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⚠ **Action Required** ⚠ **High Priority**

Eurex Release 8.0 - Trading Hours Extension (THX) Release Information

Related Eurex Circulars: 116/05, 149/05, 178/05

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Content may be most important for:	**Attachments:**
➲ All departments	1. Fax Reply „SPOC for Eurex Release 8.0 Connection Test" 2. Fax Reply „Eurex 8.0 - Production Readiness" 3. Final versions of Eurex Release 8.0 User Manuals (only on Eurex Website)

Summary:

With this circular, Eurex would like to announce the distribution of Update Kit 2 on **October 14, 2005** for Eurex Release 8.0 Simulation. Furthermore, Eurex would like to remind members and vendors that the production-like week for Eurex Trading Hours Extension (THX) will be set up in the Eurex 8.0 Simulation environment on **October 17, 2005.**

The circular consists of the following two parts:

Eurex Release 8.0:

- Information about the distribution of Update Kit 2 for Eurex Release 8.0 Simulation
- Fax Reply "SPOC for Eurex Release 8.0 Connection Test" on November 5, 2005 (to be returned by October 24, 2005, the latest)
- Fax Reply "Eurex 8.0 - Production Readiness" (to be returned by October 21, 2005, the latest)
- Publication of final versions of Eurex Release 8.0 User Manuals

Eurex Trading Hours Extension (THX):

- Simulation of THX from October 17 to October 20, 2005

If you have any questions regarding the testing of Eurex THX or require further information, please contact the Customer Support Team at tel. +49-69-211-1 17 00.

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Eurex Release 8.0 - Trading Hours Extension
Release Information

1. Eurex Release 8.0

Distribution of Update Kit 2 for Eurex Release 8.0 Simulation

After close of trading on **October 14, 2005**, Eurex will distribute Update Kit 2 for Eurex Release 8.0 Simulation. Installation of the update kit is recommended on all MISSes and workstations.

The update kit contains some important technical improvements and can be used in simulation from **October 17, 2005** onwards. We highly recommend installing the update kit, even though installation is not mandatory. In the event of queries, particularly with the @X-ceed Trading GUI and @X-tract Clearing GUI, customers will be requested to install the appropriate update kit in order to enable fast and effective support.

The following modifications to the current Eurex 8.0 Simulation software will come into effect after installation of the Simulation Update Kit 2:

Eurex Trading and Clearing GUI

- GUI and functional corrections associated with the new Flexible Options functionality
- Small GUI enhancements and corrections

The update kits for Windows and Solaris will be transmitted to Eurex members via File Transfer Protocol (FTP) on Friday, **October 14, 2005, after 21:00 CET**. Please note that the software will only be sent to the registered report nodes.

The kits will also be made available for download from the Eurex website under the following path:

www.eurexchange.com > Member Section > Software Kits > Eurex 8.0 Simulation.

Please ensure that the simulation environment will be connected to the Eurex network on **Friday October 14**, **2005 from 21:00 CET onwards** and that the following target directories will have a total capacity of approximately 70 MB for data transmission:

- SUN Solaris (MISS): /opt/gate/transferdir/release01
- Windows 2000 (MISS): <ftp-root directory>\release01

The simulation kits should be installed according to the instructions contained in the “readme” file, which will be sent together with the kits to the target transfer directory.

If you have not received the update kits for the simulation of Eurex Release 8.0 by **Tuesday, October 18, 2005**, please contact the Eurex Technical Helpdesk at tel. +49-69-211-1 12 00.

Should you experience any difficulties logging in to the “Member Section”, please contact our Customer Support Team at tel. +49-69-211-1 17 00.

Fax Reply form - "SPOC for Eurex Release 8.0 Connection Test"

Enclosed please find fax reply form "SPOC for Eurex Release 8.0 Connection Test". The connection test will take place on **November 5, 2005**, **between 15:00 and 18:00 CET** prior to Eurex Release 8.0 production launch on November 7, 2005. On the fax reply form, please fill in the respective contact person who will be available during this time and return the form to fax no. +49-69-211-1 17 01 **not later than Monday, October 24, 2005**.

Fax reply form - "Eurex 8.0 - Production Readiness"

Please also find attached a fax reply form "Eurex Release 8.0 - Production Readiness". Please fill in and return this form, confirming your production readiness for Eurex Release 8.0, to fax no. + 49-69-211-1 17 01 by **Friday, October 21, 2005.**

Publication of final versions of Eurex Release 8.0 User Manuals

The following documents have been updated and are available for download as final versions from the Eurex website as of Friday, October 7, 2005:

System manuals

- Eurex User Manual - System Security
- Eurex User Manual - System Overview & Information Manual

To be downloaded under the path:

www.eurexchange.com > Member Section > Documentation Manuals Eurex > Eurex 8.0 > General System Overview

Technical Manuals

- Member Interface Specification - File Interface Layouts

To be downloaded under the path:

www.eurexchange.com > Member Section > Documentation Manuals Eurex > Eurex 8.0 > Technical Manuals

Functional Manuals

- @X-tract Clearing User Guide
- @X-ceed Trading User Guide
- Eurex Intraday Risk Information Services - User Guide
- Eurex XML Report Reference Manual

To be downloaded under the path:

www.eurexchange.com > Member Section > Documentation Manuals Eurex > Eurex 8.0 > Functional Manuals

In connection with the Eurex XML Report Reference Manual, the XML Schemas were also updated. They can be downloaded under the following path:

www.eurexchange.com > Member Section >Software Releases Eurex > Eurex 8.0

2. Eurex Trading Hours Extensions (THX)

On November 21, 2005, Eurex will extend trading hours for futures on Euro-Buxl®, Euro-Bund, Euro-Bobl and Euro-Schatz as well as for all equity index futures (with the exception of SMI® Futures, SMIM® Futures and Volatility Futures) and futures on shares of EUR EXTFs **until 22:00 CET**. For further details, please refer to Eurex circulars 116/05 and 178/05.

THX Simulation – Production-like Week

From **October 17 to October 20, 2005** (calendar week 42), a production-like week is scheduled for Eurex participants to test THX in Eurex 8.0 Simulation. On each of these days, an intraday Theoretical Price File will be provided for internet download at approximately 20:00 CET.

The file can be downloaded under the path:

www.eurexchange.com > Clearing & Settlement > Market Information > Theoreticals > Eurex Theoretical Price Data > Eurex THX Simulation Theoretical Price Data

If you have any questions, please contact the Customer Support Team at tel. +49-69-211-1 17 00.

Frankfurt, October 10, 2005

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Fax-Reply-SPOC for Eurex 8.0 Connection Test

Eurex Release 8.0 Connection Test – November 5, 2005, 15:00 – 18:00 CET

Please fill in and return by October 24, 2005

To: Customer Support **Fax: +49-69-211-1 17 01**

Eurex Member-ID _____

Company name _____

Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Eurex 8.0 Connection Test

Name _____

Telephone no. _____

Mobile phone no. _____

Fax no. _____

Email address: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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Fax Reply-Eurex 8.0

Production Readiness

Simulation of Eurex Release 8.0 until October 28, 2005

Please fill in and return by October 21, 2005

To: Customer Support **Fax: +49-69-211-1 17 01**

Eurex Member-ID _____ Name _____

Company _____ Telephone no. _____

Email address _____

Front Office	"Yes"
a) Successfully traded with Eurex Trading GUI @X-ceed? b) Successfully traded with Third Party application? Name of application: _____	❍ ❍
Back Office	
a) Successfully used the Eurex Clearing GUI @X-tract? b) Successfully used a back office Third Party application? Name of application: _____ c) Successfully received all reports? Processing of: XML Reports ❒ New Generic Text Reports ❒ RAW Data Reports ❒	❍ ❍ ❍
End-of-day processing performed correctly?	❍
All front office applications are ready for production	❍
All back office applications are ready for production	❍
Are you ready to go life with Eurex Release 8.0	❍
Issues / comments:	

Date: _____ Signature: _____