



Tradition Brokers Another European Dutch Weather Auction

New York, NY, December 8, 2010 – Tradition, a leading interdealer broker and a subsidiary of Compagnie Financière Tradition, today announced its U.S. weather derivatives division completed another successful Dutch auction -- the second one in three weeks. The auction was on behalf of a client looking to hedge their weather risk for airports London Heathrow airport (LHR) and Essen Bredene, Germany (ESS).

Bids were solicited for heating degree days (HDD) futures at LHR for December 2010 and for the three-month period January – March 2011. Offers were solicited for HDD futures at ESS for December 2010 and for the January - March 2011 strip. Formal proposals were submitted to Tradition (formerly TFS Energy) and executed on Friday, December 3, 2010. The prices were traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), and the auction cleared 800 lots for ESS/LHR for a ratio of 960 to 800 HDDs per location.

“Tradition is seeing an increase in weather risk auctions, particularly throughout Europe,” commented Eric Anderson, Vice President of Global Weather Derivatives at Tradition. “We are confident that this Dutch auction is a good representation of the strength and health of the European hedging market.”

Tradition has led numerous auctions ranging in size from USD 1 million to upwards of USD 100 million of transferred risk. Tradition is a pioneer in the Dutch auction space and has been responsible for brokering weather risk transfers in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Tradition's weather derivatives desks operate in Stamford, Conn., London and Sydney.

Notes to Editors on Dutch Auction:

For the LHR and ESS auction, offers were accepted in a minimum bid size of 100 lots and were posted and cleared on the CME. LHR was settled in GBP and ESS was settled in EUR.

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