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Termination of Support for Compaq/AXP and IBM AIX Platforms

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Attachments:

The Management Boards of the Eurex Exchanges have made the decision that Release 5.0 of Eurex will be supported on SUN Solaris and Windows NT (Intel) platforms only. Further it has been decided, with immediate effect, to stop development of the MISS-based Eurex front end system on the Compaq/AXP platform. For all future MISS installations, support of the new front end architecture on IBM/AIX platforms will also be terminated. Effective immediately, therefore, new members and members migrating from User Devices to the MISS architecture will be able to select SUN Solaris or Windows NT (Intel) platforms only.

One major reason for the decision to support two platforms only lies with the differing level of support for versions of Java among the manufacturers, which results in an over-complex and non-optimal development and testing process, whereby Eurex would be unable to offer cost-effective change at the pace dictated by the market.

Together with the previously published information that support for the User Device architecture will cease with the introduction of Eurex Release 5.0 in mid-2001, the decision means that all support for the Compaq/AXP and IBM/AIX platforms will terminate at that time.

Members who are currently in the migration process who have selected either the IBM/AIX or Compaq/AXP platforms will be contacted shortly by Eurex to discuss the effects of the decision on their plans.

The support of SUN and NT platforms alone is consistent with the recent decision taken by the Management Committee of the Eurex/CBoT Alliance in relation to supported platforms.

Eurex apologises for any inconvenience to members and vendors, but believes that the decision is in the best long-term interest of all of our business partners.

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