IMPORTANT NOTICE

National Securities Clearing Corporation

DTCC
The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation

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Date:	**December 11, 2008**
To:	**All Participants**
Attention:	**Managing Partner/Officer; P&S Manager; Cashier Manager, Data Processing Manager, Insurance Processing Manager, Mutual Fund Processing Manager**
From:	**Enterprise Service Center**
Subject:	**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

National Securities Clearing Corporation, the New York, Alternext and NASDAQ Stock Exchanges, the NASD System and all New York Banks will be closed on Thursday, December 25, 2008 in observance of Christmas Day. The following changes in NSCC's operations and schedules will be in effect:

COMPARISON SYSTEMS:

Trade input for OTC equities for trade date Wednesday, December 24, 2008 will be accepted no later than 12:00 Midnight on Wednesday, December 24, 2008. Trade input for the Real Time Transaction System (RTTM) for Corporates, Municipals and UITS (CMU) for trade date Wednesday, December 24, 2008 will be accepted no later than 8:00 pm on Wednesday, December 24, 2008.

CNS CONTINUOUS NET SETTLEMENT:

Seg. Exemptions and Priority Requests for settlement of Friday, December 26, 2008 will be accepted on Wednesday Evening, December 24, 2008.

CENTRAL DELIVERY AND SETTLEMENT:

No Deliver or Settlement Operations will be provided on Thursday, December 25, 2008.

INTER-CITY DELIVERIES:

Inter-City Deliveries will be accepted on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 for settlement Friday, December 26, 2008.

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***Due to the legal holiday in Canada on Friday, December 26, 2008 (Boxing Day), all inter-city deliveries received by NSCC on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 for delivery to Canadian Participants only will settle on Monday, December 29, 2008.

STOCK BORROW PROGRAM:

Stock Borrow availability information for the Night Cycle will be accepted on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 for settlement Friday, December 26, 2008. The Daytime Stock Borrow for settlement Friday, December 26, 2008 will be accepted on Friday, December 26, 2008.

ACAT - AUTOMATED CUSTOMER ACCOUNT TRANSFER:

No ACAT activity will be accepted on Thursday, December 25, 2008.

ACAT - FUND/SERV INTERFACE:

No ACAT-Fund/SERV Interface activity will be accepted on Thursday, December 25, 2008.

ACAT – COST BASIS:

No ACAT- Cost Basis activity will be accepted on Thursday, December 25, 2008.

ACATS/IPS

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MUTUAL FUND COMMISSION SETTLEMENT:

No Mutual Fund Commission Settlement activity will be accepted on Thursday, December 25, 2008.

FUND/SERV AND NETWORKING:

No Fund/SERV or Networking activity will be accepted on Thursday, December 25, 2008.

INSURANCE PROCESSING:

IPS files received on Thursday, December 25, 2008 will be processed. **POV files will be transmitted on Thursday, December 25, 2008 (**refer to NSCC Important Notice A#6648, dated June 30, 2008)**.** Subsequent output regarding all other files will be produced and distributed on Friday, December 25, 2008.

Questions regarding this Important Notice should be directed to Participant Services at (800) 422-0582 or the undersigned at (212) 855-5947.

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