most developed countries offers us potential opportunities for investment and growth."

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This news release may be deemed to include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those discussed in such forward-looking statements are described in Reuters Annual Report for 1998 under the heading

"Cautionary Statements". Copies of this are available on request from Reuters Group PLC, 85 Fleet Street, London EC4P 4AJ.

#### NOTE TO EDITORS

The revenue figures are based on the new Divisional structure. For comparison purposes the first quarter figures for 1998 have been rebased to reflect this. TIBCO Software revenue is included in Reuters Trading Systems.

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REVENUE ANALYSIS - FIRST QUARTER 1999

	3 months to 31 March		% change		3 months to 31 March	
	1999	1998	actual	comparable	1999	1998
	(pound)m	(pound)m	rates of exchange	rates of exchange	US\$m	US\$m
REVENUE ANALYSIS BY GEOGRAPHY						
Europe, Middle East and Africa	393	372	6%	3%	633	599
Asia	119	115	3%	(1%)	191	185
The Americas	119	110	8%	7%	191	177
Instinet	125	101	23%	21%	201	163
TIBCO	15	17	(7%)	(8%)	25	27
TOTAL	771	715	8%	5%	1,241	1,151
REVENUE ANALYSIS BY DIVISION						
Information Division	457	426	7%	5%	736	684
Reuters Trading Systems	189	188	0%	(3%)	304	304
Instinet	125	101	23%	21%	201	163
TOTAL	771	715	8%	5%	1,241	1,151
REVENUE ANALYSIS BY TYPE						
Recurring	588	550	7%	4%	946	886
Usage	149	128	16%	14%	240	206
Outright	34	37	(7%)	(9%)	55	59
TOTAL	771	715	8%	5%	1,241	1,151

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REUTERS DISAPPOINTED AT EMPLOYEES' STRIKE VOTE

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New York, April 16, 1999 - Reuters today reacted with disappointment to the announcement that its unionized employees have reportedly voted to authorize a strike.

Reuters America Inc. is currently engaged in intense, off the record negotiations with the Newspaper Guild of New York, which represents some 585 news, TV, technical and business operations staff in the US.

GLEN D. RUSSO, Reuters Director of Employee & Labor Relations, and the company's chief negotiator, said: "With intensive negotiations continuing, it seems counterproductive to me that the Newspaper Guild of New York should be whipping up scare tactics like this. We hope very much that the negotiations will result in an agreement that is satisfactory to all and that the Guild does not pull the trigger on the strike vote authorization. However, no one should doubt the company's determination to get the contract it needs to further legitimate business goals, or its determination to continue operations in the unfortunate event of a strike."

Reuters is looking for a competitive, flexible and fair contract with provisions on job security, pay and benefits that would bring it in line with its major competitors.

Reuters America Inc. is the chief operating entity in America of Reuters Group PLC (NASDAQ: RTRSY). Reuters supplies the global financial markets and the news media with the widest range of information and news products including real-time financial data, collective investment data, numerical, textual, historical and graphical databases plus news, graphics, news video, and news pictures, reaching over 485,000 users located in 57,900 organizations. Reuters designs and installs enterprise-wide information management and risk management systems for the financial markets as well as providing equity and foreign exchange transaction systems. It extensively uses Internet technologies for wider distribution of information and news. The Group employed 16,938 staff in 218 cities in 96 countries at December 31, 1998. Reuters is the world's largest news and television agency with 2,072 journalists, photographers and camera operators in 182 bureaus serving 157 countries. News is published in 22 languages. For more details see [www.reuters.com/aboutreuters](http://www.reuters.com/aboutreuters)

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ROSEMARY MARTIN APPOINTED REUTERS COMPANY SECRETARY

London - Rosemary Martin has been appointed Company Secretary to Reuters Group PLC, the global information and news group, with effect from 1 May 1999.

Martin joined Reuters in 1997 as deputy Company Secretary, having worked for 13 years at Rowe & Maw, eight as a partner.

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