

## Ad-hoc-news according to § 15WpHG

### Profit Participation Dividend for 1992 Certificate

Gütersloh, January 27, 2006 – According to preliminary calculations for the Fiscal Year 2005 Bertelsmann AG expects that dividends on its Profit Participation Certificate 1992 (ISIN DE0005229900) will be between 6 percent and 8 percent of the par value. Dividends on Profit Participation Certificate 1992 are based on Return On Assets (ROA) for the Bertelsmann Group. For the Fiscal Year 2005, ROA is expected to be between 5 percent and 7 percent. For the Fiscal Year 2004, the payouts amounted to 8.42 percent (FY 2003: 6.92 percent) of the par value.

Important notice: Bertelsmann AG expects that dividends on its Profit Participation Certificate 2001 (ISIN DE0005229942), which accounts for 97 percent of the par value of Bertelsmann's profit participation capital, will again amount to 15 percent of the par value.

The payout for both Profit Participation Certificates 1992 and 2001 is expected to be distributed in the second half of May 2006.

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