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## **Chicago Climate Exchange Becomes First Exchange in the World to License Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes**

March 14, 2008 - Chicago Climate Exchange<sup>®</sup>, Inc. (CCX<sup>®</sup>), the world's first and North America's only voluntary, legally binding integrated greenhouse gas emissions reduction, registry and trading system announced today that Dow Jones Indexes and SAM Indexes have granted CCX a license for the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI World) and Dow Jones Sustainability North America Index (DJSI North America). The license will be exclusive for purposes of listing standardized exchange-traded futures contracts and options on futures contracts where the price and/or return of such contracts is based on the performance of the licensed indexes. The contracts will be listed on CCX's wholly-owned subsidiary Chicago Climate Futures Exchange<sup>®</sup> (CCFE<sup>™</sup>), the world's leading environmental derivatives exchange. The CCFE products based on DJSI World and DJSI North America are targeted to launch during the third quarter of 2008.

"We are very excited to enter into this partnership with Dow Jones Indexes. The DJSI has become a true benchmark in terms of tracking the performance of sustainability leaders on a global scale. It is a perfect match to CCX's mandate of being the premier environmental exchange in the world to bring together innovation, environmental integrity and sustainability," said Dr. Richard L. Sandor, chairman and CEO of CCX. "We believe this new partnership will be a great complement to CCFE's current suite of futures and options contracts covering a wide range of domestic and international environmental products and it shows that market participants recognize the value of a regulated, cleared and transparent market."

"Combining our long-term experience in innovative, comprehensible indexing with SAM's experience in sustainability investing and CCX's unique expertise in integrating emissions reductions and emissions trading into new environmental products leads to an exciting new business initiative. We are starting off with the licensing of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes that enable participants in the growing environmental derivatives market to achieve a highly sought-after additional degree of transparency," said Michael A. Petronella, president, Dow Jones Indexes.

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Introduced in 1999, the DJSI World measures the financial performance of global sustainability leaders. Created cooperatively by Dow Jones Indexes, a leading global index provider, and SAM, a pioneer in sustainability investing, the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes provide reliable and objective benchmarks to measure and manage sustainability portfolios. The index components are selected based on a comprehensive assessment process conducted by SAM that identifies the leading companies from each sector based on long-term economic, environmental and social criteria. Measuring general as well as industry-specific sustainability criteria, the annual SAM Sustainability assessment reflects the growing recognition among investors of the impact that long-term economic, environmental and social trends have on corporate financial performance. The DJSI family captures the “best in class” companies and is used by financial institutions in 16 countries with more than USD6 billion managed against the index series. Additionally, a growing number of listed companies have defined DJSI inclusion as a corporate goal.

#### **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 2005 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](http://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 SO<sub>2</sub> 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. (CLE.L), a publicly traded company listed on the AIM of the London Stock Exchange, whose Chairman is Richard L. Sandor.

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