



Abbott Joins Chicago Climate Exchange®

Largest Health Care Company to join Exchange

Chicago, Ill. (Feb 11, 2008) – Abbott — the global health care company — has become a member of the Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX®), the world's first and North America's only voluntary, legally binding integrated greenhouse gas emissions reduction, registry and trading system.

As part of its membership in CCX, Abbott has voluntarily committed to achieving an absolute greenhouse gas emission reduction of six percent below its baseline year of 2000 by the end of 2010. CCX operates a cap-and-trade system. Members who beat the targets have surplus allowances to sell or bank, and those who have emissions above the targets must purchase CCX Carbon Financial Instrument contracts to achieve compliance. Third-party verification is provided by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), which is the leading financial regulator in the United States.

“We welcome Abbott as the largest health care company to join CCX. By joining, Abbott continues to show that it is good for businesses worldwide to be proactive on the issue of climate change,” said Dr. Richard L. Sandor, CCX's Chairman and CEO. “Abbott's membership underscores the importance of having a third-party verified, rules-based system such as CCX that can complement and enhance corporate sustainability and greenhouse gas mitigation initiatives already underway. CCX and its members look forward to working with them as they bring their experience and know-how to this important issue.”

Last year, Abbott became the first FORTUNE 500 company to [commit to going "carbon neutral"](#) with its U.S. fleet of vehicles by offering hybrid cars and other greener vehicles, and committing to purchase carbon credits from the Chicago Climate Exchange to offset remaining vehicle emissions. Abbott also recently completed installation of its second major solar panel project at its vascular manufacturing facility in Southern California. This large, 500-kilowatt hour solar panel could power more than 100 homes for a year. The company's first solar installation, completed in 2006, located at its plant in Delkenheim, Germany, reduces CO₂ emissions by 19 metric tons per year.

Abbott's ongoing commitment to sustainable business practices has led to the company being named for the past three years to the [Dow Jones Sustainability World Index \(DJSI World\)](#) in recognition of the company's leading economic, social and environmental performance. Abbott is also a member of EPA Climate Leaders.

About Abbott

Abbott is a global, broad-based health care company devoted to the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of pharmaceuticals and medical products, including nutritionals, devices and diagnostics. The company employs 65,000 people and markets its products in more than 130 countries.

About Chicago Climate Exchange, Inc. and Chicago Climate Futures Exchange

CCX is a financial institution whose objectives are to apply financial innovation and incentives to advance social, environmental and economic goals. CCX, which began trading in 2003, is the world's first and North America's only legally binding rules-based greenhouse gas emissions allowance trading system, as well as the world's only global system for emissions trading based on all six greenhouse gases. CCX members are leaders in greenhouse gas management and mitigation, including offset providers and offset aggregators, and located throughout the United States. CCX members derive from all sectors of the global economy, including the public sector, and emissions reductions being achieved through CCX by major utilities, corporations, cities, states and counties, are the only reductions in North America being achieved through a legally binding compliance regime, subject to independent third party verification provided by FINRA and price transparency. The founder, Chairman and CEO of CCX is economist and financial innovator Dr. Richard L. Sandor, who was named a Hero of the Planet by Time magazine in 2002 for his founding of CCX, and in 2007 as the "father of carbon trading." For a full history of CCX, full roster of CCX members, daily prices and other Exchange information, see www.chicagoclimateexchange.com.

Chicago Climate Futures Exchange™ (CCFE™), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CCX, is the world's first and leading environmental derivatives exchange. CCFE currently offers standardized and cleared Sulfur Financial Instrument (SFI) futures and options contracts and Nitrogen Financial Instrument (NFI-OS) futures contracts based on mandatory cap and trade programs created under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, making it the world's largest exchange for trading criteria pollutants. Market participants are able to secure price transparent, standardized futures and options contracts on an anonymous electronic trading platform. The availability of effective hedging tools offered on CCFE, including prompt and deferred years for both futures and options, has increased liquidity while easing volatility in the SO₂ market.

CCX, a US corporation, launched its trading platform in 2003. In 2005, CCX launched the European Climate Exchange (ECX), now the leading exchange operating in the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme. Since 2006, both CCX and ECX have been owned by Climate Exchange Plc, a publicly traded company listed on the AIM division of the London Stock Exchange, whose Chairman is Richard L. Sandor.

CCX has members nationwide and internationally including major manufacturing companies, utilities, governmental entities and universities.

More information about CCX can be found at this link: <http://www.chicagoclimatex.com/>.