ANNOUNCEMENT

Foreign Exchange Committee Issues Revision to IFXCO

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The Foreign Exchange Committee has issued a revision to the International Foreign Exchange and Currency Option Master Agreement ("IFXCO") published on June 1, 2005. This revision is effective December 4, 2006, and makes clear that the parties to an FX transaction or currency option transaction governed by IFXCO intend to be legally bound from the moment they agree to the terms of the transaction, orally or otherwise. The amendment to IFXCO is accompanied by an explanatory note from the Financial Markets Lawyers Group.

The explanatory note can be found at http://www.newyorkfed.org/fxc/ongoingwork/fxdocumentation.html.

Amendment to Section 1.2 of IFXCO

Effective December 4, 2006, the following is added as the last sentence of Section 1.2 of the International Foreign Exchange and Currency Option Master Agreement published by the Foreign Exchange Committee on June 1, 2005:

In furtherance of the foregoing, the Parties acknowledge that they intend that they are legally bound by the terms of an FX Transaction or Currency Option Transaction from the moment they agree to those terms (whether orally or otherwise).