

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Fraudsters target Erste Bank's NetBank clients

**Budapest, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2006 – On the morning of 7<sup>th</sup> December several Erste Bank clients received suspicious emails. The emails asked clients to click on the erste-hungary.com link, and enter their customer data on the fake website.**

Please note that if you are an Erste Bank client and receive such an email, you should not click the link provided, or enter any data requested on the website. Every time you visit Erste NetBank, remember to enter the URL manually. Erste Bank never has, and never will request identification through emails or text messages when clients enter the NetBank system.

The corporate NetBank service has been put on hold temporarily for the safety of clients. In the meantime clients can take care of their finances personally, or through the bank's call centre.

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

Should you have any further queries, call 60-40-222-222 with questions on your retail or micro-business accounts, 06-40-222-223 with questions on your corporate account, or come to any Erste Bank branch where our staff will be happy to address your concerns.

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