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## Newsletter

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### Structured Securities Data Launch in January

GCA VS is completing preparations to provide corporate actions data on DTC-eligible structured securities.

Structured securities include collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs), collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) and asset backed securities (ABSs). Interest from customer firms in these securities has increased dramatically since the subprime mortgage crisis hit the U.S. in late summer.

According to Chad Richman, director, Product Management, “most structured securities in the U.S. are book-entry only, and DTC (DTCC’s depository subsidiary) is the principal and fastest information source for the market. A number of our customers have requested information on DTC-eligible structured securities, and, as DTC is the best place for us to get this data, we are in a good position to be able to provide it on the GCA VS publication feed.”

The structured securities release will be provided on the GCA VS publication files to customers subscribing to the “scheduled payments” option. This option is currently offered at no additional cost. Firms interested in the information may also wish to examine whether they wish to obtain more frequent publication feeds, on an intra-day basis, which is also being offered as part of the change.

The new capability will be available to customers shortly after the standard year-end technical freeze at DTCC is lifted in mid-January.



### Year Ends Well For GCA VS

GCA VS ended a productive 2007 by exceeding its revenue targets and adding a number of new capabilities and cost-saving features for its customers during year.

The number of client firms using GCA VS increased to 25 after adding a number of

new important customer firms to the service, according to Brett Lancaster, vice president for GCA.

“For clients, we have reduced the overall cost of the service by enhancing our own data sourcing capability to such an extent that two of the existing U.S. data vendors could be eliminated,” Lancaster said. “A lot of our work this year was focused on giving our customers more information, for less.”

Among the changes made to the service were the addition of fixed income scheduled payments. That addition added about 500,000 events monthly to the data feeds GCA VS provides, at no additional cost to customers. As noted in another story in this issue, structured securities will be added in January to the list of fixed income securities payments data.

In addition, one of the major changes introduced by GCA VS in 2007 was the ability to provide detailed information on individual markets using multi-market SEDOL numbers. For example, a corporate action on a security that trades on multiple markets will affect both the top-level ISIN, as well as each of the market-specific SEDOLs. However, some of the market details may differ. For example, a cash dividend event may pay out in euros in Germany and pay out in U.S. dollars in the U.S., or the event may have a different ex-date and/or record-date for each market. GCA VS’ experience in recent years has been that commercial data vendors were not always consistent when announcing events on multi-listed securities. Either announcements are only made at the ISIN level, or announcements are provided across some, but not all, SEDOLs, or the event details for each SEDOL are not made market-specific. With the enhancements introduced by GCA VS, an event triggers a separate announcement creation for every SEDOL in every market the security trades in, and GCA VS personnel make all the market-specific changes necessary.

Another big event for GCA VS was preparation for new message formats that are being introduced to harmonize DTC’s processing systems and GCA VS’ announcement systems to support ISO 15022 and XML. The new formats and message maps were released this year to assist in customer programming changes that will be needed in the coming years as the services change.

Looking ahead to 2008, Lancaster said, “in addition to the structured securities and intra-day feeds, we plan to overhaul the Internet-based browser tool by adding a range of new features, such as local SOI (securities of interest) uploads, watchlists and saved searches. Additionally, we are looking to see if we can re-cast our existing SLAs (Service Level Agreements) to better suit our customers’ needs, for example by moving towards an ‘Create Date plus’ framework, from ‘Important Date minus.’ The result to customers will be more timely data, with a user interface that’s easier to use with more useful features.”

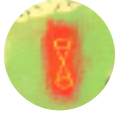


## Management Changes in January

James Femia, who has headed up GCA VS since it was formed in 2003, will be moving to assume a new role as managing director of Securities Processing and Inventory Management for DTC beginning in January. Femia will be responsible for focusing on Operations-related record keeping activities (P&I Post Processing, Aging Transfer, Error Research, and Reconciliation) and evolving anti-money

laundrying (AML) monitoring, working closely with DTCC's Office of Corporate and Regulatory Compliance (OCRC).

Brett Lancaster, vice president, will assume overall management responsibility of both GCA VS and GCA@Source products, and will report directly to Patrick Kirby, managing director for the Asset Services Group.



## Upcoming Industry Events

DTCC will be attending, speaking and/or exhibiting at many industry conferences throughout 2007 and early 2008 to inform you of how its Global Corporations Actions Validation Service can help you manage your Corporate Actions processing needs more efficiently and with less risk. We look forward to seeing you at these and other events.

**Jan. 23 – SWIFT and Checkfree, Corporate Actions, New York**

**Jan. 30 – City Technology Strategies' FinExpo, London.**

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