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Summary:

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The ex day is planned for November 15, 2004.

As a result of this extraordinary dividend, an adjustment to the Eurex option on shares of Microsoft pursuant to Section 2.18.7 (2) of the Contract Specifications for Futures Contracts and Options Contracts at Eurex Deutschland and Eurex Zürich will be required.

The procedure is as follows:

The closing price of the Microsoft share at Xetra on November 12, 2004 will be the basis for the adjustment.

S1 = Closing price of the Microsoft share

S2 = S1 minus extraordinary dividend (converted in EUR via reference price USD/EUR on November 12, 2004)

R-factor = S2/S1

The adjustment of the exercise price will be made by multiplying by the R-factor. The contract size will be increased accordingly, so that the original contract value is maintained.

C1 = old contract size

C2 = new contract size

X1 = old exercise price

X2 = new exercise price

C2 = (C1*X1)/X2

The exercise prices and contract sizes resulting from the adjustment will be published immediately after close of trading on November 12, 2004 via the Market Supervision Messages window. The version number of adjusted series will be increased by 1. New series with version number 0 and the standard contract size of 100 will be introduced with effect from the ex day, November 15, 2004. All outstanding orders and quotes will be deleted after close of trading on November 12, 2004.

On exercise of an adjusted series, a cash payment will be made for the number of shares in excess of the standard contract size.

On the days before the corporate action the Contract Cover Assignment Entry window should be used to delete all allocations of shares covering short call positions for the MSF product.

Please contact the Functional Helpdesk Equity Products, tel. +49-69-211-1 12 10, should you have any further questions.

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