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RTS Realtime Systems Group, the world's leading software developer for electronic trading applications, announced today the successful completion of conformance tests for its International Securities Exchange (ISE) interface.

The ISE is the first all-electronic options exchange in the United States and the only new exchange to be licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission in 27 years. Trading began on May 26<sup>th</sup> with an initial listing of 3 stock options with plans to list options on 600 of the most widely traded US stocks.

RTS Realtime Systems Group has established itself as the unquestioned leader in electronic options technology. Through the RTS front-end system, a trader can directly access multiple exchanges from a single software application. Their impressive package of innovative software features includes mass-quotation capability, fast order entry and amendment, real-time risk management and the often-imitated "electronic-eye" take out feature. With the successful completion of ISE conformance tests, RTS now has its first US exchange interface and a total of 22 exchange interfaces worldwide.

"We regard the ISE project as part of our strategic move into the US markets but also as a natural extension of our product line given our dominant position in electronic trading generally and in electronic options markets specifically," said Neil J. McKenzie, Managing Director of RTS LLC.

The ISE is already handling significant options volume and has increased its listings to 19 issues according to a roll out schedule anticipated to take until year-end.

With the opening of an office in New York to complement their established office in Chicago, RTS is gearing up to accommodate a large customer base with comprehensive functional support and system administration services. Through their offices in London and Frankfurt, RTS already supports over 1,800 traders through 125 client sites on 22 electronic exchanges.

"Strong demand for our product is justifying our continued expansion in the US," said Mr. McKenzie.

"Clients are demanding RTS for its scalability, its compatibility with both NT and UNIX based operating systems, and its reputation as a proven technology battle tested by professional traders in Europe for the last nine years."

Other RTS interfaces soon to follow will accommodate trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Board Options Exchange. More information is available on the internet under [www.rtsgroup.net](http://www.rtsgroup.net)