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Translation of Interview with Dominique Cerutti, NYSE Euronext Deputy CEO, from La Tribune, 25/11/2011:

**Market operators** 

Markets have their say on NYSE Euronext-Deutsche Börse tie-up

Clients and competitors have until Monday to respond to a questionnaire from Brussels

Executives at NYSE Euronext and Deutsche Börse are most likely holding their breath. Last Thursday they submitted their initial proposed concessions to the European Commission [in the run-up to their merger], and Brussels has just launched a test phase targeting market participants -- a questionnaire sent to clients and competitors that is to be returned on Monday. Some analysts sound skeptical. NYSE Euronext and Deutsche Börse have agreed to sell off part of their overlapping operations in equity derivatives to a third party: Deutsche Börse, for example, will divest its activities in equity options, where the main market is NYSE Euronext Paris. "We think this first proposal will be seen as too limited, and that open access to Euroex Clearing (editor's note: the clearing house operated by Deutsche Börse) will probably become obligatory in the future [revised] version of MiFID. As a result, the Commission is unlikely to be entirely appeased," say analysts at Barclays. So for them, more concessions could well be necessary. The proposed divestments represent only a small share of trade volumes on Eurex/Liffe -- just 9%. And options and futures activities account for only 2% of Deutsche Börse's revenues, for example.

## "Sell overlapping activities"

"The Commission is not insisting that efforts at our end be punitive. That is not the idea," says Dominique Cerutti, no. 2 at NYSE Euronext. "The point is to sell overlapping activities in areas where we were direct competitors, so as not to reduce competition in the market," he explains. "And that is what we are offering to do."

"For our rivals, the advantage of our offer of open and non-discriminatory access to Eurex Clearing for all competitors prepared to innovate in derivatives, is that they would be able to manage collateral for all open positions, and thus reduce their capital cost by allowing margin calls on consolidated positions only," says Cerutti. Yet for one market participant "Genuine opening would have given users the option of clearing operations on Eurex/ILiffe through other clearing houses." One issue addressed in the questionnaire is the obligation to respect a correlation with existing derivatives of less than 85% -- the threshold set by the two potential partners -- to take advantage of this access to Eurex Clearing and its impact on the introduction of new products. But NYSE Euronext is taking an optimistic view. And Dominique Cerutti hopes that when the time to decide comes, the appeal to European unity will carry the day. "NYSE Euronext-Deutsche Börse may be the last opportunity to build the world's largest regulated market -- a European champion capable of staying the course alongside world leaders."

## **Safe Harbor Statement**

In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between NYSE Euronext and Deutsche Börse AG, Alpha Beta Netherlands Holding N.V. ("Holding"), a newly formed holding company, filed, and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") declared effective on May 3, 2011, a Registration Statement on Form F-4 with the SEC that includes (1) a proxy statement of NYSE Euronext that also constitutes a prospectus for Holding, which was used in connection with NYSE Euronext special meeting of stockholders held on July 7, 2011 and (2) an offering prospectus used in connection with Holding's offer to acquire Deutsche Börse AG shares held by U.S. holders. Holding has also filed an offer document with the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (*Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht*) ("BaFin"), which was approved by the BaFin for publication pursuant to the German Takeover Act (*Wertpapiererwerbs-und Übernahmegesetz*), and was published on May 4, 2011. The acceptance period for the exchange offer expired on midnight, at the end of July 13, 2011 (Central European Daylight Savings Time), the additional acceptance period for the exchange offer expired on midnight, at the end of August 1, 2011 (Central European Daylight Savings Time). Pursuant to Section 39c of the German Takeover Act, shareholders of Deutsche Börse who had not yet accepted the exchange offer were still able to do so until midnight at the end of November 4, 2011 (Central European Time).

Investors and security holders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, the offering prospectus, the offer document, as amended, and published additional accompanying information in connection with the exchange offer regarding the proposed business combination transaction because they contain important information. You may obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, the offering prospectus and other related documents filed by NYSE Euronext and Holding with the SEC on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. The definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other documents relating thereto may also be obtained for free by accessing NYSE Euronext's website at www.nyse.com. The offer document, as amended, and published additional accompanying information in connection with the exchange offer are available at Holding's website at www.global-exchange-operator.com.

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