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To: All Eurex members and vendors

Date: Frankfurt, 22nd December 1998

Introduction of a new Eurex front-end design/graphical user interface -
- Information concerning support for the Compaq AXP platform -

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a result of our questionnaire of 14th October 1998 concerning the preferred system platforms for the new front end planned for Eurex, the Eurex management board ordered an investigation to evaluate the possibility of including support for the Compaq AXP platform under VMS or Windows NT in the new trading front end. This as to include estimates for the technical feasibility and the effects on the development process for both operating systems (see Eurex circular 70/98 of 17th November 1998. We had planned to inform you of the results of this investigation by the end of the year.

Unfortunately, the definitive results of the investigation have not yet been reached due to the associated costs being higher than expected. However, at the moment, we are able to give a partial conclusion which should at least give you guidelines for your future planning.

Accordingly we can confirm that the Compaq AXP hardware can be utilised as a server platform. The question of the operating system remains open for the time being. The Compaq AXP solution will very probably not be available at the start of Eurex release 3 in the 3rd quarter of 1998.

We expect a fuller report of the investigation results in January 1999. We will then contact you immediately with further information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Eurex Member Readiness Team on +49 (0)69-2101-1700.

Yours sincerely,

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