



THE OPTIONS CLEARING CORPORATION

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DATE: MARCH 18, 2008

SUBJECT: TRADING HALTS - REMOVAL FROM EX BY EX PROCESSING

OCC STRONGLY RECOMMENDS CLEARING MEMBERS CONTACT ALL HOLDERS OF THE EXPIRING OPTIONS LISTED BELOW TO APPRISE THEM OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS MEMO.

As of Tuesday, March 18, 2008, trading has been halted in the underlying securities of the options listed below, or events have occurred which have prompted OCC to remove such options from automatic exercise in expiration processing this coming weekend. If the issues surrounding these events are not resolved, the expiring options on these securities will not be subject to OCC's automatic exercise thresholds in expiration processing. If OCC becomes aware that the issues have been resolved, automatic exercise thresholds will be restored for this weekend's processing

Holders of long positions in these affected options will need to make independent determinations of the value of the option deliverables in deciding to exercise, or not exercise, any expiring long position.

This policy regarding halted securities in expiration processing is described in OCC Information Memo 18938.

<u>OPTION SYMBOL</u>	<u>SECURITY NAME</u>	<u>UNDERLYING SYMBOL</u>
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NONE

OPTION EXERCISE - EXPIRATION PROCESSING

Options subject to a removal of automatic exercise thresholds can be exercised *only* if positive exercise instructions are given to OCC. If no positive exercise instructions are entered, expiring option positions will not be exercised by OCC regardless of the extent they may be in-the-money.

To exercise the expiring options listed above, Members must either manually enter positive exercise instructions via the Exercise by Exception Instruction screen in ENCORE™ on Saturday, or submit Expiring Exercise Declarations (EED's) on Friday. On Saturday, expiring positions in the affected series can be located by inquiring on the option symbol in the ENCORE Exercise By Exception Instructions Filter. When all expiring positions for the filtered symbol are returned, Clearing Members will notice that none are subject to automatic exercise, regardless of how much they may appear in-the-money. An underlying security price will be shown, but Members should not view this price as a reliable estimate of underlying security value, which is sufficient to determine exercise decisions. In order to exercise these positions, the Clearing Member user will need to enter the desired quantity in the Exer Instr column. Repeat the process for all symbols listed above. OCC will exercise the final quantity in the Will Be column of the Exercise by Exception Instruction screen.

RESUMPTION OF TRADING

As mentioned, if trading in any of the above underlying securities resumes prior to the close on Thursday, March 20, 2008, automatic exercise threshold procedures **will** apply in expiration processing.

OCC will notify Clearing Members via Information Memos and Member Radar if trading in any of the securities listed above does resume prior to expiration.

OCC will publish a summary of all halted underlying securities and special option pricing considerations in the "**EXPIRATION PRICES**" Information Memo which is customarily posted after the close on expiration Friday.

CATEGORY: OPERATIONS
SUB-CATEGORY: TRADING HALT

For questions regarding this memo, call 1-888-OPTIONS or email options@theocc.com.