Xetra Circular 218/06

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Action required! High Priority!

To all Xetra® Members and Vendors

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Xetra Bandwidth Upgrade: Schedule for Connection Test on Saturday, December 2, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam,

On Saturday, December 2, 2006, a connection test will take place as part of the above-mentioned project. Below, please find the time schedule and a list of activities that need to be carried out by the member firms for the connection test and in the possible event of a roll-back procedure.

1. Requirements on Members' Side

Please make sure that one staff member with access to the production environment of the Xetra trading system will be available for the connection test (for example, a Xetra trader) to log in to the Xetra trading system.

All new network connections have already been tested together with members' own network specialists during the provision phase. However, given that errors or successive changes cannot be ruled out entirely, we urge you to hold a network specialist on call in order to solve problems that could occur on your site. Availability of your network specialist is required at least until Deutsche Börse Systems AG (DBS) has officially declared the connection test as completed. Distribution of the completion message is scheduled for 18.30 (CET).

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2. Schedule for Connection Test on December 2, 2006 (12.00 – 15.00 CET)

- Official start of the connection test will be communicated via e-mail or text message to your designated contact person (single point of contact, "SPOC").

- Start of Member Integrated System Servers (MISSes) and members' Xetra infrastructure on the MISSes by members' staff will take place at around 12.00 (CET), at the earliest after the official start of the connection test was announced.

Advice:	In no case should your MISSes and Xetra infrastructure installed on these MISSes be started before 12.00 (CET) on the day of the connection test. In this context, please also take into account settings of automated processes that might be used in your company (schedulers, scripts etc.) to start the MISSes and Xetra infrastructure. The systems operated on the Exchange's side will be converted by DBS until 12.00 (CET). Starting your MISSes and Xetra infrastructure before 12.00 (CET) can therefore lead to connection problems.

- Log-in to the Xetra trading system through one staff member with access to the production environment (for example, a Xetra trader).

You can view the message "Connected via 512 kbps" entered by Xetra in the Newsboard. **Please bear in mind that this does not mean the connection test is completed.**

Should you experience any problems in carrying out abovementioned activities, please call the Xetra Technical Helpdesk at telephone +49-(0) 69-2 11-1 84 00.

After successful log-in and display of abovementioned message, please do not carry out fail-over tests or make other subsequent alterations in your network. After the official completion message for the connection test, scheduled for 18.30 (CET), has been distributed, the Xetra system will be available for one additional hour in order to conduct such tests.

In parallel to the connection test, DBS network specialists will continually check the connection parameters. Should DBS identify errors in the network parameters of your installation, it will immediately contact your SPOC to rectify the errors jointly.

Starting 18.30 (CET), an official completion message for the connection test will be distributed via e-mail or text message to your SPOC. Therefore, kindly make arrangements for availability of your SPOC throughout the entire duration of the connection test. Only after receipt of the official completion message can the test be deemed as successfully completed.

To enable a smooth connection test and provide support in case of technical problems, the Xetra Technical Helpdesk will be available during the full connection test period at telephone +49-(0) 69-2 11-1 84 00.

3. Activities in the event of a "Roll-Back"

Below section describes activities on the members' side should a "roll-back" become necessary. Please be reminded that these activities are only to be carried out in the event of an official "roll-back" and upon request by Xetra.

- Official announcement of a "roll-back" and further measures will be distributed via e-mail or text message to your SPOC.
- "Roll-back" of all Exchange-operated systems by DBS and recovery of original configurations.
- A new connection test will be carried out by the Xetra members. Start of the new connection test will be communicated - where necessary - at short notice to your SPOC.

Necessity to guarantee availability of staff members either on-site or on call until an official completion message has been distributed is equally valid for a second connection test.

Yours faithfully,
On behalf of the Management Board

Jens Hachmeister

Axel Birk

Attachment

Fax Reply - SPOC for Xetra Bandwidth Upgrade - Connection Test

Xetra Bandwidth Upgrade - Connection Test - December 2, 2006:

12:00 – 15:00 CET

Please fill in and return this sheet by **November 25, 2006**.

To: Customer Support **Fax: +49-(0) 69-2 11-1 17 01**

Xetra Member ID: _____

Company: _____

Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Xetra Bandwidth Upgrade - Connection Test

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile phone number*:_____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address*: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

* Information necessary since all information will be provided via e-mail and mobile phone!