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High Priority

Eurex Network: Bandwidth Upgrade from 256 kbps to 1024 kbps

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Content may be most important for:	**Attachments:**
➲ All departments	none

Change of Bandwidth for Connections at Eurex Exchanges

The Management Boards of the Eurex Exchanges decided on an upgrade of bandwidth for member connections from currently 256 kbps to 1 Mbps. Extending the network capacity for member connections once again has become necessary due to greatly improved order book liquidity particularly for options products and the resulting increase of data to be processed. Also, by means of quadruplicating the existing bandwidth, sufficient capacity will be generated for further growth and improved service during transmission of price data.

According to requests of many market participants, the amplified bandwidth should be made operational as soon as possible, ideally until the end of 2006, or alternatively, **until February 26, 2007, the latest**. If the implementation progress should permit roll-out of the bandwidth upgrade to the Eurex members as early as the fourth quarter 2006, we will inform you of the date in good time, at least four weeks in advance.

After the bandwidth upgrade of the Eurex network, only connections at 1 Mbps will be available. As of the migration date, all current connections with a bandwidth of 256 kbps will be switched to 1 Mbps. Communication fees for 1 Mbps bandwidth connections will be communicated in a separate circular, once the Exchange Council of Eurex Deutschland has taken its decision.

Implementation Procedure and Schedule

Within the next days, Eurex will address each member in an individual letter, giving details about the course of the migration and the activities necessary on the member's side. Since during the upgrade to 256 kbps in November 2005 the necessary infrastructure has already been created, the only thing members need to do is change configurations. In order to guarantee smooth and quick process of the bandwidth upgrade, we kindly ask each member firm for participation in the migration activities and timely implementation of all migration steps.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Customer Support Team at tel. +49-69-211-1 17 00 or fax +49-69-211-1 17 01.

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