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Courtney Franson, 1-212-478-3463, [courtney.franson@xlgroup.com](mailto:courtney.franson@xlgroup.com)**XL CAPITAL ASSURANCE PROVIDES \$250 TRIPLE-A  
FINANCIAL GUARANTY FOR AKBANK FUTURE FLOW SECURITIZATION**

New York, January 12, 2006 – XL Capital Assurance Inc. (XLCA) today announced that it has issued a triple-A rated financial guaranty of \$250 million of notes in connection with a future flow transaction for Akbank, one of the largest, most profitable private commercial banks in Turkey.

The transaction, which closed on December 23, 2005 and was arranged by HSBC and ABN Amro, involved the issuance of \$500 million of notes backed by all existing and future international credit and debit card merchant vouchers acquired by Akbank, arising from purchases of goods and services by, and cash advances to, foreign visitors to Turkey. The XLCA-wrapped notes were sold as a single series with an eight-year final maturity and an average life of 4.7 years.

Commenting on the deal, Eric Van Heyst, a managing director in XLCA's Specialized Risk group, said, "We were pleased to participate with HSBC and ABN Amro to execute this transaction, which was the second future flow securitization we wrapped for Akbank in 2005. It was a solid transaction that has all the key elements we look for in a future flow deal – including a strong financial institution with a highly capable management team and solid cash flow generation capabilities."

Including this transaction, XLCA provided triple-A financial guaranties for four Turkish future flow securitizations in 2005.

**About XL Capital Assurance**

XL Capital Assurance Inc. (XLCA), rated triple-A by Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, and Fitch Ratings, is a top-five monoline financial guaranty company focusing on global infrastructure, power & utilities, U.S. public finance, consumer and commercial asset securitization, and structured investment products. XLCA is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of XL Capital Ltd (NYSE: XL), which, through its operating subsidiaries, is a leading provider of insurance and reinsurance coverages and financial products and services to industrial, commercial and professional service firms, insurance companies and other enterprises on a worldwide basis. For more information, please visit [www.xlca.com](http://www.xlca.com).

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