



MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

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ASX Record Volumes

In May 2006, a monthly record 3.6 million SEATS¹ trades were transacted on ASX markets, a 73% increase on May 2005. Total SEATS trades were 14.9 million for the 5 months to May 2006 (48% increase on PCP²) and 28.5 million for the 11 months to May 2006 (39% increase on PCP).

Total Options contracts traded for May 2006 were 2.4 million, a 21% increase on May 2005. Total Options contracts traded were 9.7 million for the 5 months to May 2006 (3% decrease on PCP) and 21.1 million for the 11 months to May 2006 (2% increase on PCP).

Commenting on the record, ASX Managing Director and CEO, Tony D'Aloisio said: "We are very pleased with ASX's recent volume performance which has occurred despite the recent fall in the benchmark S&P/ASX 200 index. This continues the long term trend of strong growth in ASX's core business, and also reflects the robustness and diversity of ASX's markets."

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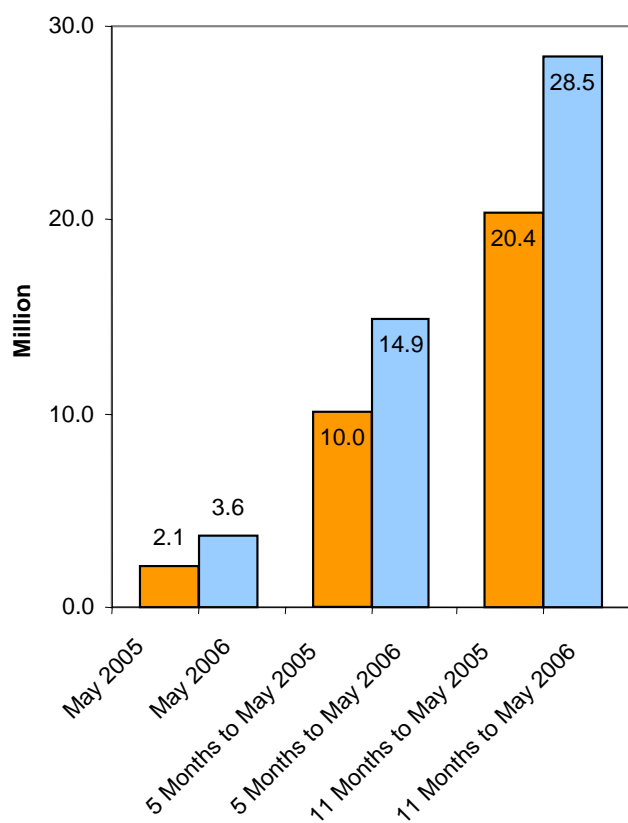
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¹ SEATS trades include Equities, Warrants and Interest Rate Securities.

² PCP – previous comparison period.

	May 2005	May 2006	5 Months to May 2005	5 Months to May 2006	11 Months to May 2005	11 Months to May 2006
Total SEATS Trades	2,102,716	3,640,442	10,033,493	14,887,547	20,422,791	28,467,566
Increase on PCP		73%		48%		39%
Total Options Contracts	1,953,658	2,355,563	9,966,115	9,693,468	20,704,156	21,069,273
Increase on PCP		21%		-3%		2%

Total SEATS Trades



Total Options Contracts

