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

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➲ All Departments	Fax Reply – Connection Test Contact Person

Summary:

For the start of production of Eurex Release 6.1 on October 27, 2003, Eurex will transmit the software kits for Eurex Release 6.1 and GATE 3.2 by file transfer to the registered report nodes after close of trading on Friday, October 17, 2003.

For production start on October 27, 2003 the installation of the new software Eurex Release 6.1 is obligatory.

The installation of GATE 3.2 on all MISSes and workstations is a mandatory requirement before the installation of the production kit for Eurex 6.1.

In preparation for the software transfer, system administrators must make sufficient storage capacity on the report nodes available and make sure that these can be reached on Friday, October 17, 2003 after 09:00 p.m. CET.

Additionally, the software will be available for download from the Eurex homepage “eurexchange.com” under the path “Member Section > Software Kits > Eurex 6.1 Production”

The connection test for Eurex Release 6.1 will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2003 between 03:00 and 06:00 p.m. CET.

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1. Production Kits and Installation Notes

For the start of production of Eurex Release 6.1 on **October 27, 2003**, Eurex will transmit the software kits for Eurex Release 6.1 and GATE 3.2 by file transfer to the appropriate production-specific environment of all members between Friday, **October 17, 2003**, close of trading and Tuesday, October 21, 2003. 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 110 MB is required.
For the production start on October 27, 2003 the installation of the new Eurex Release 6.1 software is obligatory.

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 file. We strongly advise to follow the "Installation Guides" for Eurex Release 6.1 and GATE 3.2.

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

Please make sure that the report nodes are connected to the Eurex network on **Friday, October 17, 2003**, after 09:00 p.m. CET.

If you have not received the software by Tuesday, October 21, 2003, please contact our Technical Helpdesk on +49-69-211-1 12 00.

Additionally, the software will be available for download from the Eurex homepage on October 20, 2003, under the path:

„www.eurexchange.com > member section > software kits > eurex 6.1 production"

If you have problems logging into the member section, please contact Eurex Customer Support at +49-69-211-1 17 00.

The installation of GATE 3.2 on all MISSes and workstations is a mandatory requirement before the installation of the production kit for Eurex 6.1. To activate the new settings, the system must be re-booted after the installation of GATE 3.2.

2. Preparations for Friday, October 24, 2003

On Friday, October 24, 2003, Eurex Release 6.0 will be in production for the last time. After the completion of the batch run on Friday, October 24, 2003, and after processing all back-office messages the installation of Eurex Release 6.1 and GATE 3.2 can be started.

Please check beforehand, that all relevant reports have been selected and received correctly, since, following the change of the release, historical reports for the period up to and including October 24, 2003 will no longer be available. In addition, the installation should only be performed after successful back-office processing, since, after the release change, it will no longer be possible to receive BOF information for the period up to and including October 24, 2003.

Please note in this context that the new Eurex Release 6.1 will not only support the existing service packs, but also Service Pack 4 for the operating system Windows 2000 and Service Pack 1a for Windows XP.

3. Connection Test for Eurex Release 6.1 and GATE 3.2 on October 25, 2003

The Eurex Release 6.1 connection test will be conducted from 03:00 until 06:00 p.m. CET on Saturday, October 25, 2003 and is **obligatory for all members**.

The connection test can be regarded as successful when the Eurex message "Welcome to Eurex Release 6.1" can be seen on the Market Supervision Messages window.

In addition, the connection status should be checked in the connection monitor located in the member section of the Eurex homepage

„www.eurexchange.com > member section > eurex technical connection monitor"

Members are asked to provide the name of the contact person for the connection test period using the attached fax reply. Please return the completed form by October 20, 2003.

4. MultiMarket Installations

In MultiMarket environments it is not possible to operate GATE 3.1 together with GATE 3.2. For this reason, GATE 3.2 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 during the GATE 3.2 update of MultiMarket installations other markets continue to be connectable, the Xetra and a/c/e backend will be available as well during the day of the "Connection Test".

5. Important Information for the Release Introduction

Profiles and Settings

The current profiles and settings in @X-ceed and @X-tract will remain unchanged and can continue to be used. A conversion of profiles will not be necessary.

Report Distribution Delay on October 27, 2003

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 and Patch Levels for the Operating System

Please check the Common Front End Sizing Guidelines for Eurex Release 6.1 that your hardware equipment still meets the requirements after the introduction of Eurex Release 6.1. This document can be found in the "member section" of our internet page

„www.eurexchange.com > member section > documentation/manuals eurex > eurex 6.1 > 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
Eurex Customer Support: Tel. +49 69-211-1 17 00

Frankfurt, October 16, 2003

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

Connection Test – Eurex Release 6.1 Production – October 25, 2003

We kindly request you to complete and return this form before October 20, 2003

MEMBER – ID __ __ __ __ __ Name _____

Company _____ Phone _____

Our contact person for the Eurex Release 6.1 Production Connection Test between
15:00 and 18:00 CET on Saturday, October 25, 2003 will be:

First Name _____ Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Mobile: _____ e-mail _____

Date Place Signature