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On July 24, 2008, CME Group posted a video to its Website. The following is a transcript of that video.

Stuart Varney, Co-Anchor:

Profits rose for the CME Group in the second quarter. The parent of the world's largest derivatives exchange reported earnings before the bell this morning and they beat the Street. We're joined now by Craig Donohue, CME Group's chief executive, from the exchange in Chicago.

Sir, welcome to the program and congratulations, well done.

Craig Donohue, Chief Executive Officer, CME Group:

Thank you, good morning, thank you.

Varney:

Would you have raised your profit level if the politicians had their way and if they made trading in derivatives a bit more difficult, more costly than it is now?

Donohue:

Well, of course, you know, we have, um, a lot of emphasis right now on the role of speculators in the market, but I think, in general, we're making good progress. I think people understand that these hedging and risk transfer markets can only exist successfully with, uh, speculators, and I think they understand that ours are well-regulated markets with a lot

Varney:

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Donohue:

of transparency.

Varney:

Craig, do you think, Craig, you can head them off? You can do you think you can stop really fundamental reform of the, the speculators in the marketplace?

Donohue:

You know, I think, if you look at the thrust of the legislation that is out there, it's mostly focused on the lack of transparency and reportability of trading positions in the over-the-counter markets and in the foreign markets. And so I do think that we'll be successful in working with the

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Congress to introduce legislation that I'll be, you know, appropriately tailored for those purposes.

Varney:

I understand that you got the three billion dollars that you wanted that you need, in fact to complete your, uh, to secure the purchase of, of NYMEX. That money, you got it, right?

Donohue:

That's right. We have committed financing and that's just one more milestone towards the successful completion of that transaction. As you know, we have the Department of Justice, uh, clearance to proceed without conditions, we have the effectiveness of our registration statement. We scheduled the vote for August 18th, and with the new revised agreement that we announced last Friday, I think we're well positioned to succeed.

Varney:

So, you're going to well, you've already got the world's largest derivatives exchange. Now you're going to get NYMEX, that's virtually a done deal now that you've got the money. What kind of behemoth are you creating here, Craig?

Donohue:

Well, you have to realize that we're competing in a very dynamic and global environment. And, of course, while it's true that we're getting larger, so are our competitors. You know, we've had transatlantic mergers of exchanges, um, we've got a tremendous amount of growth now occurring by exchanges into the much larger in fact, five times larger and fast-growing, over-the-counter derivative markets, and we think we're well positioned. You know, we've got great technology, broad customer relationships, and, of course, central counterparty clearing services that really provide additional avenues of growth for CME group.

Varney:

If the price of some of the underlying securities and commodities that you deal in, if it comes down and stays down, and there's less volatility, I take it that the expansion of the derivatives marketplace, the number of contracts traded, that would also contract, wouldn't it?

Donohue:

Well, I don't think so. Um, I love that question, because, if you look at the history of our growth in more recent years, say, for example, the last seven or eight years, what you would find is that, you know, we've had higher-than-average growth rates despite lower volatility. You know, of course, in the last year, we've seen increased volatility, but for much of the last seven or eight years and prior to a year ago, we actually had historically low equity market volatility and relatively low volatility measures in other product categories as well. And so the growth is really more a phenomenon of, you know, increased sophistication, you know, awareness about derivatives for hedging and risk transfer purposes, globalization, electronic trading and many other things.

Varney:

Well, Craig, you've beat the Street, the stock market loves it, your stock is up twenty bucks a share. Congratulations, we appreciate you being with us.

Donohue:

Thank you.

Varney:

Thank you, sir.

Donohue:

Thank you very much, my pleasure.

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Additional Information

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