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On July 3, 2007, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. and CBOT Holdings, Inc. ran the following advertisement in Chicago newspapers.

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CME Statement in Response to ICE s CBOT Shareholder Letter

CHICAGO, July 3, 2007 CME, the world's largest and most diverse derivatives exchange, has issued the following statement:

ICE continues to try to play the role of a spoiler in the CME CBOT merger agreement and has offered nothing new to its proposal. Having been rejected by CBOT s board not once but twice, ICE has yet to address the fundamental strategic and operational flaws in its proposed transaction. ICE has also put forward a speculative ERP offer that significantly undervalues those rights and which has not even been approved by CBOE members, let alone the Delaware court or CBOT members. As a result, the only option ICE has is to try to disrupt the CME and CBOT merger. The fact remains that a combined CME and CBOT offers greater long-term value for CBOT shareholders with lower risk, while offering customers of both exchanges significant benefits that ICE cannot match.

CME (http://www.cme.com/) is the world's largest and most diverse derivatives exchange. As an international marketplace, CME brings together buyers and sellers on the CME Globex® electronic trading platform and on its trading floors. CME offers futures and options on futures in these product areas: interest rates, stock indexes, foreign exchange, agricultural commodities, energy, and alternative investment products such as weather, real estate and economic derivatives. CME is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. (NYSE: CME) (NASDAQ: CME), which is part of the Russell 1000® Index and the S&P 500® Index.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release may contain forward-looking information regarding Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. and CBOT Holdings, Inc. and the combined company after the completion of the merger that is intended to be covered by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, but are not limited to, the benefits of the business combination transaction involving CME and CBOT, including future financial and operating results, the new company's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts. Such statements are based on current beliefs, expectations, forecasts and assumptions of CME's and CBOT's management which are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially from these statements. Other risks and uncertainties relating to the proposed transaction include, but are not limited to, the satisfaction of conditions to closing, including receipt of shareholder, member, antitrust, regulatory and other approvals on the proposed terms; the proposed transaction may not be consummated on the proposed terms; uncertainty of the expected financial performance of the combined company following completion of the proposed transaction; the combined company may not be able to achieve the expected cost savings, synergies and other strategic benefits as a result of the proposed transaction; the integration of CBOT's operations with CME's may not be successful or may be materially delayed or may be more costly or difficult than expected; general industry and market conditions; general domestic and international economic conditions; and governmental laws and regulations affecting domestic and foreign operations.

More information regarding other risks that may affect the parties' performance can be found in their filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Item 1A of CME's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 and their most recent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Copies of said reports are available online at http://www.sec.gov/ or on request from the CME. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking

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statements, which speak only as of the date of this press release. Except for any obligation to disclose material information under the Federal securities laws, CME undertakes no obligation to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document.

#### **Additional Information**

CME and CBOT have filed a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and a supplement thereto in connection with the proposed transaction. This press release is not a substitute for the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, as supplemented, or any other documents CME and CBOT have filed or will file with the SEC. Investors and security holders are urged to read the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, as supplemented, and any other relevant documents filed or to be filed by CME or CBOT because they contain or will contain important information about the proposed transaction. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, as supplemented, is, and other documents filed or to be filed by CME and CBOT with the SEC are or will be, available free of charge at the SEC's Web site (http://www.sec.gov/) or from Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc., Shareholder Relations and Membership Services, 20 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, Attention: Beth Hausoul.

CME and its directors, executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information regarding CME's directors and executive officers is available in CME's proxy statement for its 2007 annual meeting of shareholders, dated March 17, 2007. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants is available in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, as supplemented, and the other relevant documents filed with the SEC.

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