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Interview with Dominique Cerutti, Deputy CEO of NYSE Euronext, in *La Provence* (June 6, 2011):

The Bourse is picking up – so says Dominique Cerutti, Deputy CEO of NYSE Euronext, itself a listed company. One of NYSE Euronext's main missions is to manage access to financial markets and the listing of businesses seeking to raise funds on them. A native of southern France, Dominique Cerutti is in Marseilles today where he met local business and finance leaders. Here he answers our questions.

Has the stock exchange now put the crisis behind it?

You can approach that from several angles, starting with trading volumes. In 2008, volumes were down nearly 50%. The first signs of recovery emerged in 2010, and this year things are firming up, although we're not yet back to our pre-crisis level. Listings are another indicator, and the number of listing candidates fell sharply over the same period. Right now the trend here is also on the rise, but figures vary from one geographical zone to another. There is a very marked return of listing candidates in Asia and the United States. That's less true in Europe, particularly in France, where listings are recovering more slowly.

Which companies are seeking listing?

The main drivers are small and mid-size companies, which already represent around 80% of companies listed with us. Last year, nearly 50 new companies made their market debut in France, which is not bad given the context. Figures

like this confirm that SMEs are the most dynamic segment of the market and also the most critical: they are the ones leading the recovery and creating employment. And if these companies are now starting to look into listing, it's because the crisis has made bank loans more difficult to get.

What has the crisis taught you?

I think everyone has at last understood that you can no longer let markets move away from financing the real economy; you can't allow that disconnect. So one lesson is that you have to bring them back to reality, to greater transparency which is in fact what our business at NYSE Euronext is based on. We've got a real economy made up of businesses that want access to stable and efficient capital markets. Our role is to help them, and to do that in a transparent way. Once they've listed, market dynamics take over.

Indeed. But what, exactly, does listing bring them?

The first benefit is financing the means to finance their growth. As I said, banks had made access to credit more difficult, and here in Europe unlike the United States banks are where businesses traditionally go for most of their financing. The stock exchange offers them an alternative, and [above all] it leads to a certain openness: it raises the visibility of business projects, reveals a strategy and motivation. It makes companies attractive, and that is what allows value creation. When a company lists on the stock market, it acquires a new dimension and [publicly] assumes both a commitment and certain behavior. Let me add here that despite the crisis there have been very few delistings.

Why do you want to merge with Deutsche Börse?

Stockmarkets have to adapt to the changing needs of their clients and of companies. Today markets are far too fragmented; that leads to opacity, which we do not want. It's confidence that drives markets. So our aim is to create the world's largest regulated market. And we want to offer this transparent, high-quality market to our companies, who will find on it all the liquidity they need to grow. We're now waiting for the green light from our shareholders and the anti-trust authorities, the financial authorities and markets in Europe and the US.

In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between NYSE Euronext and Deutsche Boerse AG, Alpha Beta Netherlands Holding N.V. (Holding), a newly formed holding company, has filed, and the SEC has declared effective on May 3, 2011, a Registration Statement on Form F-4 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that includes (1) a proxy statement of NYSE Euronext that will also constitute a prospectus for Holding and (2) an offering prospectus of Holding to be used in connection with Holding 's offer to acquire Deutsche Boerse AG shares held by U.S. holders. Holding has also filed an offer document with the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (Bundesanstalt fuer Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht) (BaFin), which was approved by the BaFin for publication pursuant to the German Takeover Act (Wertpapiererwerbs-und Übernahmegesetz), and was published on May 4, 2011.

Investors and security holders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, the offering prospectus, the offer document and published additional accompanying information in connection with the exchange offer regarding the proposed business combination transaction because they contain important information. You may obtain a free copy of the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, the offering prospectus and other related documents filed by NYSE Euronext and Holding with the SEC on the SEC 's website at www.sec.gov. The definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other documents relating thereto may also be obtained for free by accessing NYSE Euronext 's website at www.nyse.com. The offer document and published additional accompanying information in connection with the exchange offer are available at Holding 's website at www.global-exchange-operator.com. Holders of Deutsche Börse shares who have accepted the exchange offer have certain withdrawal rights which are set forth in the offer document.

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