

Cash Merger

August 14, 2012

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LINCARE HOLDINGS, INC. - CASH SETTLEMENT/ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS

DESCRIPTION:

On August 7, 2012, Linde US Inc., a Wholly-Owned Indirect Subsidiary of Linde AG completed its tender offer for Lincare Holdings Inc. (LNCR) Common Shares. **The subsequent acquisition of Lincare Holdings Inc. was completed on August 13, 2012.** As a result, each existing LNCR Common Share will be converted into the right to receive \$41.50 net cash per share.
ACCELERATION OF EXPIRATIONS

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series. (See OCC Information Memo 23707) Additionally, the exercise by exception (ex by ex) threshold for expiring series will be \$.01 in all account types.

All series of Lincare Holdings Inc. (LNCR) options whose expiration dates are after 8-18-2012 will have their expiration dates advanced to 8-18-2012. Expiration dates occurring before 8-18-2012 (e.g., Flex options) will remain unchanged.

Lincare Holdings Inc. (LNCR) options will utilize a \$.01 exercise threshold.

Option Symbols: LNCR
Existing Expiration: All months
New expiration date: 8-18-2012

Existing American-style Lincare Holdings Inc. (LNCR) options remain exercisable at the option of the holder prior to their expiration. Exercised options will continue to settle in three business days.

Pending Contract Adjustments:

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"), the below options will be adjusted as follows.

Adjustment Date: **08/14/2012**

Option Symbol: LNCR remains LNCR

Underlying Security: LNCR remains LNCR

Contract Multiplier: 1

Strike Divisor: 1

New Multiplier: 100

New Deliverable: \$4,150.00 (\$41.50 x 100)

PLEASE NOTE:

All resting orders for the above adjusted options in the BOX Order book will be canceled by the BOX Market Operations Center after the close on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Additional Exchange Info:

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Disclaimer: This Information Memo summarizes corporate events affecting listed options. No warranty of accuracy or completeness is given with respect to the summary. Option series information is based on series existing at OCC at the time this Memo was generated.

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