

Notice, Pursuant to Exchange By-law 18-2, of Disciplinary Action Against LaBranche Structured Products, LLC, Member Organization

To: Members, Member Organizations, Participants and Participant Organizations

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On May 12, 2009, the Business Conduct Committee (the "Committee") issued a disciplinary decision against LaBranche Structured Products, LLC ("LaBranche"), a member organization of the Exchange. In response to a Statement of Charges issued in this action, LaBranche submitted an Offer of Settlement, Stipulation of Facts and Consent to Sanctions ("Offer"). Solely to settle this proceeding, and without either admitting or denying the charges, LaBranche consented to findings that it violated Exchange Rule 1082 by failing to execute incoming orders for various option series at the disseminated price in an amount up to the disseminated size. LaBranche's Offer was accepted by the Committee and was the basis of its Decision.

The Committee found that LaBranche violated Exchange Rule 1082, concurred in the sanctions consented to by it, and ordered the imposition of the following sanctions: (i) a censure and (ii) a fine of \$10,000.

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