

## DRAFT RELEASE

### SELFTRADE TO OFFER 3i INFRASTRUCTURE IPO

Selftrade – one of the UK’s largest online stockbrokers ([selftrade.co.uk](http://selftrade.co.uk)) - will offer access to the new issue of 3i’s new Infrastructure fund - a diversified portfolio of equity level investments in infrastructure businesses and assets throughout Europe, North America and Asia - due to list on the London stock market in early March.

Managed by leading private equity group 3i, the fund will be available for subscription by Selftrade customers later this month. It aims to offer investors predictable, durable income-orientated returns of 12 per cent per annum.

#### Key features:

- Minimum subscription of £10,000
- Applications can be made from Dealing accounts, SIPP Dealing accounts or Company Dealing accounts
- The stock will only be available for inclusion in ISAs or PEPs when listed on the secondary market
- No commission charge for participation

**Stephen Barber, Product Manager at Selftrade says;** *“Infrastructure is an interesting emerging asset class, which offers investors predictable returns over the long-term. Its nature makes infrastructure ideal for those seeking stable returns particularly when managing long-term investments such as a SIPP. We’re delighted to be able to offer retail customers the opportunity to participate in this new issue on the Selftrade platform for no charge.”*

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## Notes to editors

### About Selftrade

Selftrade offers investors a one-stop shop to manage their investments in Dealing, self-select ISA, PEP and SIPP Dealing accounts. Child Trust Funds, Child SIPP, Company Dealing accounts are also available. A CFD and spread betting service is provided by City Index.

Selftrade is a trading name of Talos Securities Limited, which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority and is a member of the London Stock Exchange. Talos Securities Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Boursorama SA, which is part of the Société Générale Group. Boursorama is a leading provider of online stockbroking services in Europe, with operations in France, Germany and Spain in addition to the UK.

### About 3i Group plc

3i is a world leader in private equity and venture capital. 3i focuses on Buyouts, Growth Capital and Venture Capital and invests across Europe, the United States and Asia. Its competitive advantage comes from its international network and the strength and breadth of its relationships in business. These underpin the value that it delivers to its portfolio and shareholders.

3i is a leading private equity group, listed on the FTSE 100. Established for over 60 years, it has a £5bn market cap and some £7bn assets under management as at 30 September 2006.