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RJO Joins Chicago Climate Futures Exchange

(Chicago, April 23, 2009) R.J. O'Brien & Associates (RJO), the largest independent futures brokerage in the U.S., announced today it has become a Trading Privilege Holder (TPH) of the Chicago Climate Futures Exchange[®] (CCFE[®]), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Chicago Climate Exchange[®]. CCFE is a Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Designated Contract Market, which offers a broad range of environmental futures and options contracts including emission allowances, renewable energy certificates and other environmentally-focused products.

TPH rights enable an individual or company to transact directly in the CCFE markets and to receive a discount on transaction fees. TPH rights also enable RJO to become a Clearing Member of CCFE, which provides the ability to clear CCFE products for their customers. CCFE's environmental product suite includes futures and options contracts on emission allowances (i.e., sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emission allowances issued by the U.S. EPA), Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and catastrophe event-linked contracts (IFEX[™] Event-Linked Futures contracts).

"We are excited to become a Trading Privilege Holder of the CCFE" said Joseph Murphy, RJO's Executive Vice President. "Environmental markets are here to stay and that will allow RJO to continue to provide value added products for our diverse client base. We believe that the products offered by CCFE show tremendous promise."

"RJO is a proven leader in the futures industry and we are very excited about their participation in the Chicago Climate Futures Exchange as a Trading Privilege Holder and Clearing Member," said Dr. Richard Sandor, Chairman and CEO of CCX. "RJO's global presence and diversified range of financial products will be an asset to our Members and the Exchange."

For a complete list of products please visit: http://ccfe.com/about_ccfe/products.html

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About CCX/CCFE

CCX is an Exchange whose objectives are to apply financial innovation and incentives to advance social, environmental and economic goals. CCX, which began trading in 2003, is the world's first and North America's only legally binding, rules-based greenhouse gas emissions allowance trading system, as well as the world's only global system for emissions trading based on all six greenhouse gases. Chicago Climate Futures Exchange (CCFE), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chicago Climate Exchange, is a CFTC designated contract market which offers standardized and cleared futures and options contracts on emission allowances and other environmental products. Clearing services are provided by The Clearing Corporation, the only active independent futures clearinghouse in the world. Market surveillance services are provided by the National Futures Association, the industry wide, self-regulatory organization for the U.S. futures industry. In 2005, CCX launched the European Climate Exchange (ECX), now the leading exchange operating in the European Union Emissions Trading Scheme. Since 2006, both CCX and ECX have been owned by Climate Exchange plc, a publicly-traded company listed on the AIM division of the London Stock Exchange (CLE.L).

About R.J. O'Brien

RJO is the largest independent futures brokerage in the United States. A privately owned futures commission merchant, RJO is also one of the oldest futures brokerage firms, dating back to 1914. RJO is a full clearing member of: the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group (founding member of CME); the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX); Intercontinental Exchange (ICE); Eurex AG; EuronextLIFFE; and US Futures Exchange. RJO services a global network of more than 270 introducing brokers and some of the world's largest financial, industrial and agricultural institutions. RJO offers the latest in order entry technology coupled with 24-hour execution and clearing on every futures exchange worldwide. For further information, please visit www.rjobrien.com