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CME Group Inc. Reports Strong Second-Quarter Financial Results Driven By Record Revenue and Increased Operating Margin

CHICAGO, July 28, 2011 – CME Group Inc. (NASDAQ: CME) today reported that second-quarter revenues increased 3 percent to a record \$838 million and operating income increased 4 percent to \$534 million from a year ago. Second-quarter 2011 operating margin was 64 percent, up from 63 percent in the second quarter of 2010. Operating margin is defined as operating income as a percentage of total revenues.

Second-quarter net income attributable to CME Group was \$294 million, up 8 percent compared with the second quarter of 2010. Diluted earnings per share were \$4.38, up 7 percent compared with the same period last year.

"CME Group delivered record revenue during the second quarter, driven by strong performance across interest rates, metals and agricultural commodities," said CME Group Executive Chairman Terry Duffy. "Volume accelerated during the period and we reached record open interest of more than 100 million contracts in June. These results show that CME Group is uniquely positioned to provide the solutions customers need in today's challenging economic and geopolitical environment, and the company will continue to take a leadership role in contributing to the resolution of legislative and regulatory issues so important to markets worldwide."

"We are extremely pleased with both our top- and bottom-line results, which highlight the operating leverage inherent in our business model," said CME Group Chief Executive Officer Craig Donohue. "We plan to build on these results, with a heightened focus on expenses, and we are reducing our second-half 2011 operating and capital expense guidance. Going forward, we intend to continue to successfully execute our global growth strategy by ensuring that we have the products, technology, clearing capabilities and global distribution systems to benefit from the opportunities created by changing market dynamics. We remain confident about our growth prospects and our ability to deliver shareholder value."

Second-quarter 2011 average daily volume was 13.5 million contracts, in line with the second quarter of 2010, which included May 2010 record monthly average daily volume of 16.8 million contracts. Clearing and transaction fee revenue of \$688 million was up 1 percent from \$684 million in second-quarter 2010.

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Second-quarter total average rate per contract was 80.7 cents, up 2 percent from second-quarter 2010. Although total volume contained a higher proportion of lower-priced interest rates volume relative to the first quarter of 2011, the second quarter average rate per contract was in line with first-quarter 2011 due to lower volume discounts and a favorable venue mix.

Second-quarter 2011 operating expense was \$304 million, down \$4 million from first quarter this year. Second-quarter 2011 non-operating expense was \$25 million, driven primarily by interest expense and borrowing costs of \$29 million, offset by \$5 million of investment income.

As of June 30, the company had \$749 million of cash and marketable securities and \$2.1 billion of debt. Following the Board authorization of a \$750 million share buyback program on May 9, 2011, the company purchased 220,000 shares with an approximate aggregate value of \$65 million.

Updated Guidance

- The company expects 2011 total operating expense of \$1.235 billion, down from \$1.26 billion.
- The company expects 2011 total capital expenditures of \$165 million, down from \$180 million.
- For the second half of 2011, the company estimates an effective tax rate of approximately 42.5 percent, down from 43 percent.

CME Group will hold a conference call to discuss second-quarter 2011 results at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time today. A live audio Webcast of the call will be available on the Investor Relations section of CME Group's Web site at www.cmegroup.com. An archived recording will be available for up to two months after the call.

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of existing entities; our ability to keep pace with rapid technological developments, including our ability to complete the development, implementation and maintenance of the enhanced functionality required by our customers; our ability to continue introducing competitive new products and services on a timely, cost-effective basis, including through our electronic trading capabilities, and our ability to maintain the competitiveness of our existing products and services, including our ability to provide effective services to the over-the-counter market; our ability to adjust our fixed costs and expenses if our revenues decline; our ability to generate revenues from our processing services; our ability to maintain existing customers, develop strategic relationships and attract new customers; our ability to expand and offer our products outside the United States; changes in domestic and non-U.S. regulations; changes in government policy, including policies relating to common or directed clearing and changes as a result of legislation stemming from the implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act; the costs associated with protecting our intellectual property rights and our ability to operate our business without violating the intellectual property rights of others; our ability to generate revenue from our market data that may be reduced or eliminated by the growth of electronic trading, the state of the overall economy or declines in subscriptions; changes in our rate per contract due to shifts in the mix of the products traded, the trading venue and the mix of customers (whether the customer receives member or non-member fees or participates in one of our various incentive programs) and the impact of our tiered pricing structure; the ability of our financial safeguards package to adequately protect us from the credit risks of clearing members; the ability of our compliance and risk management methods to effectively monitor and manage our risks, including our ability to prevent errors and misconduct; changes in price levels and volatility in the derivatives markets and in underlying fixed income, equity, foreign exchange, interest rate and commodities markets; economic, political and market conditions, including the volatility of the capital and credit markets and the impact of economic conditions on the trading activity of our current and potential customers stemming from the financial crisis that began in 2008 and any other future crises; our ability to accommodate increases in trading volume and order transaction traffic without failure or degradation of performance of our trading and clearing systems; our ability to execute our growth strategy and maintain our growth effectively; our ability to manage the risks and control the costs associated with our acquisition, investment and alliance strategy; our ability to continue to generate funds and/or manage our indebtedness to allow us to continue to invest in our business; industry and customer consolidation; decreases in trading and clearing activity; the imposition of a transaction tax or user fee on futures and options on futures transactions and/or the repeal of the 60/40 tax treatment of such transactions; the unfavorable resolution of material legal proceedings and the seasonality of the futures business. More detailed information about factors that may affect our performance may be found in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recent periodic reports filed on Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, which are available in the Investor Relations section of the CME Group Web site. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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