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**ELRON SIGNS DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE  
APPROXIMATELY 823,000 PARTNER SHARES FROM POLAR  
COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$5.3 MILLION**

Tel Aviv, March 8, 2006 Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: ELRN) announced today the signing of a definitive agreement to acquire approximately 823,000 shares of Partner Communications Company Ltd. (NASDAQ and TASE: PTNR; LSE: PCCD) ("Partner") from Polar Communications Ltd. for approximately \$5.3 million, subject to adjustments in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Elron already holds approximately 2% of Partner and upon completion of the acquisition, will hold approximately 2.6% of Partner. Almost all of these shares are subject to transfer restrictions under Partner's license.

The completion of the acquisition is subject to the satisfaction of certain closing conditions including regulatory approval. There is no assurance that the acquisition will be completed.

*Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. is a high technology holding company based in Israel. Through affiliates, Elron is engaged with a group of high technology operating companies in the fields of medical devices, information and communication technology, semiconductors and advanced materials.*

For further information, visit <http://www.elron.com>

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