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The following Questions and Answers were posted to CME's internal Website on November 2, 2006:

### **Employee Questions & Answers**

#### **Just Ask Updates**

*1. What is the impact of the merger on our business in Europe and Asia?*

We are and will continue to be a global business, serving customers worldwide. After the close of the merger, we expect our customers will benefit from what will be an even stronger presence in Europe and Asia. As a combined company, we will be able to use these resources to further grow our business and effectively compete on a worldwide scale.

*2. What measures are in place to ensure that the value of CBOT will not deteriorate before the merger is closed?*

CME and CBOT will continue to execute their distinct business strategies towards achieving their goals for the year. CBOT as a public company has continuing obligations to run the company in best interests of its shareholders.

3. *How far in advance will employees be notified of changes to departments, current positions, or even new opportunities?*

We will continue to update you throughout this process. However, we do not expect to announce organizational changes before the merger closes.

There are a lot of decisions yet to be made and many approvals yet to be received before we can begin integrating our two companies. We are already beginning to *plan* for the transition, but we will not be able to integrate operations in advance of the close of the merger (we expect mid-year 2007).