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## **NYSE Euronext and Amex Announce Early Termination of the Hart Scott-Rodino Waiting Period for NYSE Euronext's Acquisition of Amex**

New York, March 6, 2008 □ NYSE Euronext (NYSE Euronext: NYX) and the American Stock Exchange® (Amex®) today announced that the two companies received notification from the Federal Trade Commission that early termination of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 has been granted in connection with the proposed acquisition of Amex by NYSE Euronext. The proposed acquisition remains subject to the satisfaction of other conditions including the approval of Amex seat owners and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The parties expect the transaction to close in the third quarter of this year.

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE MERGER**

In connection with the proposed acquisition by NYSE Euronext of The Amex Membership Corporation ("Amex"), NYSE Euronext has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a registration statement on Form S-4, containing a preliminary proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed transaction. The parties will file other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction with the SEC, including a final proxy/statement prospectus that will be mailed to Amex seat owners in connection with their approval of the transaction. Such documents, however, are not currently available. AMEX MEMBERS ARE URGED TO READ THE FINAL PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE, BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Amex seat owners can obtain a free copy of the final proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about NYSE Euronext and Amex without charge, at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>). Copies of the final proxy statement/prospectus can also be obtained, without charge, once they are filed with the SEC, by directing a request to the Office of the Corporate Secretary, NYSE Euronext, 11 Wall Street, New York 10005, 212-656-2061 or to Amex, Attention: Office of Corporate Secretary, 86 Trinity Place, NY NY 10006, 212-306-1408.

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