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BOSTON OPTIONS EXCHANGE ENHANCES STRUCTURE
Montreal Seeks Increased Ownership & NASDAQ to Provide Regulatory Oversight

BOSTON, October 2, 2007 – The Boston Options Exchange Group, LLC (BOX) announced today that the Montreal Exchange is seeking to increase its ownership position of BOX by acquiring the 21.9% partnership interest currently held by the Boston Stock Exchange (BSE). This opportunity is a result of today’s announcement of the acquisition by NASDAQ of the BSE.

“The Montreal Exchange has been a founding partner and technical driver of BOX since 2002,” said Scott Morris, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BOX. “We are excited to have our colleagues play a more significant role in the future success of BOX.”

BOX will retain its market model, management and operating platform. The regulatory framework for the BOX market will remain in place. NASDAQ, through BOXR, will operate as the regulatory services provider to BOX, which is an options trading facility of the BSE. NASDAQ and BOX are discussing a plan regarding the future regulatory structure.

The Boston Options Exchange Group, LLC (BOX) was established in February 2002 by Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. (BSE), Montreal Exchange and Interactive Brokers Group LLC. BOX’s equity partners are among the most important options firms in the US: Citigroup, Credit Suisse First Boston, Interactive Brokers, JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, UBS and Citadel Derivatives Group. BOX is an all-electronic equity derivatives market and was created as an alternative to the existing market models. BOX launched trading in February 2004. For more information, see the BOX website: www.bostonoptions.com.

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