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INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE DONATES TO ST. VINCENT'S MEDICAL CENTER

NEW YORK, September 30, 2002 – In a ceremony at Shea Stadium preceding the game on Saturday, September 28, the ISE presented a \$25,000 check to Mets manager Bobby Valentine to support St. Vincent's Swim Across the Sound based in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Bobby is honorary chairman (along with Joseph Abboud) of Swim Across the Sound, dedicated to helping cancer patients and their families.

On May 29 of this year, the ISE and the Mets announced their relationship in which ISE would donate \$250 for each Mets victory, with a minimum donation for the 2002 season of \$25,000.

"The ISE supports St. Vincent's as part of its philanthropic efforts in the greater N.Y. area. St. Vincent's has created a program providing vital services for cancer patients," said Bruce Goldberg, ISE senior vice president of marketing & business development. "All of us at the ISE extend our deepest appreciation to Bobby Valentine and the Mets for partnering with us to support St. Vincent's."

This effort on the part of ISE is a key element in its responsibility as a good corporate citizen to support such works. ISE chose to pair with the Mets in this endeavor due to their exemplary performance with charities.

St. Vincent's Background

Swim Across the Sound is the charitable foundation of St. Vincent's Medical Center, which is a 397-bed community teaching hospital affiliated with New York-Presbyterian Health System and a teaching affiliate of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and of New York Medical College. The Swim helps more than 16,000 cancer patients and underwrites 34 cancer screening, education and prevention programs throughout Connecticut.

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ISE Background

ISE, widely recognized as the pioneer and pacesetter in electronic trading of U.S. equity options, has grown to become the third largest of the five U.S. options exchanges within just eighteen months of its launch. This measurement is based on total volume transacted in all listed options, equity as well as index products, traded on the five registered U.S. options exchanges.

ISE is the only fully electronic options exchange in the United States, the first nationally registered securities exchange since 1973, and the world's first fully electronic options marketplace combining the efficiencies of electronic trading and auction market principles. Trading in this innovative market began on May 26, 2000.

ISE has demutualized, converting from a New York limited liability company, in which equity interests as well as trading rights were represented by single ownership interests, to a Delaware corporation, in which equity interests and trading rights are now represented by different securities. This new structure permits the infusion of additional capital, providing a broader base and enhanced capability for growth of its core business, as well as expansion into additional business lines.

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