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Related Eurex Circulars: 185/05, 187/05, 189/05, 192/05

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Summary:

For the start of production of Eurex Release 8.0 on **November 7, 2005**, Eurex will transmit the software kits for Eurex Release 8.0 and GATE 3.4 by file transfer to the registered report nodes after close of trading on Friday, **October 28, 2005**.

Please note that for production start on November 7, 2005 the installation of the new software Eurex Release 8.0 is mandatory.

The installation of GATE 3.4 on all MISSes and workstations is a mandatory requirement before the installation of the production kit for Eurex 8.0.

In preparation for the software transfer, system administrators must provide sufficient storage capacity on the report nodes and make sure that the required capacity is available on Friday, October 28, 2005 after 21:00 CET.

In addition, the software will be available for download from the Eurex website from October 28, 2005 onwards under the following path:

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

The connection test for Eurex Release 8.0 will take place on Saturday, **November 5, 2005** between 15:00 and 18:00 CET.

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1. Distribution of Production Kits and Installation Notes for Eurex Release 8.0 and GATE 3.4

For the start of production of Eurex Release 8.0 on **November 7, 2005**, Eurex will transmit the software kits for Eurex Release 8.0 and GATE 3.4 by file transfer to the appropriate production-specific environment of all members between Friday, **October 28**, **2005**, close of trading and Tuesday, November 1, 2005. The software will be distributed to the registered report nodes only.

Directories and required storage space for the data transfer:

SUN Solaris (MISS): /opt/gate/transferdir/release00/sun

Windows 2000 (MISS): <ftp-root directory>\release00\win

For the data transfer hard disc storage space of 170 MB is required.

For the production start on November 7, 2005 the installation of the new Eurex Release 8.0 software is mandatory.

The production kits must be installed as described in the “read-me” file which will be transmitted together with the kits to the respective transfer directory. We strongly advise to follow the “Installation Guides” for Eurex Release 8.0 and GATE 3.4.

Data files which are no longer required should be deleted from the transfer directory before the software transmission.

Please make sure that the report nodes are connected to the Eurex® network on Friday, October 28, 2005, after 21:00 CET.

If you have not received the software by Tuesday, November 1, 2005, please contact our Technical Helpdesk on +49-69-211-1 12 00.

Additionally, the software will be available for download from the Eurex website on October 28, 2005, under the path:

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

If you have problems logging in to the Member Section, please contact Customer Support Team at +49-69-211-1 17 00.

The installation of GATE 3.4 on all MISSes and workstations is a mandatory requirement before the installation of the production kit for Eurex 8.0. To activate the new settings, the system must be re-booted after the installation of GATE 3.4.

2. Preparations for Friday, November 4, 2005

On Friday, November 4, 2005, Eurex Release 7.0 will be in production for the last time. After completion of the batch run on Friday, November 4, 2005, and after processing all back-office messages the installation of GATE 3.4 and Eurex Release 8.0 can begin.

Please ensure beforehand that all relevant reports have been selected and received correctly, since after the release change, historical reports for the period up to and including November 4, 2005 will no longer be available.

Please note that due to the changes which will be introduced with the Eurex 8.0 software it is also very important that the compressed report archives, which will be transferred to the MISS after the last Eurex 7.0 batch, are decompressed prior to the installation of the Eurex 8.0 software on the MISS server.

In addition to the decompression of report archives the installation of the Eurex 8.0 front-end software should only be performed after successful back-office processing. After the release change, it will no longer be possible to receive BOF information for the period up to and including November 4, 2005.

3. Connection Test for Eurex Release 8.0 and GATE 3.4 on November 5, 2005

The Eurex Release 8.0 connection test will be conducted from 15:00 until 18:00 CET on Saturday, November 5, 2005 and is obligatory for all members.

The connection test can be regarded as successful when the Eurex message "**Welcome to Eurex Release 8.0**" is displayed on the **Market Supervision Messages** window. Please make sure that an appropriate member of staff is available to perform the login to the Eurex trading system (this means, a Eurex trader).

In addition, the connection status should be checked in the technical connection monitor located in the Member Section of the Eurex website

www.eurexchange.com > Member Section > Eurex Technical Connection Monitor

With circular 187/05, Eurex published a fax reply "SPOC for Eurex Release 8.0 Connection Test". We kindly remind you to fill in and send back the fax reply until October 24, 2005 latest to the fax number +49-69-211-1 17 01.

This way, Eurex can ensure to reach you in an emergency case between November 5, 2005 and production start on Monday, November 7, 2005.

4. Distribution of new USIM Files for Windows and SUN Solaris MISSes

With the introduction of Eurex Release 8.0, new USIM files for all Windows and SUN Solaris MISSes will be required.

On **Saturday November 5, 2005** Eurex will begin to distribute the new USIM files per FTP from 13:00 CET onwards in preparation for the mandatory connection test.

To guarantee transmission of the new USIM files and to ensure timely participation in the connection test, please make sure that all production MISSes are connected to the Eurex® network on that day from 13:00 CET onwards.

To check whether you have received the new USIM files, please refer to the following transfer directories:

SUN Solaris (MISS): /opt/gate/transferdir/release00

Windows 2000 (MISS): <ftp-root directory>\release00

5. MultiMarket Installations

In MultiMarket environments it is not possible to operate GATE 3.3 together with GATE 3.4. For this reason, GATE 3.4 must also be installed on workstations of the same network which connect to different systems as, for example, a Xetra workstation connected to a Xetra/Eurex MultiMarket MISS.

In order to ensure that other markets continue to be connectable during the GATE 3.4 update of MultiMarket installations, the Xetra® and EurexUS backend will be available as well during the day of the "Connection Test".

6. Important Information for the Release Introduction

Profiles and Settings

The current user profiles and settings will be converted from Release 7.0 to Release 8.0 during the upgrade. Please ensure that your user profiles are saved using the "Save Settings" option, before the conversion takes place.

Selection of XML Reports during the first business day (November 7, 2005)

With Eurex 8.0 the following new XML Reports will be introduced (in XML and new generic text format only):

RPTTA111 - All Active Series Overview

RPTCB063 - Flexible Options Transaction Overview

RPTCB064 - Flexible Options Daily Transactions

In order to receive the new reports the appropriate subscription must be made in the **Report Selection** window of the Eurex @X-tract Clearing GUI. Please note that report RPTTA111 will be available from November 8, 2005 onwards. The reports RPTCB063 and RPTCB064 will be available together with the introduction of Flexible Options.

For further information on XML Reports, please refer to the "Final Technical Release Notes" under the path:

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

or to the "XML Report Reference Manuals" documentation respectively under the link:

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

Report Distribution Delay on November 7, 2005

Please note that due to technical reasons the distribution of reports after the first production batch will be delayed by up to three hours.

Requirements for the Operating System

Please check the "Common Front End Sizing Guidelines for Eurex Release 8.0" to ensure your hardware equipment and operating system versions still meet the requirements after the introduction of Eurex Release 8.0.

Introduction of Broadcast Stream "Flexible Option Confirmation"

With the introduction of Eurex Release 8.0, a broadcast stream for "Flexible Option Confirmation" (stream "E") will be made available. In order to receive the new broadcast stream, please add the subscription to the "eurexsublist.dat"-file.

The documents “Eurex 8.0 Front End Installation Guide” and “Eurex 8.0 Front End Operations Guide” contain further information about the “Configuration Utility” and the “eurexsublist.dat” file.

The documents can be found in the Eurex Member Section under the path:

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

For any questions during the connection test or start of production, the following hotlines will be available:

- Technical Helpdesk: Tel. +49 69-211-1 12 00
- Customer Support: Tel. +49 69-211-1 17 00

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