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**Interview with NYSE Euronext CEO Duncan Niederauer in Euronews (January 19, 2012):**

The merger of Germany's Deutsche Boerse and the US-European stock exchanges NYSE Euronext looks set to be blocked.

EU Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia opposes it as the merged company would dominate

derivatives trading in Europe. He has said they would have to sell substantial parts of their operations to get approval.

NYSE Euronext's boss Duncan Niederauer and Deutsche Boerse's Reto Francioni have been lobbying in Brussels stressing the advantages.

Niederauer told euronews: "This is a great opportunity for Europe, it's consistent with Europe's ambitions to integrate the markets and bring them together, and also — more importantly — we are building a European-centric company. 70 percent of the revenue is in Europe, 80 percent of the board members are from Europe, incorporated in the Netherlands, employees from all 27 member states; this is a very, very good transaction for Europe."

National competition regulators in the European Union — made up of an advisory committee of experts — have said they agree with Almunia.

All 27 EU commissioners are expected on vote on the matter at the start of February.

Almunia had asked that Deutsche Boerse sell off its Eurex derivatives arm or that NYSE Euronext dispose of Liffe, its London-based futures exchange, to get around competition issues. Both exchanges refused.

On Tuesday, Almunia said that competing exchanges are key to ensuring efficient and competitive markets for users.

“Exchanges are a crucial instrument for modern and efficient capital markets,” he said in a speech at an industry conference.

“Trading and post-trading activities, for cash or derivatives, are essential activities for our companies and investors to be competitive at the EU and global levels And for this reason, competition between exchanges is needed,” Almunia added.

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## Safe Harbour Statement

In connection with the proposed business combination transaction between NYSE Euronext and Deutsche Börse AG, Alpha Beta Netherlands Holding N.V. (“**Holding**”), a newly formed holding company, filed, and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“**SEC**”) declared effective on May 3, 2011, a Registration Statement on Form F-4 with the SEC that includes (1) a proxy statement of NYSE Euronext that also constitutes a prospectus for Holding, which was used in connection with NYSE Euronext special meeting of stockholders held on July 7, 2011 and (2) an offering prospectus used in connection with Holding’s offer to acquire Deutsche Börse AG shares held by U.S. holders. Holding has also filed an offer document with the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (*Bundesanstalt für 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. The acceptance period for the exchange offer expired on midnight, at the end of July 13, 2011 (Central European Daylight Savings Time), the additional acceptance period for the exchange offer expired on midnight, at the end of August 1, 2011 (Central European Daylight Savings Time). Pursuant to Section 39c of the German Takeover Act, shareholders of Deutsche Börse who had not yet accepted the exchange offer were still able to do so until midnight at the end of November 4, 2011 (Central European Time).

Investors and security holders are urged to read the definitive proxy statement/prospectus, the offering prospectus, the offer document, as amended, 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](http://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](http://www.nyse.com). The offer document, as amended, and published additional accompanying information in connection with the exchange offer are available at Holding’s website at [www.global-exchange-operator.com](http://www.global-exchange-operator.com).

This document is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of Holding, Deutsche Börse AG or NYSE Euronext. The final terms and further provisions regarding the public offer are disclosed in the offer document that has been approved by the BaFin and in documents that have been filed with the SEC.

No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and applicable European regulations. The exchange offer and the exchange offer document, as amended, shall not constitute an issuance, publication or public advertising of an offer pursuant to laws and regulations of jurisdictions other than those of Germany, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America. The relevant final terms of the proposed business combination transaction will be disclosed in the information documents reviewed by the competent European market authorities.

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