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CME Group Receives DOJ Clearance for Proposed NEX Acquisition

CHICAGO and LONDON, Oct. 12, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- CME Group (Nasdaq: CME), the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, today announced that it has received clearance under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act from the United States Department of Justice - Antitrust Division for its proposed acquisition of NEX Group plc (NXG.L).

CME and NEX have also received the relevant regulatory approvals from the FCA and regulators in the United States, Germany, Italy and Sweden, and have made the requisite pre-notifications in Hong Kong. Completion of the transaction remains subject to satisfaction or waiver of the remaining closing conditions, including competition clearance from the UK Competition and Markets Authority and the sanctioning of the transaction by the U.K. Court. The parties still expect the closing to occur by year end 2018.

About CME Group

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About NEX

NEX offers customers better ways to execute trades and manage risk. Our products and services underpin the entire trade lifecycle pre-, during and post-execution. Our electronic trading platforms are industry standards. Customers use our lifecycle management and information services to optimise portfolios, control risk and reduce costs. We partner with emerging technology companies to bring greater efficiency, transparency and scale to the world's capital markets. NEX is headquartered in London with offices worldwide. NEX. Empowering markets. For more information, go to www.nex.com.

Forward looking statements

This Press Release contains certain forward-looking statements with respect to CME Group, NEX and the combined company. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate only to historical or current facts. Forward-looking statements often use words such as "anticipate", "target", "expect", "estimate", "intend", "plan", "goal", "believe", "aim", "will", "may", "would", "could" or "should" or other words of similar meaning or the negative thereof. Forward-looking statements include statements relating to the expected closing of CME Group's proposed acquisition of NEX.

These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual timing of the closing to be materially different from the timing expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based largely on the expectations of CME Group and NEX and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, principally among them the ability to obtain required regulatory and court approvals and satisfy the other closing conditions on a timely basis, or at all.

All subsequent oral or written forward-looking statements attributable to CME Group, NEX, the combined company or any persons acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statement above. Neither CME Group nor NEX undertakes any obligation to update publicly or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent legally required.

The form 10-K of CME Group for the year ended December 31, 2017 contains additional information regarding forward-looking statements with respect to CME Group.

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