

ISE and Standard & Poor's Broaden Corporate Relationship ISE To Offer Options On Select Sector SPDRs

New York, January 16, 2003 — The International Securities Exchange (ISE) and Standard & Poor's have signed a licensing agreement to list options on nine Select Sector SPDR exchange-traded funds.

Under the contract, ISE will list options on the Consumer Discretionary Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLY), Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLP), Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLE), Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLF), Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLV), Industrial Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLI), Materials Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLB), Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK) and Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLF), Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK) and Utilities Select SPDR Fund (XLF), Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK) and Utilities Select SPDR Fund (XLF), Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK) and Utilities Select SPDR Fund (XLC).

"ISE is pleased to expand its association with Standard & Poor's. Options on Select Sector SPDR funds are a fine addition to ISE's product portfolio, and one that we expect will be well received by our members and investors," said Bruce D. Goldberg, ISE's Senior Vice President of Marketing.

Elliott Shurgin, Vice President, Standard & Poor's, said, "By authorizing the addition of these products to their extensive global options offerings, Standard & Poor's broadens its relationship with ISE. Select Sector SPDRs are among the largest and most actively traded ETFs in the world and Select Sector SPDR options offer investors efficient tools for sector portfolio management."

ISE Background

The International Securities Exchange (ISE) pioneered electronic options trading in the U.S.

Within 18-months of its May 26, 2000 launch, ISE became the third largest of the five U.S. options exchanges. ISE is the only fully-electronic U.S. options exchange, the first registered securities exchange approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission since 1973, and the first and only electronic options exchange in the global marketplace that has successfully integrated the intrinsic efficiencies of electronic trading with auction market principles.

ISE lists 533 options classes, whose aggregate volume represents more than 90% of the industry's total equity options volume. For more information about ISE, its products and its technology, visit <u>www.iseoptions.com</u>.

Standard & Poor's Background

Standard & Poor's is a leader in providing highly valued financial data, analytical research and investment and credit opinions to the global capital markets. Among the company's many products are the S&P Global 1200, the first real-time, global equity index, the S&P 500, the premier U.S. portfolio index, and credit ratings on more than 220,000 securities and funds. With 5,000 employees located in 19 countries, Standard & Poor's is an integral part of the world's financial architecture. Additional information is available at http://www.standardandpoors.com/.

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