IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FUTURES TRADERS

EARLY CLOSING (1:00 p.m.) FOR INTEREST RATE FUTURES ON MAY 28, 2004 AND JULY 2, 2004

Bourse de Montréal Inc. (the “Bourse”) wishes to inform market participants of an early close (1:00 pm Montréal time) on Friday, May 28, 2004 and Friday, July 2, 2004 for the following contracts: the Three–Month Canadian Bankers’ Acceptance Futures (BAX), the Thirty Day Overnight Repo Rate Futures (ONX) and the Ten and Two -Year Government of Canada Bond Futures (CGB & CGZ).

The decision to close early has been made in order to co-ordinate the trading hours of the Bourse with the early closing of Canadian cash markets and with a quarterly month end with the holiday closings in the futures markets in the United States.

In addition, the curb session duration on an early close (1:00 p.m.) is a half an hour or 30 minutes instead of the regular full hour or 60 minutes after the close of the regular session.

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