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April 21, 2008

To: CBOE Members

From: Bradley G. Griffith Chairman, Financial Planning Committee

> Alan J. Dean Chief Financial Officer

Re: Unaudited First-Quarter 2008 Financial Statements

Overview of First-Quarter 2008 Record Financial Results

CBOE delivered its best quarter ever for the three months ended March 31, 2008, posting pre-tax earnings of \$52.8 million on revenues of \$104.3 million. Robust trading volume generated strong growth in transaction fees, resulting in a 34 percent increase in total revenues and a 74 percent increase in pre-tax earnings for the first quarter of 2008 compared with last year s first quarter. First-quarter 2008 marks CBOE s ninth consecutive quarter of year-over-year, double-digit gains in revenues and earnings.

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(in thousands)	1	Q2008	1Q2007	chg	% chg
Revenues	\$	104,315 \$	77,844 \$	26,471	34%
Expenses	\$	51,559 \$	47,557 \$	4,002	8%
Income Before Taxes	\$	52,756 \$	30,287 \$	22,469	74%
Operating Margin		50.6%	38.9%	11.7% pts	
Net Income	\$	30,608 \$	17,565 \$	13,043	74%
Contracts Traded Per Day		4,631	3,370	1,261	37%

In the first quarter of 2008, CBOE extended the revenue momentum generated in 2007. Total revenues for the quarter hit a record \$104.3 million, primarily due to higher transaction fees. Transaction fees rose 40 percent to \$82.2 million during the first quarter of 2008, up from \$58.8 million in the first quarter of 2007, driven by higher trading volume. Total contracts traded for the quarter were up 37 percent to 282.5 million from 205.6 million in last year s first quarter. CBOE s average daily volume of options contracts traded was 4.6 million contracts during the first three months of 2008, a 37 percent increase compared with 3.4 million contracts during the comparable period last year. Additionally, the transaction fee per contract increased nearly 2

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percent to \$0.291 for the quarter from \$0.286 in last year s first quarter, contributing to the upsurge in transaction fees. The gain experienced in the average rate per contract primarily reflects a greater percentage of the overall trading volume concentrated in CBOE s higher-margin product categories.

The other line items included in total revenues represented \$3.1 million of the \$26.5 million favorable variance. The largest increase from CBOE s other sources of revenues was an increase of \$0.8 million in other member fees, which primarily resulted from higher revenues derived from hybrid electronic quoting fees and trade match reports. In addition, investment income continues to show positive growth, up \$0.6 million, reflecting higher levels of excess funds generated from CBOE s positive operating results.

Operating Leverage Drives Margins to Record Level

Total expenses for the first quarter of 2008 were \$51.6 million, an increase of \$4.0 million, or 8 percent, compared with the same period in 2007. This increase primarily reflects the net impact of higher expenses related to employee costs, royalty fees and other expenses, which were offset partially by a favorable variance in facilities costs. Employee costs were up \$0.4 million for the quarter primarily due to accrued expenses related to annual incentive awards which are aligned with the company s improved financial performance. Royalty fees increased \$2.4 million. These fees are variable, rising in tandem with the growth in trading volume in CBOE s licensed products. Other expenses were up \$2.0 million for the first quarter due to the higher expense incurred for DPM market linkage, the program that reimburses DPMs for the cost of linking orders to markets at other exchanges. The \$0.8 million positive variance in facilities costs resulted from a real estate tax refund received in the first quarter relating to prior real estate tax payments that were contested.

Excluding royalty fees, which are variable expenses correlated with volume growth, total expenses for the first quarter of 2008 were \$43.1 million compared with \$41.5 million for the same period last year, representing an increase of \$1.6 million, or 4 percent.

CBOE s ongoing efforts to maintain tight control of expenses is evidenced by our operating margin expansion. CBOE s operating margin, representing income before taxes divided by total revenues, increased to 50.6 percent for the quarter compared with 38.9 percent for the same period last year. Our ability to continue to grow our margins underscores the operating leverage and scalability built into CBOE s operating model.

Strong, Debt-Free Balance Sheet

Working capital (current assets minus current liabilities) increased by \$29.0 million to \$202.9 million during the first quarter of 2008. At March 31, 2008, cash and investments were \$243.4 million, up \$62.0 million from December 31, 2007. The growth in revenues and prepaid transaction fees, net of cash expenses and capital expenditures, drove these increases.

Capital expenditures for the first quarter of 2008 were \$10.0 million and primarily relate to systems hardware and capitalized software as CBOE continues to invest in expanding its systems

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capacity and enhancing systems capabilities. Free cash flow, another measure of liquidity, defined as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures, was \$64.9 million in the first quarter of 2008.

Questions may be directed to Don Patton at 312-786-7026 or patton@cboe.com or Alan Dean at 312-786-7023 or dean@cboe.com.

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In connection with the proposed restructuring transaction, CBOE Holdings, Inc. (CBOE Holdings) has filed certain relevant materials with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including a registration statement on Form S-4. <u>Members are encouraged to read the registration statement, including the proxy statement/prospectus that are a part of the registration statement, because it contains important information about the proposed transaction. Members are able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement/prospectus, as well as the other filings containing information about CBOE Holdings and the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (CBOE), without charge, at the SEC s Web site, http://www.sec.gov, and the companies website, **www.CBOE.com.** In addition, CBOE members may obtain free copies of the proxy statement/prospectus and other documents filed by CBOE Holdings or the CBOE from CBOE Holdings by directing a request to the Office of the Secretary, CBOE Holdings, Inc., 400 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605.</u>

CBOE Holdings, the CBOE and their respective directors, executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of CBOE Holdings and of the CBOE is available in the prospectus/proxy statement.

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CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)		Quarter H 3/31/2008	Inded	3/31/2007	
REVENUES:		0,01,2000		0,01,200,	
Transaction fees	\$	82,225	\$	58,816	
Other member fees		6,835		5,971	
Options Price Reporting Authority income		5,259		5,000	
Regulatory fees		3,993		3,356	
Investments income		2,356		1,736	
Other		3,647		2,965	
Total Revenues		104,315		77,844	
EXPENSES:					
Employee costs		19,205		18,817	
Depreciation and amortization		6,571		6,325	
Data processing		4,288		4,661	
Outside services		4,914		5,047	
Royalty fees		8,408		6,034	
Travel and promotional expenses		2,362		2,306	
Facilities costs		433		1,297	
Net loss from investment in affiliates		259		0	
Other		5,119		3,070	
Total Expenses		51,559		47,557	
INCOME BEFORE TAXES		52,756		30,287	
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES		22,148		12,722	
NET INCOME	\$	30,608	\$	17,565	
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Other Statistics					
Trading Days		61		61	
Contracts Traded		282,511,275		205,577,942	
Contracts Per Day		4,631,332		3,370,130	
Transaction Fees Per Contract	\$	0.291	\$	0.286	

CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)	3	3/31/2008		3/31/2007	1	12/31/2007
ASSETS						
Cash and investments	\$	243,399	\$	128,542	\$	181,425
Cash and investments restricted		8,687		0		4,249
Other Current Assets		56,149		53,716		42,910
Total Current Assets	\$	308,235	\$	182,258	\$	228,584
Investments in Affiliates/Subsidiary		6,322		12,612		8,104
Land		4,914		4,914		4,914
Property and Equipment Net		67,501		61,406		64,347
Other Assets Net		36,006		34,134		35,746
Total Assets	\$	422,978	\$	295,324	\$	341,695
LIABILITIES & MEMBERS' EQUITY						
Total Current Liabilities	\$	105,297	\$	72,928	\$	54,621
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Total Long-Term Liabilities		296,974		200,828		266,367
Total Members' Equity		290,974		200,828		200,307
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	\$	422,978	\$	295,324	\$	341,695

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CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)	í	Quarter Endec 3/31/2008		d 3/31/2007	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:					
Net Income	\$	30,608	\$	17,565	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:					
Depreciation and amortization		6,571		6,325	
Amortization of banker fees re National Stock Exchange		23		0	
Equity in loss of OneChicago, LLC		259		153	
Equity in loss of CBSX		0		75	
Amortization of discount on investments available for sale		0		(242)	
Change in assets and liabilities:		37,436		11,194	
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		74,897		35,070	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:					
Capital and other assets expenditures		(9,985)		(8,732)	
Restricted funds temp access fees(offset by def rev net \$0)		(4,438)		0	
Sale of NSX certificates of proprietary membership		1,500		0	
CBOE Stock Exchange investment		0		(10)	
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		(12,923)		(8,742)	
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:					
CBOT exercise right purchase		0		(126)	
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		61,974		26,202	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period		181,425		82,520	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$	243,399	\$	108,722	
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Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:					
Cash paid for income taxes	\$	725	\$	166	

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