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Summary:

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The clearing houses of both exchanges, i.e. the European Commodity Exchange AG (ECC) and Eurex Clearing AG cooperate in clearing of trades in order to offer to their Members efficient and flexible clearing.

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The alliance of both energy and corporate finance as originated by EEX and Eurex caused a high rise of volumes in this market. In the first half of 2008, approx. 32 mio. tons of CO_2 were traded. This is more than five times the amount traded in the same period the year before. Also, open interest has increased considerably: With more than 7 percent, it has almost doubled in the European competition since the start of the cooperation.

Additionally, EEX is currently contracting leading brokers in order to increase usage of the EEX/Eurex platform. This will offer additional incentives to brokers especially for clearing of OTC trades which will further improve liquidity in EUA derivatives.

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