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April 25, 2006

Dear Stockholders,

After printing the definitive proxy statement for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Advanced Energy Industries, Inc. (the Proxy Statement), we discovered an error with respect to how we reported restricted stock awards in the Summary Compensation Table in the Proxy Statement.

The updated version of the Summary Compensation Table is provided below:

Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation		Long-Term Compensation Awards		
		Salary(\$)	Bonus(\$)	Securities Underlying Options(#)	Restricted Stock Awards (\$)(1)	All Other Compensation (\$)(2)
Douglas S. Schatz Chairman of the Board, Former Chief Executive Officer and President(3)	2005	237,000	96,000	93,000	188,403	27,000
	2004	391,000		85,000		34,000
	2003	391,000		100,000		32,000
Hans Georg Betz Chief Executive Officer and President(4)	2005	193,500	113,000	140,000	478,000	70,000(5)
Charles S. Rhoades Chief Operating Officer(6)	2005	285,000	107,000	36,000	71,500	37,000(7)
	2004	229,000	5,000	65,000		134,000(7)
	2003	224,000	26,000(8)	20,000		39,000(7)
James G. Guilmart Senior Vice President, Sales(9)	2005	265,000	75,000(10)	10,000	10,725	11,000
	2004	265,000	51,000(10)	15,000		11,000
	2003	265,000	42,000(10)	20,000		11,000
Mark D. Hartman Principal Financial and Accounting Officer(11)	2005	125,000	44,000		11,440	2,000
Michael El-Hillow Former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer(12)	2005	280,000	61,000	34,000	68,283	11,000
	2004	269,000	20,000	70,000		11,000
	2003	235,000		80,000		14,000
Linda A. Capuano Former Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer(13)	2005	184,000		27,000	54,698	143,000
	2004	39,000		75,000		175,000(14)

- (1) Restricted stock units vest with respect to 10% of the award on the first anniversary of the grant date, 20% on the second anniversary of the grant date, 30% on the third anniversary of the grant date and 40% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. No dividends are paid on restricted stock units.

- (2) Reflects car allowances and amounts contributed by Advanced Energy under Advanced Energy's 401(k) profit sharing plan, except as otherwise noted.
 - (3) Mr. Schatz served as Chief Executive Officer and President of Advanced Energy through his retirement in July 2005. Mr. Schatz continues to serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Advanced Energy awarded Mr. Schatz 26,350 restricted stock units on January 31, 2005. At December 31, 2005, the value of such 26,350 restricted stock units held by Mr. Schatz was \$311,721.
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- (4) Dr. Betz was appointed Chief Executive Officer and President of Advanced Energy effective August 2005. Advanced Energy awarded Dr. Betz 50,000 restricted stock units on August 1, 2005. At December 31, 2005, the value of such 50,000 restricted stock units held by Dr. Betz was \$591,500.
- (5) Includes payment on behalf of Dr. Betz for relocation costs and temporary housing of \$60,000 in 2005.
- (6) Mr. Rhoades joined Advanced Energy in September 2002 as Senior Vice President and General Manager of Control Systems and Instrumentation. In August 2004, he was appointed Executive Vice President of Products and Operations. In December 2005, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer. Advanced Energy awarded Mr. Rhoades 10,000 restricted stock units on January 31, 2005. At December 31, 2005, the value of such 10,000 restricted stock units held by Mr. Rhoades was \$118,300.
- (7) Includes payments on behalf of Mr. Rhoades for relocation costs and temporary housing of \$26,000 in 2005, \$130,000 in 2004 and \$36,000 in 2003.
- (8) 2003 amount represents a performance bonus earned and paid in 2003, the terms of which were agreed upon at hire.
- (9) Advanced Energy awarded Mr. Guilmart 1,500 restricted stock units on January 31, 2005. At December 31, 2005, the value of such 1,500 restricted stock units held by Mr. Guilmart was \$17,745.
- (10) Includes sales commissions paid to Mr. Guilmart of \$35,000 in 2005, \$51,000 in 2004 and \$42,000 in 2003.
- (11) Mr. Hartman was designated Principal Financial and Accounting Officer effective December 31, 2005, upon the departure of Mr. El-Hillow, Chief Financial Officer. Advanced Energy awarded Mr. Hartman 1,600 restricted stock units on January 31, 2005. At December 31, 2005, the value of such 1,600 restricted stock units held by Mr. Hartman was \$18,928.
- (12) Mr. El-Hillow served as Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer until December 30, 2005. Advanced Energy awarded Mr. El-Hillow 9,550 restricted stock units, all of which terminated pursuant to the termination of his employment effective December 30, 2005.
- (13) Dr. Capuano served as Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of Advanced Energy from October 2004 to August 2005. She served as a consultant to Advanced Energy from April 2004 to October 2004. Advanced Energy awarded Dr. Capuano 7,650 restricted stock units, all of which terminated pursuant to the termination of her employment effective August 22, 2005.
- (14) Includes consulting fees of \$173,000 paid to Dr. Capuano for the period from April 2004 to October 2004, prior to joining Advanced Energy.

Adjournment of Annual Meeting

To allow you additional time to consider the information in this letter, the Board of Directors of the Company intends to adjourn the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders after determination of a quorum and before consideration of any of the proposals set forth in the Proxy Statement. The Annual Meeting, scheduled to be held on May 3, 2006, will be adjourned to May 24, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting, as adjourned, will continue to be held at the Company's corporate offices at 1625 Sharp Point Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525.

If you have already delivered your proxy prior to receiving this letter, you do not need to take any action unless you wish to revoke or change your vote on any of the proposals. If you wish to revoke or change your vote before the meeting, you may revoke your proxy by delivering notice to Jay Margulies, our Secretary, at Advanced Energy Industries, Inc., 1625 Sharp Point Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525, stating that you wish to revoke your proxy or by delivering another proxy with a later date. You may vote your shares by attending the meeting in person but, if you

have delivered a proxy before the meeting, you must revoke it before the meeting begins. Attending the meeting will not automatically revoke your previously-delivered proxy.