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**CBOT Press Release**

Chicago, IL – December 12, 2006 – The Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE) made a filing with the SEC today seeking to terminate the right of full members of the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago (CBOT) to become members of the CBOE pursuant to an Exercise Right granted to CBOT full members under the CBOE's charter. The SEC filing appears to be an effort by the CBOE to circumvent the jurisdiction of the Delaware courts in the pending Delaware case involving the parties' rights and obligations in connection with the Exercise Right. The filing seeks to terminate the Exercise Right in connection with the pending merger between CBOT Holdings and Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings. The CBOT intends to oppose the CBOE's position and filing and vigorously defend the rights of CBOT full members to become exerciser members of the CBOE pursuant to the Exercise Right.

## **About the CBOT**

As one of the leading global derivative exchanges, the Chicago Board of Trade provides a diverse mix of financial, equity, and commodity futures and options-on-futures products. Building on its 158-year history, the CBOT continues to advance into the future using the strength of deep liquidity, market integrity and member-trader expertise. Using superior trading technology in both electronic and open-auction trading platforms, the CBOT provides premier customer service to risk managers and investors worldwide. For more information visit our website at [www.cbot.com](http://www.cbot.com).

## **Important Merger Information**

In connection with the proposed merger of CBOT Holdings, Inc. ("CBOT") and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Holdings Inc. ("CME"), the parties intend to file relevant materials with the Securities Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including a joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction. Such documents, however, are not currently available. **INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors will be able to obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about CBOT and CME without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) once such documents are filed with the SEC. Copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC, by directing a request to CBOT Holdings, Inc., Attention: Investor Relations, at 141 West Jackson, Chicago, Illinois 60604 or calling (312) 435-3500.

CBOT, CME and their respective directors and executive officers and other members of management and employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from CBOT shareholders in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding CBOT directors and executive officers is available in CBOT's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of stockholders, dated March 29, 2006. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant documents filed with the SEC when they become available. This document shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this document and its attachments may contain forward-looking information regarding CBOT, CME and the combined company after the completion of the transactions that are intended to be covered by the safe harbor for "forward-looking statements" provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include, but are not limited to, the benefits of the business combination transaction involving CBOT and CME including future financial and operating results, the combined company's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts. Such statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of the management of CBOT and CME and are subject to significant risks and

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uncertainties. Actual results may differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements: the ability to obtain governmental approvals of the transaction on the proposed terms and schedule; the failure of CBOT shareholders or CME shareholders to approve the transaction; the risk that the businesses will not be integrated successfully; the risk that the cost savings and any other synergies from the transaction may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected; disruption from the transaction making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; competition and its effect on pricing, spending, third-party relationships and revenues; social and political conditions such as war, political unrest or terrorism; general economic conditions and normal business uncertainty. Additional risks and factors are identified in CBOT's filings with the SEC, including its Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005 which is available on CBOT's website at <http://www.cbot.com>.

You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this document. Except for any obligation to disclose material information under the Federal securities laws, CBOT undertakes no obligation to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this document.

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