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March 27, 2002

EARLY CLOSING FOR INTEREST RATE FUTURES ON THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2002

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FUTURES TRADERS

The Board of Directors of Bourse de Montréal Inc. approved an early closing (1:00 p.m. Montréal time) on Thursday, March 28, 2002 for the Three - Month Canadian Bankers' Acceptance Futures (BAX), Ten - Year Government of Canada Bond Futures (CGB) and the Five – Year Government of Canada Bond Futures (CGF).

The decision to close early is an exceptional one and has been made following a survey of approved participants in order to coordinate the month end and quarterly closing of U.S. Futures markets and Canadian cash markets.

For further information, please contact Richard Bourbonnière, Vice-President, Market Operation, (514) 871-3548.

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