

PRESS RELEASE

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Erste Bank corporate NetBank back online

Budapest, 1.45pm, 7th December, 2006 – On the morning of 7th December several Erste Bank clients received suspicious emails. In order to ensure the security of our clients, the bank put on hold its Erste Corporate NetBank service in the morning. The service went back online at 1.45pm.

In order to ensure the security of its clients Erste Bank put its Corporate NetBank service on hold in the morning. Clients were served through the bank's call centre, or in the bank's branches. The Corporate NetBank service went back online at 1.45pm on Thursday. Clients, who authenticate their online orders with text messages, can continue to use the NetBank as usual. Those, who authenticate their online orders with passwords, can make balance queries, but cannot launch transfers to move money. If these clients launch a transaction, they will receive a warning note on the NetBank website, which will inform them of what needs to be done so that they can use the Erste Corporate NetBank without restrictions.

Once more Erste Bank would like to draw the attention of all its clients to the fact that Erste Bank never has and never will request identification or login through emails or text messages for access to NetBank. When using NetBank always remember to enter the URL manually (www.erstebank.hu).

Erste Electra and the retail NetBank continue to operate as usual.

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