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SIRE Chosen as 2006 Hunting Art Prize Charity

HOUSTON— Hunting PLC announced today that it will donate proceeds from the 2006 Hunting Art Prize to SIRE, a Houston-based charity that uses therapeutic horseback riding and related activities to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

The competition is relocating to Houston next year after a quarter century in the United Kingdom, where it emerged as one of Great Britain’s top arts awards.

“This is a real honor for us,” said Jimm Williams, executive director of SIRE, which stands for Self-Improvement through Riding Education. “There are a lot of charities doing a lot of really good things in Houston. We just feel proud and privileged – and really excited – that what we do has been recognized.”

Dennis Proctor, Chief Executive of Hunting PLC, whose U.S. corporate headquarters are in Houston, said his company was equally happy with the relationship.

“Like any world-class company, we’re committed to giving back to the community,” Proctor explained. “I can’t think of a better way to show that than by supporting an organization like SIRE, which gives so much back to the people and families it serves. They are everything we could ask for in a partner.”

Hunting chose to move the prize to Houston for four key reasons: Its diversity, standing as an international city, traditional commitment to the fine arts, and position as the center of the worldwide energy industry. The winner of the competition, whose \$50,000 prize is one of the most generous in North America, will be announced in April 2006.

About SIRE

SIRE provides hands-on equestrian classes and activities to advance the lives of people with disabilities. For over 22 years, they have offered programs for children and adults with physical and cognitive disabilities, sensory impairments, and psychosocial disorders. For further information, visit www.sire-htec.org.

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