

SEC Publishes ISE's Form 1 Application for a Second Options Exchange

NEW YORK, March, 5, 2013 - International Securities Exchange Holdings, Inc. (ISE) announced that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has published for comment a Form 1 application for ISE's second options exchange. The new options Exchange is anticipated to be launched in Q2 2013, pending SEC approval. The publication of the Form 1 application represents an important milestone in the process of launching ISE's second options exchange, which will leverage the existing technology backbone and established member connectivity of ISE's existing options exchange.

"We are grateful that the SEC has moved forward with the publication of the Form 1 application and we look forward to launching our second exchange soon," said Gary Katz, President and Chief Executive Officer of ISE. "The new Exchange will enable us to build upon our strong, well-established technology foundation and offer our members a choice in fee and market structure."

Additional information about the new Exchange's fee schedule and products traded will be publicized at a later date.

Please note "Topaz Exchange," as referred to in the Form 1 application, is the project's working name for ISE's second Exchange. The brand name will be announced prior to launch.

About ISE

The International Securities Exchange (ISE) operates a leading U.S. options exchange and offers options trading on over 2,000 underlying equity, ETF, index, and FX products. As the first all-electronic options exchange in the U.S., ISE transformed the options industry by creating efficient markets through innovative market structure and technology. Regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and a member-owner of OCC, ISE provides investors with a transparent marketplace for price and liquidity discovery on centrally cleared options products. ISE continues to expand its marketplace through the ongoing development of enhanced trading functionality, new products, and market data services. As a complement to its options business, ISE has expanded its reach into multiple asset classes through strategic investments in financial marketplaces and services that foster technology innovation and market efficiency. Through minority investments, ISE participates in the securities lending and equities markets. ISE also licenses its proprietary Longitude technology for trading in event-driven markets.

As a member of Eurex Group, ISE is combined with Eurex Exchange to form one of the largest transatlantic derivatives marketplaces, with daily trading volumes exceeding 9 million contracts across a growing range of asset classes.

Eurex Group is comprised of Eurex Exchange, the International Securities Exchange (ISE), the European Energy Exchange (EEX), Eurex Clearing, Eurex Bonds and Eurex Repo.

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