



**LCH.Clearnet and NYSE Euronext agree on the main terms
of a long-term agreement for cash equity clearing**

Clearing fees will be reduced by 20% for market participants

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LCH.Clearnet SA, the Paris-based clearing house of LCH.Clearnet Group, and NYSE Euronext today jointly announced they have reached an agreement on the main terms and conditions of a six year clearing contract with respect to NYSE Euronext's continental cash equities markets. The Parties are currently reviewing the technical elements and are in the process of finalising the agreement.

The agreement is expected to commence on 1 January 2013 and will run through 2018. The new contract would then replace the existing contract that was due to end on 31 December 2013 for cash equity transactions.

The contract, once signed, would enable LCH.Clearnet SA to further reduce clearing fees for clearing members. Fees will be reduced from €0.05 to €0.04 for blue chips stocks.

Christophe Hémon, Chief Executive of LCH.Clearnet SA, said: "We are delighted to continue providing clearing services for NYSE Euronext by extending our long-standing relationship. This is testament to our industry-leading risk management and the choice it brings to clients and financial market participants."

Roland Bellegarde, Group EVP for European Equities and Equity derivatives at NYSE Euronext, added: "We are pleased to have negotiated the main terms of an agreement with LCH.Clearnet SA which would allow our customers to maintain their infrastructure with their existing clearing house. This six year agreement, once in place, will contribute towards ensuring that market participants have access to a robust, regulated and organised clearing house. Following our negotiations with LCH.Clearnet SA, clearing costs are expected to decrease 20% for blue chips, the largest segment of the cash equity clearing business."

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About LCH.Clearnet

The LCH.Clearnet Group is a leading international clearing house, serving major exchanges and platforms as well as a range of OTC markets.

LCH.Clearnet's world-class risk management framework provides the markets with exceptional levels of protection. Both the soundness of its risk management approach and the resilience of its systems have been proven in recent times. As demand for robust clearing services continues to grow, LCH.Clearnet is committed to setting and maintaining the highest standards across all asset classes cleared.

For more information, visit: www.lchclearnet.com

About NYSE Euronext

NYSE Euronext (NYX) is a leading global operator of financial markets and provider of innovative trading technologies. The company's exchanges in Europe and the United States trade equities, futures, options, fixed-income and exchange-traded products. With approximately 8,000 listed issues (excluding European Structured Products), NYSE Euronext's equities markets - the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE Euronext, NYSE MKT, NYSE Alternext and NYSE



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Important Information About the Proposed Transaction and Where to Find It:

In connection with the proposed transaction, ICE intends to file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4, which will include a joint proxy statement/prospectus with respect to the proposed acquisition of NYSE Euronext. The



final joint proxy statement/prospectus will be delivered to the stockholders of ICE and NYSE Euronext. Investors and security holders of both ICE and NYSE Euronext are urged to read the joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction carefully and in its entirety, including any documents previously filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference into the joint proxy statement/prospectus, when it becomes available because it will contain important information regarding ICE, NYSE Euronext and the proposed merger. Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about ICE and NYSE Euronext, without charge, at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov/>. Investors may also obtain these documents, without charge, from ICE's website at <http://www.theice.com>.

Participants in the Merger Solicitation:

ICE, NYSE Euronext and their respective directors, executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the transactions contemplated by the merger agreement.

You can find information about ICE and ICE's directors and executive officers in ICE's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as filed with the SEC on February 8, 2012, and ICE's proxy statement for its 2012 annual meeting of stockholders, as filed with the SEC on March 30, 2012.

You can find information about NYSE Euronext and NYSE Euronext's directors and executive officers in NYSE Euronext's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as filed with the SEC on February 29, 2012, and NYSE Euronext's proxy statement for its 2012 annual meeting of stockholders, filed with the SEC on March 26, 2012.

Additional information about the interests of potential participants will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectuses, if and when it becomes available, and the other relevant documents filed by ICE and NYSE Euronext with the SEC.

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